

FFA members compete in skills contest



Alex Lindsay

Duane Ball

By NOELLA RILL

Alex Lindsay and Duane Ball from the Heppner FFA Chapter competed in the sectional FFA leadership skills contest Tuesday, February 26, at LaGrande.

Alex Lindsay placed second in extemporaneous public speaking contest and qualified for state competition.

Duane Ball placed second in creed

speaking and will also advance to state competition.

The state contest will be held during the state FFA convention March 22-25 at McKay High School in Salem.

Other members for Heppner FFA attending the leadership skills contest were Andrea Ball, Theresa Lindsay and Noella Rill.

Planning Commission to hold hearing

The Heppner City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing during a regular meeting at Heppner City Hall on Monday, March 11.

A study session will begin at 7:30 p.m.; regular session starts at 8

p.m. On the agenda is a Conditional Use permit request by Mark Hopkins to allow repair or maintenance for truck, automobile and farm implements in the building located at 352 Linden Way.

Schedule changes slow Cal Poly Rodeo teams

Cancellation of the next two contests on the schedules of teams in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Western Region has Cal Poly rodeo coach Ralph Rianda worried.

That's because he fears that the lack of competition over the next few weeks will slow the drive of his men's and women's teams to regain the form that saw them dominate the regional and national standings last year.

Both the Lake San Antonio Rodeo on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, in Bradley and a two-day event that was to have been held the following weekend in the campus arena at Cal Poly were cancelled when scheduling problems caused several Western Region teams to withdraw.

Also in jeopardy, according to Rianda, is the next rodeo on the region's schedule, which is presently planned for Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, in Clovis with Cal State Fresno as host. A decision on whether it will be held is expected in

the next few days.

Should that contest also be cancelled, Western Region NIRA teams would not return to action until the Hartnell Rodeo in Salinas. In addition, the Hartnell Rodeo has been moved from Friday through Sunday, April 12-14, to the following weekend, April 19-21.

Both Cal Poly teams have shown signs in recent weeks of breaking out of the slump that has plagued them thus far in the 1984-85 season. But Rianda hopes the extended absence from competition will not cause them to lose the momentum they had gained since early January.

The men's team, which won the last regional rodeo by wide margins over West Hills (Coalinga), Hartnell, and Merced Colleges, is being led by Tony Curran, a senior from Heppner, John Bell, a junior from Paradise Valley; Steve Nilmeier, a junior from San Martin; and Nolan Twisselman, a sophomore from Carrisa Plains.

In addition, Rocky Carpenter, the senior roping specialist from Anderson, is regaining the form that won

Jean Jepsen organizes N.W. Pest Control meeting

Mrs. Jean Jepsen of Dobyns Pest Control, lone not only served as chairman of the Pacific Northwest Pest Operators Conference in Pendleton Feb. 28 through March 3, but she received a standing ovation and a gift for her "outstanding service as well."

Over 150 pest control business owners, suppliers and others interested in pest control attended the four-day conference, which took Mrs. Jepsen over a year to coordinate.

Vernon McKinzie, president of the National Pest Control Association, touched on what the association is doing to represent those who deal

with chemicals.

Norman Ehmann, representative from Van Waters and Rodgers, showed a movie filmed in Africa on termites, entitled "Castles of Clay."

On Friday, women attending the event were treated to a luncheon and style show.

After the convention banquet, an auction was held of donated goods, both merchandise and handmade items. Proceeds from the auction will go toward next year's conference, said Mrs. Jepsen.

Other speakers were Vern Toblin, manager of technical services with Nor Am Chemical Co., and Dave Dietz, Salem attorney.

The convention concluded with a "Town Hall" meeting with Harvey Gold of the National Pest Control Association.

Mrs. Jepsen and her husband, John, accompanied Mr. Ehmann to the KOHU radio station in Hermiston to tape a program to air on the "Odds and Ends" program this

Friday, March 8. On March 15 Mr. and Mrs. Jepsen and Bob Hart of Dobyns Hart Pest Control of Pendleton will be on the program to discuss the convention and its speakers.

Mrs. Jepsen is also in the process of trying to form a women's support group to educate the public as to the proper use of chemicals.

Dance and fiddle music slated

An old time dance with music by Old Time Fiddlers and Friends is scheduled for Friday, March 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Grange on Diagonal Road in Hermiston. Admission is \$2 at the door. Proceeds will go toward the

Old Time Fiddlers Contest scheduled in April. All fiddlers who "show up with accoustical, not amplified instruments, are welcome to participate," said a spokesperson for the event. For more information, call 567-9322 or 567-2073.

Sifting through the Times

19 Years Ago
March 6, 1975

The Morrow County Court signed a purchase order with Boise Cascade Corp. on Feb. 26 for a \$42,000 modular medical clinic.

The county courts of Morrow, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties signed a joint resolution which established the Tri-County Health Services Commission.

25 Years Ago
March 3, 1960

Oregon's Governor Mark Hatfield was scheduled to speak in Boardman about the development of a space age industrial park site in the Boardman area.

The county school budget committee learned that the cost of instruction would increase by about \$37,000 over the previous year. The increase due mainly to the addition of seven new teachers to the county-wide staff, reflected added enrollment and expanded curriculum.

50 Years Ago
March 7, 1935

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League committee asked state and federal aid in a weed control plan explaining "dire effects" of weeds.

The Heppner High School band directed by Harold Buhman was beginning to make plans to debut in a state contest at Salem.

him the national championship in team roping and third in the nation in calf roping last season.

As a result the Cal Poly men have regained the top spot in the most recent standings for the region and are on top of the national standings by a slim margin.

For the women's team, which has been slow in picking up the load

carried last year by the graduated Laurie Warburton, sophomore Wendy Monchamp of Montague and Leah Garcia, a junior from Marysville, are doing most of the scoring.

Also winners in the last Western Region event, the Cal Poly women are now back on top in the regional standings and in fourth nationally.

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Sports with Mike Oths

Welcome back after a rather lengthy lay-off—the sports world appears to have gotten by without me for a few weeks.

It's just about NCAA Tournament time, and we're right where everybody said we'd be at the start of the season: with Georgetown as the clear-cut top choice to win it all. A word of caution, however, strange things happen to "sure-fire" teams.

The Pac-10 may never get their champion sorted out. Going into this weekend, a five-way tie for the title is still conceivable. USC leads the pack with four losses, but has to play Oregon and OSU (in LA). OSU has five losses, and finishes on the road against USC and UCLA. Washington has five losses, and finishes at home, versus Cal and Stanford. Arizona has six losses and plays ASU, while UCLA has six losses and plays OSU in LA, and Oregon in Eugene. The temptation is to say "so and so has the easiest schedule, etc.," but the league has been too unpredictable to make any such assertions.

The Portland Breakers apparently drew a nice crowd in their home debut, and gave the home fans a nice 14-10 win over Los Angeles. I still don't like the USFL, and I think it will disintegrate, but now I have mixed feelings, since they came to Portland. I'd like to see pro sports flourish in Oregon. And yes, the Blazers are still considered pro sports, even after losing to Golden State and Cleveland, back-to-back. Break up the Cavaliers.

Back to the NCAA tourney, has anybody ever explained the method used to grant automatic berths in the field of 64 teams? Many of the conferences that get invited are very obscure, and seem to exist solely for the purpose of getting a team into the field. Lest you laugh at that idea, a first round loser in the NCAA takes home about \$160,000 (last year). When you consider that most of these conferences choose their representative in a post-season tournament (making the regular season a moot point) it becomes obvious that a Marist, or North Carolina A & T, or Towson State, can stumble along all season, win a few in the conference tourney, and head for the land of big bucks. Very strange.

While everybody lines up to take pot-shots at Doug Flutie (off to a slow start) ask yourself this question: would you have taken the \$7 million if offered. Silly question.

If you listen real closely, you can hear the sound of spring training wafting up from Arizona. It makes me feel 10 degrees warmer for that alone.

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