

## Special bear visits story hour



Winnie the Pooh was the special guest at the Thursday, March 14 story hour at Heppner Public Library. Fifty kids greeted the winsome bear with enthusiastic hugs.

Pooh helped to distribute hand puppets and balloons to the children.

Pooh appeared courtesy of Sears and Georgia Van Winkle.

## Average water supply forecast

Spring and summer water supplies are forecast to be average during the March - July period.

Precipitation recovered during February with amounts above to much above average.

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February	Average	Percent
Ukiah	1.09	109
Heppner	1.61	0.98 164

The March 1 snowpack at the Arbuckle Mountain snow course was estimated to contain 12.0" of water equivalent. This is 132 percent of average. The Madison Butte

SNOTEL site reported 9.3" of water equivalent.

Forecasts of streamflow, assuming normal weather conditions occur for the rest of the season are as follows:

Butter Cr 11.7	101	11.6
Rhea Cr 7.4	103	7.2
Willow Cr 7.5	97	7.7
Rock Cr. 15.1	97	15.5



By MARLENE CURRIN  
President Morrow Co. CowBelles

The Morrow County CowBelles will hold their March meeting on the 15th at the Heppner Elks at noon.

It is the time to think about Ag Day. The American National CowBelles have again designated "Beef Feeds the Hungry" as the national Ag Day promotion. You may recall that this program originated here in Oregon, the brain child of former home economist for the Beef Council, Kathy Kurtz. It was adopted as a national program in 1983 and this will be the third year that we have participated in it. We hope you will all want to show your pride in our industry by sharing with those less fortunate and donating to the "Beef Feeds the Hungry" fund. The good publicity generated by this gesture of goodwill helps to counteract some of the bad publicity that seems to plague the cattle industry these days.

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association and CowBelles met in Salem February 21-22 for a director's meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Curran, and CowBelle President Marlene Currin were able to attend from Morrow County. At this meeting the Cattlemen and CowBelles were able to present their views regarding various issues to the Legislature. We had a chance to sit and visit with our district's senators and representatives. Our friends, and representative, Raymond and Norma French from Heppner joined us for the breakfast meeting.

The National Live Stock and Meat Board have revised and updated the famed retail cut identification charts. The meat cuts featured on each beef chart are now color photographs, rather than the traditional line drawings. This technique makes cut identification easier and lessens confusion between similar-looking cuts.

### PGG slates meet

The annual membership meeting of Pendleton Grain Growers, Inc., will be held on Tuesday, March 26, in the Pendleton Memorial Armory.

The meeting will include a no-host cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner for members and their guests. The business meeting will follow with the 1984 financial report and reports from President Bill Eitter and PGG General Manager Don Cook.

## ASCS announces deadline for loans

Price support loans on 1984 wheat, oats and barley may be obtained until March 31. Judy Buschke, County Executive Director for the Morrow County ASCS Office said. Loans on corn may be made until May 31.

The ASCS commodity loan program is used by many farmers as a tool for marketing their grain. It provides interim capital for operating costs while farmers look for better markets.

County loan rates per bushel are: wheat \$3.50, Oats \$1.47, barley \$2.22 and corn \$2.70. Regular loans have a nine-month maturity date with variable monthly interest rates.

Buschke said farmers must participate in the acreage reduction program to be eligible for price support loans. "In addition to loans, they are eligible for deficiency payments and use of the grain reserve." Strong participation is necessary to help increase grain prices and continue balancing supply with demand.

She said the grain reserve is open for 1984 wheat, corn and barley. The crops may be placed in the reserve on maturity of regular price support loans. The reserve release levels will be \$4.45 per bushel for wheat, \$3.25 for corn, and \$2.65 for barley. Storage payments will be 26.5 cents per bushel for wheat, corn and barley.

Farmers interested in obtaining a loan on their 1985 small grains should contact the local ASCS office on or before March 31.

In addition to identifying each cut and depicting which part of the animal it comes from, the charts also offer information on how to cook each cut.

Beef retail identity charts are available from the Oregon Beef Council, 1000 N.E. Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232, in both notebook and wall poster (24" x 36") sizes.

There is no charge for the notebook size charts. However, the large wall chart price is \$1 each.

The Oregon Beef Cook-off was held in Portland on Saturday, Feb. 23. The first place winner is Sally Vog of Springfield. Her first place recipe is Lime-Thyme Beef. Second place was Eugene M. Dunn of Portland who fixed Hungarian Goulash with sauerkraut. Mrs. Vog will go on to the National Beef Cook-Off in Wichita, Kansas, in September, and also won a weekend for two at Salishan Lodge. Mr. Dunn won a shopping spree at Kitchen Kaboodle worth \$100. Lucie Amanda Seibel of Medford was third place winner. Her dish of Marinated Steak Florentin has a spicy flavor and was served with a circle of julienne carrots and potatoes. The three finalists each won a dinner cruise on the Columbia River Sternwheeler.

## Special guests to attend meeting

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen and her court accompanied by Marilyn Robinson will be special guests of the Heppner-Heppner branch of American Association of University Women Thursday, March 21. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Lankford. For more information call Lankford 676-5297.

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## The Fifth Quarter

Sports with Mike Oths

If you don't have basketballs dancing in your dreams by now, you either aren't an NCAA tournament fan or you're totally immune. Fresh from the blitz of the first two rounds, the collegians are now geared up for the fight to the finish.

The first rounds were a little disappointing in that there weren't very many upsets. Used to be, you could always count on some horrendous collapses by highly-rated teams. That seems to happen less and less any more, and there are probably several reasons. First of all, coaches are now aware of the upset potential, and seem to do more to prepare for it. Secondly, this year's tournament did away with the first round bye. If you saw Michigan squeak by Fairleigh-Dickinson (which is in New Jersey, by the way), or if you watched North Carolina struggle with Middle Tennessee State, you see the value of no more byes. Both of those highly ranked teams were jittery in their first round games. Had they been playing teams of slightly higher caliber, which had a game under their belts, you would have seen some early bye-byes. As it was, Villanova knocked out Michigan, but I wouldn't call that much of an upset.

Georgetown is still the team to beat, and it looks less and less like an upset will occur. Sure, anybody can be beaten, but Georgetown doesn't have many of the traditional vulnerabilities of No. 1 teams. Foul trouble doesn't do much damage to a team that's 10 deep. They are both a muscle team and a running team, so the tempo of the game is always in their favor. Their Achilles heel, if they have one, will have to be a poor night from the free throw line. That can happen to anybody, and Georgetown has been exposed in that area before.

I see from the news that Peter Ueberoth (commissioner of baseball) has "reinstated" Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle. This has always intrigued me. Mays and Mantle were "barred" from baseball by former Commissioner Bowie Kuhn because they are employed as greeters at Atlantic City casinos. Kuhn decided that the two Hall of Famers could not be associated with Major League Baseball while so employed. Now get this straight: both of the men were doing nothing illegal. It's just that Bowie Kuhn did not desire any connection between gambling and baseball. I fail to see how a commissioner of sports can regulate an American citizen's right to seek employment. I further fail to understand why the moguls of sport seem to feel that their status as Lords of "The Game" gives them the right to abridge another's freedom. I had hoped that the new czar of baseball would clear up this hypocrisy, but he has not. Instead, he has said that the ban on casino baseball employment will continue, but that Mays and Mantle will be excepted. Now let me sort this out. Baseball-casino is still a no-no, but because Mickey and Willie hit a lot of homeruns, it's o.k. Very Strange.

I caught a TV sports show the other night where they were recapping the latest stock car race. It seems that Bill Elliott drove with a broken leg and still won. The hype for that segment of the show was "See-stock car racers are athletes. He gutted it out with a broken leg." Correct me if I'm wrong, but doesn't the fact that a person can win an "athletic" contest with a broken leg tend to argue against the amount of athletic ability needed to compete?

Yes fans, there it is on the horizon-coming into view yes, it's...the baseball season.

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