

First meet of the season

Thin clads to race in Salem relays

Coach Dale Conklin and the rest of the Heppner High School track team will have its first meet of the young season this Saturday at the Willamette Relays in Salem.

The Mustangs have six returning lettermen back with seniors Mike Jones, Dan Nix, Larry Palmer, Jim Parker, Todd Sherer (who sat out last year but lettered as a sophomore) and junior Buck Estes. New on the team this year is Jari Alasuvanto, sophomore Earl Hammond, and freshmen Duane Garrett and Wes Marlatt.

Alasuvanto is a distance runner who will run the 3,000 meters, the 1,500 meters and work at times on the 800 meters for speed work.

"He has run a lot of miles during the winter and is in excellent condition," his coach said.

Jones is a sprinter who Conklin is hoping will "come on strong."

Nix is a distance runner who finished second at district his sophomore year but developed knee problems last year and did not do as well.

Palmer is also a distance runner who finished fourth at district last year.

Parker placed third at state last year in the shot put. He also throws the discus.

Sherer was third at district in the 1,500 meters as a sophomore. He will probably run the 800 meters and middle distances this year. Conklin said.

Estes is a sprinter who will race in the 100 meters, the 200 meters and the sprint relays. Hammond has been a baseball player in the past, Coach Conklin said, so he is experi-

menting with his abilities. Hammond will probably participate in the javelin, discus and some sprints.

Garrett is a middle distance runner who will run the 200 and may try the pole vault.

Marlatt will toss the discus, shot put and javelin.

"He is strong but just has to develop some technique and form," Conklin said.

Conklin said he is disappointed not to have a jumper this year especially after Heppner had the state champion triple jumper last year.

"The spring sports suffer because some players just get tired of turning out," Conklin said.

The district Heppner competes in is made up of Columbia Basin Conference and Big Sky Conference teams. The Mustangs were third last year.

Springs sports underway at Heppner, Ione

High School spring sports are underway this week with both Ione and Heppner beginning team action in baseball, tennis, track and golf.

Heppner's golf team of both boys and girls begins match play today as the team plays Riverside in Boardman beginning at 2 p.m.

The Mustang baseball team has a double header Saturday against Weston-McEwen in Heppner beginning at 1 p.m. The boys track team also starts its season Saturday with the Willamette Relays in Salem with the starting time at noon.

Monday, the varsity boys baseball team tangles against Riverside in Boardman in a 4 p.m. game.

The JV baseball team has its first contest Tuesday against Wahtonka in Heppner at 4 p.m.

Ione is not having baseball this year because of a shortage of players.

The Cardinal track team begins its season Friday at the Wahtonka Invitational with the starting time at 4 p.m. Both boys and girls will compete.

Ione's tennis team, under new coach Dwayne Paine, has its first action of the year Tuesday at Riverside beginning at 3 p.m.

Ione Junior High begins its baseball season Monday with a game in Ione at 1:30 p.m. Heppner plays at Ione in a 1:30 game next Thursday.

Smallmon named judge

John W. Smallmon, a Hermiton attorney, has been appointed by Gov. Victor G. Atiyeh as the new District Court judge to serve Umatilla and Morrow counties, beginning July 1.

The new court position was created by the 1979 Oregon Legislature along with three other District Court positions, which already have been filled. The date and place for Smallmon's swearing in will be determined later, the governor's office said.

Besides having a private practice of law, Smallmon currently serves as the justice of the peace for western Umatilla County, a position to which he was appointed in May, 1971, elected in 1972, and re-elected in 1978.

His salary as District Court judge has been set by the legislature at \$39,393 a year.

The other new District Court judgeships established by the legislature were for Des-

chutes, Crook-Jefferson, and Clackamas counties, effective

last September.

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John W. Smallmon

Trip to Seaside approved for band

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tage would be that with continued growth and inflation, the plan still might not provide enough funds and the voters still may have to go to the polls for a small amount.

A third plan is to increase the current proposed budget by 18.3 percent to have \$4,331,816 as the tax base. With this plan, the voters might not have to vote on the budget for two years.

The other plan is the one proposed at last month's meeting that would allow an 18.3 percent increase each year for the next three years for a tax base of \$6,073,542. The voters would not have to vote on the school budget for at least three years and possibly four or five.

Current law requires that the school districts submit a tax base proposal every even numbered year if it is outside the six percent limitation the previous year.

The new tax base must be decided on and given to the county clerk by April 10 for it to be on the May 20 ballot.

The school board approved a weekend field trip for the Heppner band to Seaside to play some concerts. Director Bruce Martin and the band have had many fund-raising events during the year to help pay for the trip. The cost to the district would be \$250. John Matthews opposed stating that

it should have been in the budget request a year ago since it was not really a special field trip. Principal Jim Bier of Heppner said Martin could not request money for the trip because he was not here last year.

Heppner Grade School and Junior High Principal Don Cole told the board that the heating system was not operating because of steam leaks in the line. Cole said the pipe is five or six feet under the road and was melting asphalt. The pipes are 20 or more years old and are deteriorating, he said.

"This is going to run into big bucks," Doherty said. "We are going to patch it up for emergency repair because it cannot heat the buildings."

The school board decided to wait a month before making a decision on a new bus that is being purchased.

International Harvest is on strike and the chassis for \$10,800 will probably not be in the county in time for the start of school next fall. The earliest it can be here is November, Doherty said.

But the district cannot cancel its order for the \$6,400 body to the bus, he said.

"This is a bad way to buy buses," Doherty said. "We should start buying entire buses instead of buying them in two parts."

Heppner woman wins FFA livestock honor

Marie Van Schoiack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Van Schoiack of Heppner, and a member of the Heppner Future Farmers of America chapter, took another step toward national recognition in the FFA Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Program recently when her application was submitted for regional competition.

She was presented with a plaque and a \$100 check at the 52nd annual state FFA Convention in Gresham March 16-19.

The Diversified Livestock Production Award—co-sponsored as a special project of the National FFA Foundation by A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc. of Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Wayne Feeds, Division of Allied Mills, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois—is one of 22 FFA Proficiency Awards recognizing FFA members for exceptional accomplishments in progressing toward specific occupational objectives in production agriculture and agribusiness.

Her applications will compete against other state win-

ners for one of four nationwide regional awards. Only one regional winner will be selected from each of the four FFA administrative regions.

The four regional winners will receive a plaque and a \$250 check and partially paid travel expenses to the National FFA Convention.

Should Van Schoiack be named regional winner, she will travel to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November, where a panel will judge the regional Diversified Livestock Production applications to select the National winner. The winner will be presented a plaque and a \$500 check at the National Convention.

Her project consists of 14 head of registered Angus cattle, 16 head of sheep, and three Holstein heifers. She plan to attend Oregon State University in the fall in the pre-veterinary medicine program.

Also at the State Convention Van Schoiack was awarded the \$400 J.B. Thomas Scholarship from OSU and her advanced record book received the silver award.



Marie Van Schoiack

Eastern Oregon open house set

Students considering attending Eastern Oregon State College are invited to a special Open House April 12 in La Grande.

"We're rolling out the red carpet," said Admissions Director Sandra Downing. She said, "Students will be able to do everything from touring campus facilities and dorms to talking with faculty, counselors and students. They'll even get a free lunch with entertainment."



New Postmaster Ken Nairns was on duty beginning Tuesday. He took over the desk in Heppner formerly occupied by Hubert Wilson, who retired. Nairns is from Bend.

Appreciation dinner honors Morrow Fair Board members

The Morrow County Fair Committee honored long-time members of the fair board

Floyd Jones and Paul Hisler at an honorary dinner March 11 at the West of Willow. Gifts were given to the two men and their wives.

FFA scholarship

Wesley Haas of the Riverside High School Future Farmers of America Chapter received a \$450 scholarship last week at the State FFA competition in Gresham.

The Farmhouse fraternity at Oregon State University sponsored the scholarship.

Persons at the appreciation dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Piper, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, Ruth McCabe, Marlene Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones.

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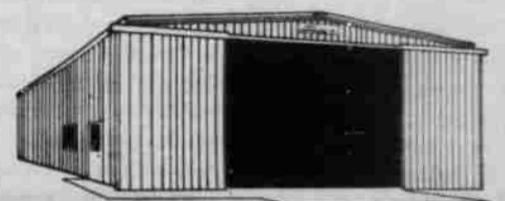
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