

Blow to head kills Irrigon boy

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A two-year-old Irrigon boy, Lloyd Kahn Baird, a reported victim of physical mistreatment two months ago, was pronounced dead on arrival at Umatilla General Hospital at 5:35 p.m. Thursday after being found dead by his mother.

An autopsy, ordered to determine the cause of death, revealed three bruises on the boy's head, two on the front, and one, believed to be the cause of death, on the back of the head. Dr. Robert Connell, Pendleton, was the coroner. The pathologist's findings, released this week, are preliminary.

No conclusive findings have been made by pathologists or investigating officials, as to the source of the blow to the head.

Morrow County District Attorney Dennis Doherty said the blow apparently caused internal hemorrhaging in the boy's skull and brain. Doherty

said there were also welts on the boy's abdomen, which the mother, Leslie Baird, has explained to be diaper rash.

Ms. Baird and three other adults were occupying the house at the time of the Thursday death. There was also another younger child who has been taken into

protective custody by county officials.

Reports indicate that Ms. Baird was napping in her mobile home near Irrigon on Thursday. Lloyd Baird and the other child were on a couch nearby. The mother, reportedly, woke up and found the child. She felt that he was

dead and ran to a neighbor's home. The child was transported to Umatilla Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The pathologist's report indicates that the blow was most likely incurred one to two days before the death.

The child had been reported

to Umatilla County officials two months ago in late September. That report of a possible mistreatment was investigated by the Oregon State Police. However, the OSP was not able to find the child nor his family, who had moved.

Doherty said the intensity of the investigation was escalating. He said the OSP worked through the weekend and are still working on it.

"They're obviously trying to trace down every possible explanation," Doherty said. Doherty said he was anxious to "get something going. The whole thing makes me just sick," he said.

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The court, from left: Krynn Robinson, Debora Palmer, Queen Mary Anne Proctor, Donna Palmer, Teresa Proctor. (G-T Photo)

1977 Princesses chosen

Four Morrow County princesses got the nod Tuesday night in Heppner to bear the Morrow County banner in the county fair and rodeo court for 1977.

Of the five, including Queen Mary Anne Proctor, the group includes two pair of sisters.

Queen Mary Anne and sister Teresa, both of Irrigon, are joined by twin sisters from

Ione, Deborah and Donna Palmer and Krynn Robinson from Heppner.

The girls were named at a special meeting of the rodeo board at the West of Willow Restaurant in Heppner Tuesday night.

Queen Mary Anne, a freshman at Blue Mountain Community College, was chosen the leader of the pretty group

in mid-November. She is a physical education major and was a county fair princess two years ago.

Her sister, Teresa, is a 16-year-old junior at Riverside High School. She enjoys horseback riding, including barrel racing and roping; volleyball, bicycling and singing.

Krynn Robinson is also a junior. The 16-year-old Heppner girl has had many noteworthy achievements in Future Farmers of America, where she is an officer as well as a top competing showman and judge. She rides both English and western.

Donna Palmer, one half of the Ione pair, is a 17-year-old senior. She enjoys horseback riding in both western and English. She enjoys the sports of volleyball, basketball and tennis. She is also an avid painter.

Sister Deborah is the same age and same year at Ione High School. Deborah likes to water and snow ski and rides both western and English. She enjoys 4-H activities and is a sports minded girl, playing basketball and volleyball.

The riding competition to be held at the fairgrounds on Dec. 12, was cancelled.

Borgen inducted with losses



Chris BORGAN (right) watches with assistant coach Chuck Lutsch and players (G-T Photo)

A stronger, better Grant Union roundball squad "manhandled" Heppner's Mustangs last week, inaugurating Heppner coach Chris Borgen into the high school coaching profession with back to back annihilations.

Grant Union's Prospectors found gold in Heppner Friday, crushing the Mustangs in their opener, 85-56. On Saturday, in John Day, things went even worse as the Prospectors drilled Heppner with a 79-32 rout.

(Grant Union is an AA ball club and is favored along with Burns to repeat as the top two teams in the state this year. GU, rated sixth this week, fell to Burns in the championship contest last year.)

Borgen was admittedly "embarrassed" at Grant Union Saturday, but said the Mustangs must "forget it and go on. We have to look at it as a learning experience."

The Mustangs learned about zone defenses and turnovers in both nights' encounters.

Borgen said GU "manhandled us. We didn't play near our potential." He wouldn't discount the play of the Prospectors, but said he didn't think they were 20, 30 or even 40 points better than his squad.

Turnovers produced many GU lay-ins. "We weren't prepared. I'll take a great deal of blame for that. I didn't anticipate some of the things they're doing so early. I feel bad."

Borgen wasn't prepared for the Prospector zone defense. All indications, he said, were that GU played a man-to-man defense. "We didn't work on our zone offense and it

showed."

Grant Union threw up a full court press that produced 30 turnovers in the Friday clash and even more on Saturday.

Heppner's game plan to slow the tempo down was discounted by Tom Dieker, an all-state selection last year. The senior sharp shooter turned in scoring nights of 28 Saturday and 26 Friday.

Interestingly enough, the Mustangs out-bounced GU on Saturday by 14 caroms. "They never had the chance to get defensive rebounds," Borgen said, "because we were turning the ball over."

The officiating Saturday wasn't the best, Borgen said, but added that he "couldn't blame the loss on referees. A 40 point difference can't be thrown one way or another by the officials."

Heppner held a 6-5 lead early in the Saturday contest, but three turnovers that went for three point plays broke the Mustang spirit and the Prospectors loaded up their pack horses and rode away.

"We played like we were inexperienced and cautious. There was no real leadership Saturday. We showed good signs Friday of handling the press, but they did a job on us."

"We learned quickly what we're weak on," he said. Borgen said he was anxious to lock horns with teams in our division, namely the Condon Christmas tourney, where the Mustangs take on Gilchrist in their opener Friday.

Gary Grieb (and family) '76 Cattleman

When Gary Grieb accepts the honor of Morrow County "Cattleman of the Year" Friday, he'll be accepting the title with his family in mind.

Grieb, owner-manager of Grieb Angus in the north Lexington area, is the catalyst around a five member family that operates the ranch.

He calls it a "family affair" and is quick to name his wife and children as integral parts of the Angus operation. His wife Virginia, herself a past president of the Morrow County Cowbelles, is joined with her husband in their operation by their three children, Kenny 15, Julie 15, and Geri 14, all members of Future Farmers of America.

Another member of the operation that will take on much of the responsibility is Black Rock Tall Tim, a 1,700 pound Black Angus bull that Grieb has half ownership in.

Together, the Griebs and Tall Tim are expecting good things in the coming years.

Although Grieb has more than 100 head of cattle on his 3,550 acre ranch, his main source of income comes from his wheat



Gary Grieb, Cattleman of the Year and pride- Black Rock Tall Tim.

and alfalfa sales. He farms 1,700 acres of wheat and 200 acres of alfalfa yearly.

With those two grain products, the cattle couldn't help but work in well.

"We've always got rain damaged grain or off quality hay to feed the cows," Grieb said, "and we can utilize our stubble pasture."

The stubble and extra grain come in handy for the 80 cows, 16 heifer calves, 12 bull calves and two herd bulls that inhabit the Grieb ranch.

That 110 head figure is a little misleading since the Grieb weaned 98 of 100 calves last year.

They held production sales in 1975 and '76 but there aren't enough cattle to hold one next year. Culling extensively on the herd and replacing with the top third of the heifer crop has shortened his head count, but not the quality.

That's where Black Rock Tall Tim comes into the picture.

"We're kinda rebuilding," Grieb said, "around Black Rock Tall Tim." The bull was two years old in September and tips the scales at 1,700 pounds right now. He could get bigger, but Grieb isn't pushing him because he's "liable to get too big for the cows."

"I've never felt that a bull could get too big," Grieb said, "but we're just keeping him in good breeding condition." Grieb said the big animal could reach the ton mark since its father is a 2,300 pound bull.

Though there won't be a production sale, the Grieb have plenty of consignment cattle in demand. They will consign through the Angus Association sales this year. They've sold two calves at the Holiday Sale in Salem and a young heifer in Evergreen two weeks ago.

Five bulls are consigned to Klamath Falls Cattleman's

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