

Merchants meet stiff softball competition



The Heppner Merchants' Softball Team:
Back row from left to right: Delbert Binschus, Mark Pointer, Mark Lovgren, Christy Lovgren (stats), LaVerne Van Marter, Dallas Hansin, Gary Kemp, George Waterland

Midway scored five runs in the third inning to pace themselves past the Heppner Merchants 9-7 in a contest held recently in Hermiston.

The Merchants out hit Midway in the game but left too many runners on base. Midway scored first with one run in the first and jumped ahead of the Heppner team with a five-run lead in the third.

George Waterland's double in the third inning gave Heppner their first run. Waterland scored as Pointer slugged a double.

The Merchants struck again in the fifth as Mike Smith scored. The sixth inning saw nine batters hit for the Merchants with Ron Bowman, Delbert Binschus, Mike Rowell, Mike Smith and George Waterland crossing the plate. Dave Eckman's

double aaced the five-run inning.

The Merchants failed to score as Midway came up with three more runs to ice the win.

Mike Rowell and Jamie Query belted triples to pace the Merchants 14-10 past Swain Motors of Hermiston.

The game, which was played in Hermiston, saw Swain Motors scoring first with one run in the second inning. The Merchants rose to the occasion by collecting five runs. Gary Kemp started the inning with a base hit, followed by Mike Smith, Dan Mathews, Jamie Query and John McCabe scoring as John Smith drove the last run home on his single.

Swain Motors couldn't catch up to the Merchants as they scored only nine more runs.

The Merchants collected three in the third, one in the fourth and four in the fifth to take the victory.

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Delbert Binschus started the inning with a single followed by a single from John McCabe. Mark Pointer scored Binschus as he hit a solid line drive. That left John McCabe and Pointer standing on base when LaVerne Van Marter slugged one over the right field fence.

Heppner had the lead but the Road Runners added three in the fifth and one in the sixth to end the game.

The Heppner Merchants met the number one team in the league, Ye Old Pizza Shop, 16-4 in a game held last week in Lexington.

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Rodeo arena again topic of meeting

The Boardman Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Square.

The topic for the meeting is to determine the criteria for the use of the rodeo arena located behind the Dodge City Inn, 100 First St., N.W., Boardman.

The original controversy regarding the arena arose over whether the arena fits within the boundaries of the Boardman city zoning regulations.

The arena was built by Jody Tatone, operator of the Dodge City Motel and Restaurant. The business is owned by his father, Joseph.

The city council heard lengthy testimony on May 5 and at that time referred the matter to the planning commission.

The May 4 meeting of the planning commission was devoted exclusively to this topic. After three hours of public testimony and an hour of commissioner debate the council voted. By a vote of seven to one the commission found that the arena did fit within the current zoning for its location. They also recommended that the city council develop criteria for governing use of the arena.

At the May 17 meeting of the City Council, the planning commission's findings were accepted and it was suggested that a committee composed of M.D. VanValkenburgh (attorney for the city), Ed Glenn (attorney for the Tatones) and Ann Spicer (attorney for Kay and John Dawson, leaders of the opposition to the arena) draw up the criteria

suggested by the planning commission.

At that time Kay Dawson stated that they had instructed their attorney (Spicer) not to meet with the committee as they did not accept the arena as an allowable use.

The committee plan was dropped at that point and the matter referred back to the planning commission.

Having gathered information and regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Quality, the planning commission will attempt to develop guidelines to eliminate seven possible areas of nuisances. These are noise, dust, safety, crowds, insect problems, nighttime use, and the overnight presence of livestock at the facility.

Dawsons are continuing to pursue their objections to the arena by appealing the decision of the city council in regard to their acceptance of the planning commission's findings. They are appealing to both the Boardman City Council and the State Land Use Board.

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Local news bits

Norman Nelson is a patient at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

Hailey Olson of Pendleton is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peck.

Butter Creek Livestock 4-H Club meets

By NANCY BAILEY

The Butter Creek Livestock 4-H Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes on June 22. Kent Klukkert opened the meeting.

The group talked about rules at the fair, mostly about swine and the cleanup and weigh-in.

Nancy Bailey gave a report on hog feeding.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wattenburger on July 13.

Over the Tee Cup

A ladies invitational was held at Willow Creek Country Club June 21.

Pat Edmundson of Heppner took low gross honors with a 72 for 18 holes in a ladies invitational held June 21 at Willow Creek Country Club. Marilyn Seegert of Pendleton with a 47 took low net for 18 holes.

For nine holes, May Oldson of Meadow Springs won low gross with a 44 and Lorena Jones of Heppner took low net with a 23.5.

Other W.C.C.C. golfers playing 18 holes were: Bev Gunderson, 76, low gross; Eileen Padberg, 47, low net; Muriel Palmer 54; and Sharon Harrison 55.

Local ladies playing nine holes were: Suzanne Jepsen, 48, low gross; Martha Peterson, 24.5, low net; Karen Thompson, 51; and Lota Tibbles, 30.5.

Long drive winners were Marilyn Seegert, 18 holes, and Jan Hanson, nine holes.

Lois Hunt had K.P. for 18 holes while Martha Peterson took K.P. for nine holes.

For the Pendleton women, Jeri Cessna took low gross

with a 97 and Anna Isaackson had low net with a 65.

Pasco, Wash. ladies Jan Hanson with a 49 and Charlene Thompson with a 34 took low gross and low net respectively for their group.

June Rosenberg with an 87 and Olga Alexander with a 59 took low gross and low net awards for the Umatilla women.

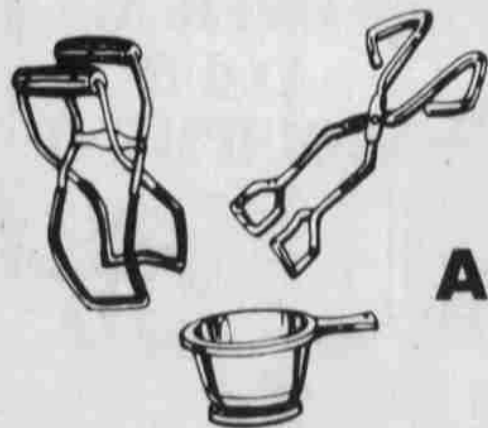
A string tournament will be held at W.C.C.C. July 7 for those who play nine or 18 holes, said a club spokesperson. A signup sheet for the tournament is in the club house.

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