



HHS rodeo team wins state title

The state high school rodeo crown was won by the Heppner High School rodeo

club during state championship competition last weekend in Redmond.

around crown was Heppner's Jana Steagall, who was third in breakaway roping, third in the barrels and fourth in team roping at the state championship.

Rice earned his berth at the national rodeo by finishing fourth in state saddle bronc competition. Tony Currin qualified by finishing third in cow cutting.

Other Heppner rodeo team members competing at the Redmond championship rodeo were Mary and Jo Lynn Daly, Wade West and Jack Yocom.

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A total of six Heppner cowboys and cowgirls qualified for national high school championship, to be held July 31-Aug. 6 in Huron, S.D. Included in those making the trip to South Dakota will be Janice Healy, who won all around cowgirl honors at the state championship rodeo.

Other Heppner rodeo standouts to qualify for the nationals were Ron Currin, Lawrence Rice, Tony Currin, and Cindy Dougherty.

Cindy Dougherty took first in pole bending and fourth in team roping at the state championship, with Jana Steagall placing third in both the breakaway and barrels and fourth in team roping.

This will be the final year of high school competition for Mustang rodeo club members Janice Healy, Cindy Dougherty, Ron Currin, Lawrence Rice and Jack Yocom.

Janice took first in the barrel race and second in cow cutting during the Redmond rodeo. For winning all around honors, she also received a saddle and silver belt buckle. Runner-up for the girls' all

Ron finished a scant seven points behind all around boys winner Sam Willis of Redmond, taking third in both the calf roping and bulldogging events. During one round in bulldogging competition, Currin brought the bovine to the ground in a red hot 4:37

Heppner earned a total of 474 points in the finals, well ahead of second place Redmond at 366. Sherman County finished third, followed by Pendleton.

The top four finishers in the Redmond rodeo qualified to compete for the nationals. First place finishers in each event were awarded belt buckles, with plaques going to those placing second, third and fourth.

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES SPORTS

Kinzua stands 3rd in softball league action

Sky High of Hermiston slugged the bat and came up with eight runs in the third inning to defeat Kinzua last Monday in Lexington.

and Dan Mathews crossed the plate after tagging singles. Delbert Binschus and Jamie Query were left on base.

Kinzua's next game will be Wednesday, July 5 at Lexington against the Hermiston Herald. Game time is at 7 p.m.

Flag tourney set for Willow Creek golfers

Coming event: The annual flag tournament will be on July 4.

been used, the golfer places a small flag in the ground to mark the point he reached. The golfers who progress furthest are the winners. A bar-b-que will be included in the day's activities. Golfers will tee-off at 4:00 p.m.

The 9-2 victory put Kinzua in third place in the Hermiston Slo-Pitch Softball League. They received a trophy for their first half finish.

Wranglers list winners in playday contest

Kinzua's only runs came in the fourth with Jamie Sands and Mike Rowell crossing the plate with singles. They were plagued with several errors.

The Wranglers horse club held its first summer playday last weekend, with Angie Ashbeck taking first place in pole bending competition for riders eight years old and younger.

Sky High followed in the seventh with one more run to ice the victory.

Finishing second in the event was Mike Van Schoiack, followed by Craig Angell.

The ring race for riders 9-13 was won by Tina Galbraith, followed by Bridget Greenup and Pat Schwarz. Marie Van Schoiack and Art Galbraith tied for first and second in the 14 and over division, followed by Ann Van Schoiack.

Here it comes...

Jay Keithley of the BPOE 358 Braves shows form and determination as he hurls a pitch to a Kinzua Giants batter during Little League competition Monday in Heppner. The Braves downed the Giants.

Heppner swimmers drop season opener

Heppner's swim team was overpowered by Milton Freewater during the season's first contest last Thursday.

Milton-Freewater racked up a total of 242 points to 172 for heppner, but coach Phil Oakes was not all that disappointed with the results.

"They had a much bigger team than we did," he commented. "All in all, I'm really proud of our team, especially since they'd only been in the water four days before the meet."

Heppner girls in the 9-10 age category took first in the 120-yard medley relay. In the 11-12 boys division, Heppner beat Milton-Freewater by 10 seconds. Heppner boys in the 13-14 category finished the 240 yard relay in 1:47.6.

Heppner took the top two places in individual competition in the 60-yard freestyle for girls 10 and under. Finishing first in a field of eight was Andrea Ball, in 25.37 seconds. Second place went to Heidi Samples, who crossed the finish line in 25.8 seconds. Deana Reid and Lana Reid finished sixth and seventh.

Pam Orr of Heppner was second in a field of seven in the 11-12 girls' age division for the 60-yard freestyle. Derina Reid was fifth and Brenda McMunn sixth in the same event.

Thomas James and Cem George finished first and second in the 11-12 year old boys' 60-yard, and Karen Kenny took third in the 13-14 girls' 120-yard competition.

Other Heppner point winners included first and second place finishes by Shane Laughlin and Terry Gray in the 13-14 boys' 120-yard freestyle. Kevin Gray took first in the boys' 15-18 division 120 yard freestyle in a time of 1:31.4. Shelly Biddle was first and Stephanie Sumner third in the girls' 10 and under division 60-yard breaststroke. Clifford Lucas was third in the same event for boys.

Cem George and John Sumner finished first and second in the 11-12 boys' division breaststroke. In the 120 yard breaststroke for 13-14 girls, Sandra Ward was first and Lottie Laughlin second. Shane Laughlin and John Bridenbach were first and second in 13-14 boys' 120-yard breaststroke, against no M-F

competition. Debbie Klaus finished second in the girls' 15-18 120-yard breaststroke. Kevin Gray was second in the same event for boys.

Heidi Samples and Andrea Ball finished first and second in the 10-under girls' backstroke event, with Clifford Lucas taking third in the same event for boys. Ellen Arbogast was second in 11-12 age division, with Heppner backstrokers Cem George and Jon Sumner placing one-two in the 11-12 boys' division.

In the girls' 60-yard backstroke for 13-14 year olds, Karen Kenney was first and Sandra Ward second. In the boys division of the same event, Terry Gray was second and Jeff Orr third. Debbie

Klaus was second in the 15-18 division 120 backstroke and in the boys' category, Kevin Gray was unchallenged.

In the fly event for girls 10 and under, Shelly Biddle and Andrea Ball finished first and second, with Cem George and Thomas James taking first and second in the 11-12 category. Lottie Laughlin and Mary Arbogast were second and third in the girls' 12-14 division. Shane Laughlin and Terry Gray finished one-two in the 13-14 boys' age division.

Karen Kenny was first in the girls' 13-14 120-yard IM event. This weekend the Heppner squad will travel to Hood River for the second meet of the season.

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