

Jump Rope for Heart earns over \$2,000



L-R: Lea Calvert, Sharon Harrison, Don Cole, Darlene Lovgren, Chuck Taylor, Terrie Cutsforth and Stanley Cutsforth.

The Heppner Elementary school Jump Rope for Heart fund raiser earned over \$2 thousand for the Heart Association. Stanley Cutsforth, Heppner Elementary second grader, collected the most pledges and donations.

Fifty-five elementary school students, in kindergarten through sixth grade participated in the event which was held April 6.

Lea Calvert, local Jump Rope for Heart coordinator, presented a check for \$2,003.75 to Terrie Cutsforth, newly elected area Heart Association board member. Terrie presented the school with a plaque of appreciation

and a teaching video and computer program disk about heart health.

Tabulating pledges and counting money were Darlene Lovgren, Sharon Harrison and Chuck Taylor of First Interstate Bank.

Scott wins logo contest



Kevin Scott (left) accepts first place prize from Corrine Lindsay. Kyle Moses (right) won second.

Kevin Scott, Heppner Middle School eighth grader, won first place in a logo design contest for the Morrow County Children and Youth Services Commission. He was presented with a \$50 savings bond, an Oregon Youth hat and T-shirt and two gift certificates from McDonalds by Corrine Lindsay, commission chairperson.

Kyle Moses, seventh grader, placed second in the contest and Michelle Alldritt, eighth grader, placed third. Both received a hat, T-shirt and gift certificates.

The students designed the logos as a project for Ron Forrar's art class.

Pointer elected

Eric Pointer, a senior in agricultural sciences at OSU, has been elected vice president of the Interfraternity Council at the college.

Mustangs lose to Grant Union in

By Bob Krein

On Thursday, May 24, the Heppner Mustangs played the Grant Union Prospectors in the first round of the state playoffs. This was the Mustangs' first state playoff game ever.

The Mustangs fell behind 1 to 0 early in the game but battled back to take a 2 to 1 lead after three innings of play.

The Mustangs scored in the se-

cond inning when Jason Britt scored on an RBI single by Jim Kindle, and again in the third when Doug Devin scored on a single by Brandon Pedro.

The score remained the same until the bottom of the seventh inning with two on and two outs, when Grant Union Prospector Fred Fell hit a third-run homerun to win the game for the Prospectors. The Mustangs ended the season with a 14 and 8 record.

Weddings



Hays — Hancock

Dorothy Arlene Hays of Heppner and Miles Dean Hancock of Ketchikan, Alaska, were married March 17, 1990, at the Church of the Nazarene in Pendleton. The Rev. Al Franks of Hermiston officiated.

Dorothy is the daughter of Mitchell I. Hays and Peggy Hays of Heppner. Miles is the son of Scott and Linda Hancock of Pendleton.

The bride wore a floor-length gown with a dropped waist and train of white satin with pearls and sequin trim. The gown was designed and made by the bride and her mother. The long veil was accented with a headpiece of pearls and silk flowers, made by the bride. She carried a bouquet of silk flowers in peach and white with silver leaves.

Maid of honor was Tammy Phillips of Pendleton. Bridesmaids were Jimmie Kay Thorn, Manhattan, Kansas; Peggy Tarvin, La Grande; and Hillary Myers, Pendleton. Krista Hancock of Ukiah was flower girl.

Best man was Don Brizendine of Lake Oswego. Groomsmen were Kone Hancock, Ukiah; Travis Hancock, Beaverton; and Mike Mather, San Jose, CA. Link River Ray of Klamath Falls was ring bearer.

The reception was held at the Let-er Buck Room at Pendleton.

The bride is a graduate of Heppner High School and attended Blue Mountain Community College. She is employed as a recreation foreman for the US Forest Service at Ketchikan.

The groom is a graduate of Pendleton High School and the University of Oregon. He is employed as an aviation helicopter foreman with the Forest Service in Ketchikan.

After a honeymoon trip to LaJolla, CA., the couple is at home at Ketchikan.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--Dorothy Burcham spent the Mother's Day weekend with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Burcham of Pendleton.

--Faye Ruhl and sister, Florence Gray, were honored for Mother's Day by her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Skip Ruhl in Hermiston.

--Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall have moved to Naches, Wa., where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kennedy have purchased the Marshall house.

--The Gayle Grays have purchased the Lee Padberg home and are moving there soon. Marlene Davidson, who lived in the house, has moved to Lone.

--Joyce Wojak of Pendleton was a caller at the C.C. Jones Ranch, Sunday evening.

--Truman Messenger and daughter, Betty Marquardt have returned home after a trip to the Hawaiian Islands where they visited Betty's daughter and family, Lolita and Clay Grace.

--Lexington Grange will meet on Monday evening for the regular meeting and initiation of four new members. The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served after the first two degrees. Following dinner will be the next two degrees and a short business meeting.

--Three Links Club met at the

home of Leila Palmer. The group voted to have a club potluck picnic in June on club day. This will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peck starting in the morning. Lunch will be at noon. All lodge members are invited to attend. The door prize was won by Dorothy Burcham. Lovely refreshments were served.

--Bill and Bonnie Klinger were recent callers in Lexington, enroute to their new home in Wyoming, where he will be in business.



by Mark Baggett

Squawfish Bounty Will Aid Salmon and Steelhead Survival

How many times have you heard yourself or someone with you grunt, "I wish I had a nickel for every squawfish I've caught."? If you fish the upper Columbia River to any extent, well, your wish could come true—at least for this summer.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, with funding from Bonneville Power Administration, is offering anglers not five cents, but \$1 for each squawfish they catch and turn in from the John Day Reservoir—that stretch of

the Columbia between the John Day and McNary dams.

The "cash for trash"-fish incentive is aimed at increasing salmon and steelhead smolt survival on the mainstream Columbia by reducing the young fish's number one predator. The department estimates that something near 200,000 northern squawfish inhabit the area and account for roughly 80 percent of smolt predation there. By reducing populations of larger squawfish by only 10 to 20 percent, officials claim, smolt predation losses could be cut by as much as 50 percent—the equivalent of about one million young salmon and steelhead.

To participate in the program, which started May 24 and runs through September 3, anglers must first check in at one of four registration sites from 6 to 10 a.m. Thursday through Sunday, and check out by 3 p.m. on any of those days. A voucher for \$1 along with a brief questionnaire will be issued for each squawfish 11 inches or longer. Registration sites are located at Port of Arlington; Umatilla Marina in Umatilla; LePage Park on the John Day River (exit 114); and at Plymouth on the Washington shore near McNary Dam.

According to Ron Boyce, ODFW Fish Division Staff Specialist, the reward program is still in the experimental stages and will be under careful scrutiny by the department for the remainder of the test period to determine its effectiveness.

"After this year, we'll have an idea on several things," Boyce said. "One, how well those three fisheries we are testing out there work, and secondly, what kind of participation we are getting for certain level of monetary reward. We'll start at \$1 and, if necessary, we can increase it to get the level of participation that is required to remove a set number of fish."

Boyce said that in addition to removing a percentage of the predators, participating anglers will contribute to smolt survival by providing the department with valuable information on how squawfish are best controlled with hook and line.

"You also have the learning element," he said. "They (anglers) will be able to teach us better ways to catch squawfish with different techniques that they might develop."

While the project is ultimately funded by rate payers of BPA, the possibility of selling the squawfish carcasses to byproducts processors is being explored to help recover costs.

This angling writer also sees the program as an excellent means of introducing youngsters to the thrill of fishing. Young anglers are rarely concerned with the type or quality of the fish they catch, as long as there are lots of them. And if you've run out of chores for the kids to earn a little extra scratch, a family trip to the Columbia could accomplish several ends—including a valuable hands-on lesson in fishery conservation.

And who knows? Reward or no, adults might find the experience a kick in the britches as well.

"If anything, it will be nice to develop an alternative sport fishery," says Tony Nigro, program leader for ODFW. "You know, if people enjoy catching them, then you're satisfying a recreational need. And a lot of the feedback that I've gotten from anglers is that they already catch 10 or 20 squawfish incidentally when they fish for walleye, so now they'll just keep them and it will pay for gas."

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