

Farm-City Open names champion

Rodeo week starts with golf tournament

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The sixth annual Farm-City Open at Big River Golf Course ended with one team taking home most of the prizes.

The team captained by Hermiston High School assistant baseball coach Matt Bergstrom — comprised of Bergstrom, Cody Neddo, Mike Bergstrom and Jon Gill, took the scramble championship, shooting a 58 to edge Jacob Neighbors’ team (Neighbors, Ben Hunter, Chris Elliott and Stacy Hunter) by a stroke.

Bergstrom and company took home special Farm-City Open belt buckles and bottles of Farm-City’s own whiskey, Chute Eight. Neighbors received Nike 3 Woods. Darren McNamee (McNamee, Bob Brinkley, Taylor Smith and Joe Faretta) took third and got Nike golf bags. Kurt Masey (Masey, Kent Bineder, Ray Baker and Marty Britt) were fourth and received Nike putters.

Paul Sorenson (Sorenson, Pat Kerrogan, Terry Rowan and Tamara Rowan) were fifth and earned Sherrell Chevrolet Windshirts. Gunner Olsen (Olsen, Rich Betz, Jason Graybeal and Jake Malmberg) were sixth after a putt-off and got Sherrell Chevrolet



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Matt Bergstrom (center) poses with his team made up of Mike Bergstrom (left), Jon Gill (second from left) and Cody Neddo (fourth from left) and their belt buckles and whiskey after winning the sixth annual Farm-City Open scramble at Big River Golf Course in McNary on Saturday.

Sport Tek jackets.

Paden LaCoursiere (LaCoursiere, Kenzie Hansell, Arlin Phillips and Randy Moulton) were seventh after a putt-off and got Chevrolet tailgate duffel bags. Lance Malmberg (Malmberg, Will Sather, Bill Kik and Kent Gutierrez) were eighth after a put-off and

got Farm-City Pro Rodeo Nike polo shirts.

Brian Getchell (Getchell, Rob Mallicoat, Chris Getchell and Kevin Mills) were ninth and got Army National Guard iPad backpacks; and Anthony Faretta (Faretta, David Bothum, Luke Hansell and Dave Dickmeier) were 10th and received

golf balls.

In the putt-offs, which had two putters from each team try to sink around a 10-footer, Neighbors’ team, competing against Masey and Olsen for second, third and fourth, was the only team to sink one on 7. McNamee’s miss was closer to the whole than Masey’s setting their finishes.

On 18, which was setting sixth, seven, eighth and ninth between La Coursiere, Olsen, Malmberg and Getchell, La Coursiere set the standard by getting within a foot. Olsen was a few inches inside, and Malmberg lipped out, but was still closer than Getchell.

Bergstrom, in addition

to being captain of the winning team, won three long putt contests, and his team won \$32 in a skins game. Bob Dull won two long putts as well, and Paul Sorenson won a couple of hole contests. None of the hole-in-one prizes, which included a 2015 Chevrolet Malibu, were fulfilled.

NEWS IN BRIEF

HHS class of 1960 sets reunion

The Hermiston High School class of 1960 is planning its 55-year reunion.

The event kicks off Friday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. with a drop-in social time at 5 p.m. at The Pheasant Cafe, 147 E. Main St. The activities continue Saturday, Sept. 26, with a 5 p.m. Happy Hour and dinner at 6 p.m. at the Walchli Ranch, 79937 S. Edwards Road. A final gathering is planned Sunday, Sept. 27, at 11 a.m. at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St.

Organizers are looking for contact information on Lorena Culp and Judy Riker Martin.

For more information, call Lee Baggett at 541-310-0061.

Hospice offers grief support

Ongoing grief support groups are available through Vange John Memorial Hospice.

The group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 6-7:30 p.m. in Conference Room M02 of the Good Shepherd Medical Plaza, 600 N.W. 11th St. The room is in the basement of the building next to the main hospital campus.

The group is open-ended, so new people are welcome to attend the program at any time. For more information, call 541-667-3543.

Concert highlights the life of Christ

UMATILLA — A familiar face to churches in the area, Sean Rogers — one-half of the Ring Praise Music Ministry — will perform with tenor Stephan Craig.

“The Light and Life of Christ” concert is Sunday, Aug. 23, at 3 p.m. at the Umatilla Presbyterian Church, 14 Martin Drive. There is no admission charge, although a freewill offering will be taken.

Rogers, who plays piano, is a concert artist who is just as comfortable with classical music as he is jazz. At the age of 8, he accepted his first full-time organist position with a church. When he was 12, he began playing weekly as an entertainer in a lounge and restaurant and continued that until he left for college.

Craig tours nationally singing opera, classical and musical theater. He shares his personal testimony and love of music through a heartfelt musical celebration.

For more information, call Norma Bussler at 541-922-5382.

Right to life group has booth in Cooper Hall

Fairgoers are invited to learn more about Right to Life issues by visiting its booth this week during the Umatilla County Fair.

The booth features a phone that records the heartbeat of a 2-month-old baby in utero and the film “Wonder of Life.”

Located in Cooper Hall, the booth is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. It also includes posters, stickers and information regarding life issues.

Local residents met July 29 at The Arc Building to prepare for the booth,

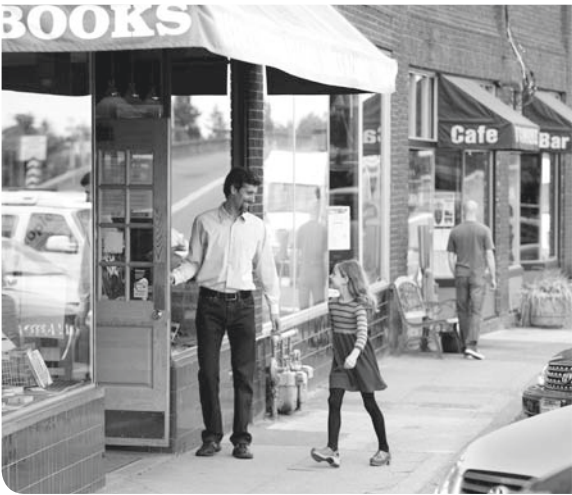
which will be manned for two-hour shifts by approximately 60 men and women. It’s sponsored by the Oregon Right to Life Education Fund.

Marge Rolen and Deanna Leonard said Hermiston had an active Right to

Life Chapter in the 1980s. It has been suggested, Rolen said, that the area might benefit from a community resource of that type again. Plans to organize a group were discussed during the July 29 gathering and will continue during an upcoming meeting.

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. at The Arc, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, call Rolen at 541-667-2001.



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