

Monday Morning Quarterback

By Jim Hackett

Those attending the 1979 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo the next two weeks will witness a number of sports activities locally from the women's nail driving contest to the bucking broncs in the Fairgrounds arena.

It's a time when amateurs can enter what activities they want to by simply stepping forward. This Saturday and Sunday, is the horseshoe pitching contest, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Men, women and children are allowed to enter with women pitching at 30 feet.

The women's nail driving contest is at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Congratulations are in order to Shawn LaRue who placed ninth Sunday in the National Junior Olympics racewalking competition at Lincoln, Nebraska. The first place regional champion, Chris Hole of Kennewick, was first in the competition.

The event never made it on live television Sunday but I felt the broadcasting of some of the other Junior Olympics events was superb. It demonstrated that the nation should have athletic strength for the 1980 and 1984 Olympics against strong international competition.

Also strongly deserving of recognition are the Heppner Swim Team members who placed in the finals of the Pendleton District Swim Meet. After swimming in the three day meet, the swimmers turned out Monday night to swim over 28 miles or 1,533.6 laps of the pool. The longest swimmers, Kelli Bergstrom, Heidi Samples and Sarah Forrar are commended for their strength to swim on that rainy night.

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Something to enter for the 55 and over set is the Golden Age Olympics set for September 13-15 in Lebanon, Oregon.

Competition will include a variety of events such as track and field and bicycling for the physically active and cards and table events for the less active.

Any person over the age of 55 is invited to come and participate. The first 300 people who sign up will receive a special T-shirt. For more information or to register, contact the Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce at 1-258-7164.

The archery season opened this weekend statewide. I haven't seen any game shot with the bow yet but according to one hunter, he had the opportunity of shooting an elk. Hunters using the bow are not allowed to use firearms this year—a new innovation which is causing experimentation by the state's gamesmen.

Two local players in regional play

Two Heppner players, Greg Connors and Greg Orr, both 13, will be playing for the Hermiston Babe Ruth Team in the regional Babe Ruth Team at Hermiston beginning Wednesday.

Mrs. Connors reported that both players were members of

the Morrow County Babe Ruth team. Greg has been practicing at pitching and in the outfield and Greg Orr is expected to play at second base.

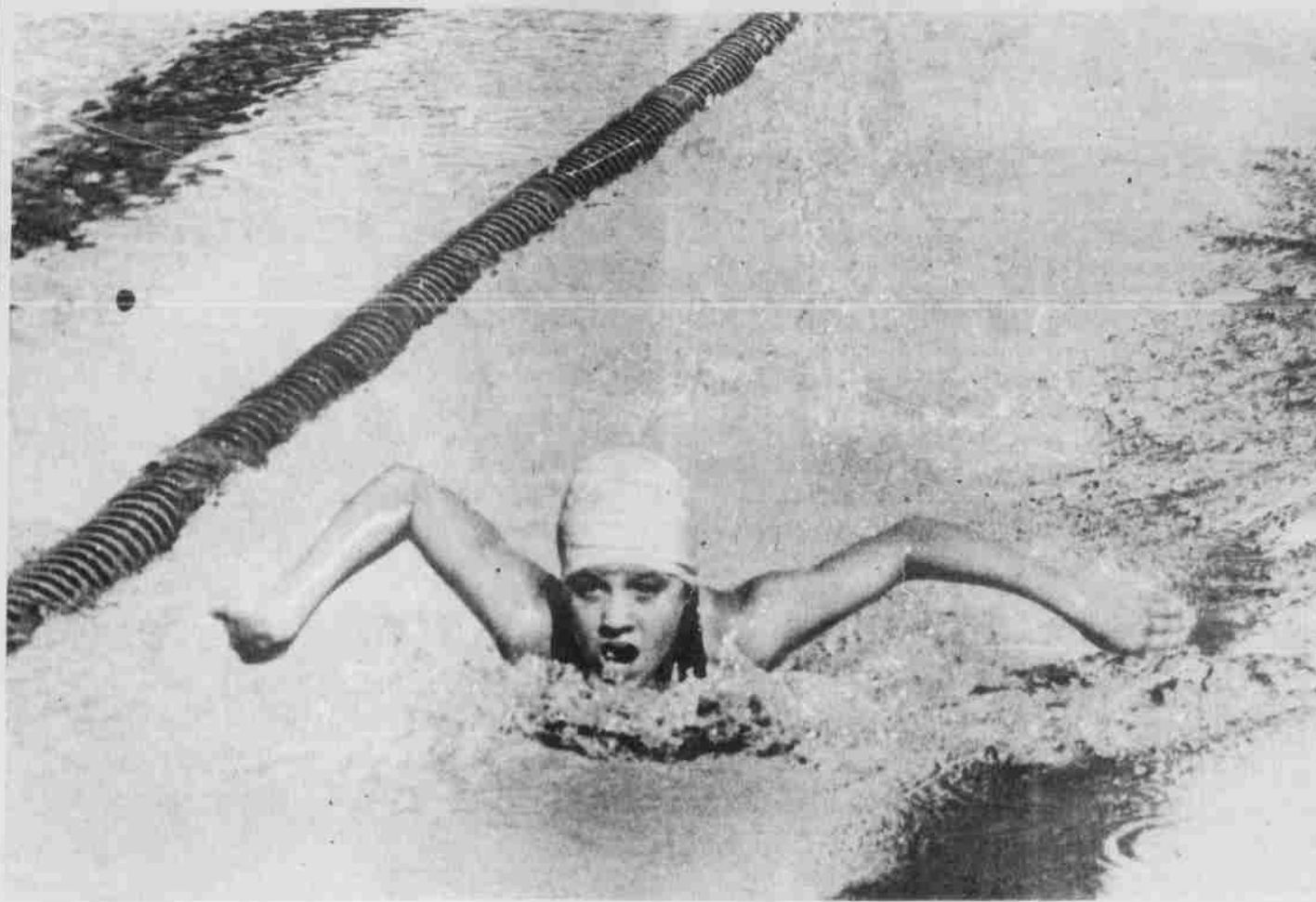
The double consolation tourney is expected to last through Sunday.

Swimmers travel miles for pledges

To raise money for the Heppner Swim Team next summer, area swimmers participated in a Swim-a-thon Monday night at the Heppner pool, swimming a total of 28.4 miles or 1,533.6 laps.

With each mile equaling 54 laps, swimmers churned through a great distance of water to earn pledge money. Going the most laps over two and a half miles were 12 year old Kelli Bergstrom, 162 laps, 11 year old Heidi Samples, 140 laps, and 12 year old Sarah Forrar, 140.

Mickey Hutchinson, 8, swam 20; Tami Fifield, 9, went 14; Teresa Fifield, 9, traveled 22; Craig Angell, 8 swam 26; Rob Hutchinson, 10, 42; Kenny Fifield, 7, 20 laps; Duane Ball, 9, 64; Beth Forrar, 10, 82; Babbette Angell, 10, 70 laps; Cindi Bergstrom, 15, 126 laps; Cam George, 12, 110 laps; Terry Gray, 14, 108 laps; Ellen Arbogast, 12, 136 laps; Shelly Biddle, 11, 130 laps and Lottie Laughlin, 15, 120 laps.



Between strokes

Andrea Ball, Heppner, competed in the butterfly competition in Saturday's Pendleton District Swim Meet along with her other team members. She finished 8th in the 200 I.M. in 3:43.83. (Jerry Samples Photo)

Heppner swimmers make finals

The Heppner A and B Swim Teams climaxed their summer season of swim meets Saturday and Sunday with strong individual showings in the Pendleton District Meet. A dual meet is scheduled Thursday with Hermiston and Pendleton.

Heppner placed 9 in the A meet and 7 in the B division. The best 10 swimmers in the district swam in the finals Sunday afternoon after conclusion of the B Meet.

In the A meet, the medley relay team of Kelli Bergstrom, Andrea Ball, Heidi Samples and Ellen Arbogast placed fifth in a time of 2:59.95 and the freestyle relay team of Kelli, Andrea, Heidi and Ellen placed sixth in the 2:36.35.

Showing the strong swimming style which has characterized her competition this summer, Kelli Bergstrom earned two second place medals in the 50 meter breaststroke, 44.27 and in the

50 meter butterfly, 37.01 and a fourth place ribbon in the 100 meter freestyle.

Heidi Samples received a bronze medal for placing third in the 50 meter backstroke in 43.87; Cam George picked up a fifth and 9th place finishes in the 50 meter breaststroke, 46.68 and 50 meter butterfly, 48.29; Cindi Bergstrom was 6th in the 100 meter breaststroke; Craig Angell placed 8th in the 50 meter freestyle in 56.64, and in the 50 meter backstroke, 1:14.39; Lottie Laughlin was 8th in the 100 meter freestyle, 1:20.49, 10th in the 100 meter breaststroke in 1:41.11 and 9th in the 100 meter butterfly, 1:57.70; Duane Ball was 6th in the 50 meter backstroke in 51.31, and Andrea Ball was 8th in the 200 I.M. in 3:43.83.

Tammi Fifield placed fifth in the B Meet among girls 8-11 in the 50 meter backstroke, in 1:27.67; Babbette Angell was 7th in the 50 meter breast-

stroke, 1:10.67 and in the 50 meter backstroke, 1:12.53; Treasa Fifield was 7th in the 50 meter backstroke in 1:37.70; Mickey Hutchinson picked up an A time certificate in the 50 meter breaststroke in 1:11.60 and Shelly Biddle placed second in the 50 meter breaststroke in 54.77 and picked up two A time certificates in the 50 meter

freestyle, 40.43 and in the 50 meter butterfly, 48.32.

Ken Fifield was 14th in the 50 meter freestyle in 1:51.86 and in the 50 meter breaststroke in 2:30.58.

La Grande won the A meet and Milton-Freewater the B meet. Heppner was 7th in the B meet and 9th in the A division.

Horseshoe tourney slated Saturday

To enter the Morrow County Fair's Amateur Horseshoe Tourney, players must sign up at the pits in the Fairgrounds park by 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Players will be divided into three separate divisions, men's class, 16 and over, Junior class, under 16, and women.

Tourney officials hope that the event will be concluded on

Saturday but if not, play will continue Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

There will be four separate pits and four players playing at all times in a single-elimination bracket. Horseshoes will be available. However,

LaRue ninth in walking final

Shawn LaRue of Ione placed ninth out of 21 competitors in the National AAU Junior Olympics race-walking competition Sunday at Lincoln, Nebraska as one of two regional champions.

The regional champion, Chris Hole, Kennewick, Washington, whom Shawn roomed with at the University of Nebraska won the event in 7:09 minutes compared to Shawn's best time ever of 8:11 minutes.

Mrs. Linda LaRue said weather conditions were good for the race with Midwest

humidity lowering and a rainfall cooling off the area before the racewalking.

There was only one race for the competitors of the national title and 18-year-old Chris Hole received two warnings before he completed the four laps around the oval course. Mrs. LaRue said three warnings disqualified the racewalkers. This was Hole's last year of competition in Junior Olympics.

Shawn, a 16-year-old Oregon State AAU Champion, has two more years of competition left.

Steagall places high in national rodeo

Jana Steagall of Lexington placed tenth in the nation in breakaway at the High School National Rodeo in Fargo, North Dakota as the Oregon All-Around Champion.

Maureen Healy, placed 29th in barrels and 23rd in goat tying while Mary Daly received a no-time in the goat tying event, according to Maureen who returned Tuesday night with her family to their Butter Creek Ranch.

The local rodeo competitors ran into heavy downpour and tornadoes while back in Fargo but there was a record turnout

of rodeo fans watching the action.

Sam Willis of Redmond was a runner-up in the boys' all-around competition.

Maureen and Jana planned to compete in the Hermiston Rodeo Friday, and Maureen set her sights on the Benton City Rodeo set for Sunday.

Winners in ladies play

At ladies play at Willow Creek Country Club, August 7, Muriel Palmer and Sharon Harrison emerged as winners.

Pat Edmundson shot low gross and Judy Stevens turned in the "most honest score."

Hostess for the day was Muriel Palmer.



Football fever

Three Morrow County players will be among the players in the All-Star East-West Shrine football game August 18 at the Baker High School stadium. They are Bryan Marlin of Heppner, No. 29, Kevin McCabe of Ione, No. 22 and Deeno Leighton, Riverside High School, 78. Also pictured are Kevin Kaseberg, Sherman County, 28, Marion Weatherford, Condon, 25, and Ron Schmidt, Wahtonka, 76.

Thieves nab 360 lbs. of meat

Don and Jean Bennett of Hinton Creek, reported 360 lbs. of meat valued at \$450 was stolen from a freezer at their ranch.

They reported the theft August 9 to the Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

There was also a report of slashed tires at the Boardman Coal Fired Plant August 11, according to Oregon State Police.

Bell provides low cost service

A year ago Pacific Northwest Bell started introducing a lower cost telephone service to residence customers in some of the communities it serves in Oregon.

Now, 12 months later, Optional Measured Service (OMS) seems almost to be unknown to Oregon telephone users.

OMS is available for the asking as a money saver in locations where telephone central office equipment permits. But a survey by PNB shows that less than 50 per cent of its

customers in those locations know about OMS.

By actual count only 2,178 of 267,301 PNB customers who could avail themselves of the services in Oregon are using it. That computes out to a might small .815 per cent.

"In Hermiston," says PNB Manager Linda Buckner, "Optional Measured Service has been available since January 1, 1979. And our records show that of the 4,782 residential customers who could make use of it, only 1.0 per cent, or 50 customers are doing so." What is Optional Measured

Service?

It is one party line service priced \$1.50 below the monthly rate. It allows \$3.00 worth of outgoing local calls charged at a rate of 10 cents for the first five minutes or fraction thereof.

For each minute of conversation over the initial five minutes, there is a charge of 2 cents.

Why is the response so low to a lower cost service? "That's hard to understand" said Buckner, "because a

survey taken before the service was offered indicated about 5 per cent of eligible residence customers would subscribe."

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Two events will be timed and run according to standard regulations.

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