

# Wranglers April 27 play day results

The Wranglers Riding Club held a successful play day event on Saturday, April 27, featuring a variety of age divisions and timed events. Young riders showcased their horsemanship skills in stick-horse races, barrels, poles, and key-hole races.

## Stick-Horse Race

**3 & Under**  
 1st – Ruby Rietmann  
 2nd – Brantlie Blair  
 3rd – Karter Mae Evans  
 4th – Hazel Osborn  
**4 & 5 Year Olds**  
 1st – Sheldon Milligan  
 2nd – Sawyer Ham  
 3rd – Maverick Rhea  
 4th – Ada Osborn  
**6-7 Year Olds**  
 1st – Grady Mullins  
 2nd – Oakley Bergstrom  
 3rd – Lotus Armstrong  
 4th – Rhemi Osborn

## Barrel Racing

**Lead-line**  
 1st – Iris Armstrong, 34.131  
 2nd – Maverick Rhea, 34.422  
 3rd – Ada Osborn, 36.248  
 4th – Lotus Armstrong, 38.891  
**Peewee Wranglers**  
 1st – Kinsley Schlaich, 19.075  
 2nd – Price Hines, 21.848  
 3rd – Rhemi Rey Osborn, 41.797

**Lil Wranglers (8-11 Years Old)**  
 1st – Jaylee Schlaich, 17.580  
 2nd – Lydia Knowles, 20.159  
 3rd – Karter Jo Hines, 23.371  
 4th – Kathryn Knowles, 24.399  
**Junior Wranglers (12-15 Years Old)**  
 1st – KC Anderson, 19.117  
 2nd – Ashlee Knutz, 21.291  
 3rd – Brooklyn Hendricks, 22.157  
 4th – Allison Crum, 24.050

**Senior Wranglers (16 & Over)**  
 1st – Saige Jensen, 20.689  
 2nd – Olivia Humphreys, 20.983  
**Pole Bending**  
**Lead-line**

1st – Iris Armstrong, 52.720  
 2nd – Ada Osborn, 53.630  
 3rd – Lotus Armstrong, 56.921  
 4th – Maverick Rhea, 57.370

**Peewee Wranglers**  
 1st – Kinsley Schlaich, 25.951  
 2nd – Price Hines, 28.529  
**Lil Wranglers (8-11 Years Old)**  
 1st – Jaylee Schlaich, 20.665  
 2nd – Lydia Knowles, 24.167  
 3rd – ElleiGene Fennern, 25.088  
 4th – Kathryn Knowles, 31.345

**Junior Wranglers (12-15 Years Old)**  
 1st – KC Anderson, 21.382  
 2nd – Brooklyn Hendricks, 24.808  
 3rd – Ashlee Knutz, 27.065  
 4th – Morgan Milligan, 34.015

**Senior Wranglers**  
 1st – Olivia Humphreys, 26.670  
 2nd – Saige Jensen, 29.691

## Key-Hole Race

**Lead-line**  
 1st – Iris Armstrong, 9.398  
 2nd – Maverick Rhea, 11.303  
 3rd – Ada Osborn, 12.673  
 4th – Lotus Armstrong, 12.873

**Peewee Wranglers**  
 1st – Price Hines, 7.888  
 2nd – Kinsley Schlaich, 8.809  
 3rd – Rhemi Rey Osborn, 14.466

**Lil Wranglers (8-11 Years Old)**  
 1st – Kathryn Knowles, 6.684  
 2nd – Lydia Knowles, 7.286  
 3rd – Karter Jo Hines, 8.742  
 4th – EllieGene Fennern, 9.559

**Junior Wranglers (12-15 Years Old)**  
 1st – KC Anderson, 6.212  
 2nd – Ashlee Knutz, 6.853  
 3rd – Brooklyn Hendricks, 8.637  
 4th – Morgan Milligan, 8.835

**Senior Wranglers**  
 1st – Olivia Humphreys, 11.109

# Yankees run Nationals out of stadium



(L) Darby gets a lead off second. -Photo by Brian Bunch

By Brian Bunch

It was week two of Pendleton Babe Ruth play and the Heppner Hodgen Distribution Yankees (2-1) played host to the Athena Coca-Cola Nationals (1-3) at Bob White Field in Pendleton on Thursday, April 24. The Yankee dugout looked a little different from Week one; to improve the quality of playing time for all players and make the game flow better, the team will have weekly game rosters set. With only 11 players making the trip for game day, there will be more quality innings played per player than when they try to get all 17 players playing time in each game. Keep that in mind if you're making the trip to watch a specific player; you might want to check with the player to ensure they are on the

game day roster. The sun was out with a temperature around 68 degrees at the first pitch and the Yankees were ready to feed off the spring energy. Maddex McMasters started on the mound for the Yankees earning the win and pitching 3.0 shutout innings, allowing two hits and one walk while earning two strikeouts. Included in that performance was a masterful second inning where he sat down the Nationals in order, bookended by strikeouts. Carter Adams closed the game, pitching 2.0 shutout innings and earning three strikeouts. Carter's fourth inning looked much like Maddex's second inning, sitting down the Nationals in order, with another bookend set of K's. Darby Spivey led the

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lapse—the time to act is now.

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-\$250 million will fund promised projects, boosting regional economies and creating construction jobs.

As a mayor, I urge our legislators to act now. Inaction is not an option. Oregon's transportation systems are at a tipping point, and decisions we make today will shape the future of our state and communities. Invest in safety and stability. Let's pass the Oregon Transportation Reinvestment Package.

Michelle Patton,  
 Mayor of Irrigon, OR

# Vote for change at the Port

So happy to see the Port candidates concerned with the Nitrate issue. They are forward looking and future oriented. I'm going to put my endorsements behind Fletcher Hobbs, Abe McNamee and Danny Kerns. All three see the importance of the environment, as it relates to the economy and the viability of the resources we rely on. The cost of maintaining the status quo far exceeds the cost of change. Years of visionless leadership landed the Port the second-largest environmental penalty in DEQ history.

It's time to change legacy processes and strategies and move the Port of Morrow into the future.

"Everything you want is on the other side of fear" (J. Canfield).

We need fearless leadership; "box breakers." Whether it be valuable infrastructure, work force education or quality of life issues, opportunity awaits.

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They support district-wide goals that encompass all communities, willing to communicate, collaborate and commit.

Fletcher Hobbs, Danny Kerns and Abe McNamee all know how to develop strong partnerships and use the region's strengths to create successful businesses. They've all done it. Big business or small business, it takes the same skills and aptitudes to spin economic growth. These guys are our future.

Get out and vote.  
 Kelly Doherty  
 Boardman, OR

# Nichols will be a force for change

A very important election for Morrow County Health District board members is upcoming. I recommend you cast your vote for Russel Nichols.

In recent years, staffing for caregivers has been insufficient, forcing patients to travel out of town for health care. Dr. Nichols is willing to volunteer his time and medical expertise in an effort to revitalize the health care in Morrow County and restore local services.

New members and ideas on the board are crucial for us to reach our goal of receiving care locally. I believe Russel Nichols will be a driving force for MC health and urge you to vote for him.

Karen Thompson  
 Heppner, OR

# Molly Rhea brings wealth of experience

Dear friends and neighbors of Morrow County,

It is difficult to decide on whom you'd like to vote for at times.

You want to vote for the most knowledgeable and

best qualified person who will do a wonderful job.

Our Morrow County Health District is in trouble! If we don't choose the best qualified person for the job, Morrow County could lose our hospital and health district. Try to think about what would have an effect on all of the people in South Morrow County.

I'm recommending Molly Rhea. Molly grew up and went to school in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School. She studied nursing at Good Samaritan School of Nursing, graduating in 1979.

Molly moved back to Heppner after graduation and started her nursing career at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. She continued from 1979 to 1985. She proved herself to be conscientious and a stickler for details. She would work extra hours to make sure the patients came first and were comfortable. She was a wonderful, caring nurse.

She knows the health district. She knows how all

of this works. In 2016, Molly worked at Grand Ronde Hospital.

Molly has been a dedicated, caring RN throughout her career.

We desperately need Molly on our Morrow County Health District Board. With her years of experience as a person who has worked in many areas as a nurse, as director of the health district, she is well qualified. Nurses who have worked in all phases of nursing carry a huge wealth of information.

Please join me in voting for Molly Rhea as the next member of the Morrow County Health District.

She will do an outstanding job.

Thank you for your vote.

Sincerely,  
 Betty Jean Jepsen  
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