

Heppner diamondmen headed into district playoffs

The district baseball tournament will get underway Monday, May 20 at the Bob White field in Pendleton. Umatilla, the number one team in CBC, will play either Sherman or Wasco at noon. Heppner, going in

as the number two team will play either Sherman or Wasco around 2:30 p.m. Loser of that game is out. If Heppner wins they will play the loser of game one around 5 or 6 p.m.

Ione woman fulfills life-long derby dream

By Anne Morter

An Ione woman who dreamed all her life of spending her birthday at the Kentucky Derby had that wish come true earlier this month. Tamara "Tammy" Holtz was there in an official capacity, working as a groom for the Carl Nafzager Stable. Her stable did not have an entry in the Derby but had horses running in other races held that day at Churchill Downs. The Kentucky Derby fell on May 4 this year, which just happened to be Tamara's 27th birthday.

Tamara has been working with thoroughbreds for about three years and she has been with the Carl Nafzager Stable for 1 1/2 years. She is responsible for the overall care of three horses. One of those horses is none other than "Unbridled," last year's Kentucky Derby and Breeder's Cup winner. Tamara followed her life-long love for horses

to a stable management and horse training school in Indiana after a short, conventional college career. From there, she started work with a trainer in Kentucky. She started at the bottom of the stable ladder, working as a "hot walker" and eventually moving up to a groom.

Tamara and "Unbridled" are now in Baltimore, where "Unbridled" ran in the \$750,000 Pimlico Special on Saturday. The race was a rematch of last year's Preakness Stakes where Summer Squall upset Unbridled. The two horses were co-favorites in the race. After that race, Tamara and Unbridled will go to Chicago where they will spend most of the summer, with the exception of one quick jaunt to Hollywood Park in June.

Tamara is the daughter of Harold and Irene Holtz and a 1982 graduate of Ione High School.

Morrow County Historical Society makes annual trek

By Delpha Jones

Thirty-eight people joined with the Morrow County Historical Society for the three-day yearly outing. This trip, sponsored by the society each year, was taken on a Mid-Columbia bus. Leaving Heppner at 7 a.m., the group was joined along the way with passengers from Lexington, Ione and The Dalles.

The first stop was a wayside park where the group enjoyed a breakfast of fruit juice, coffee and sweet rolls, and a short relaxation. The next stop was the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, where they had a lovely five-course dinner, mostly foreign foods, served by the students there.

After several stops, the groups was received at the Wolf Creek Tavern, which is listed on the National Register. The original was believed to have been built in 1873 and was an inn for the stagecoach stopover. Jack London, the famous author, is rumored to have been one celebrity staying there. Others include Mary Pickford, Clark Gable and President Hayes.

After this evening the groups rested and visited at Mendel's Motel in Medford. Saturday morning after a bountiful breakfast, travelers started on a busy day for the Bend area. En route the group stopped for a bit and played in the snow and enjoyed some picture taking.

Jacksonville was a most interesting place with a fine museum and shops of great interest. This was in the gold country with a big history of gold mining.

Saturday evening the group spent the evening at the Touch O' Gold Motel. The surprise of the evening was a visit to the Pine Mountain Observatory 25 miles east of Bend and 6360 feet high. This is the

Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

Guess what cows, termites and rice paddies have in common? The answer is that they all give off methane gas, a product of natural biological activities. So what? Well, even though about 50 percent of the so-called global warming trend is blamed on carbon dioxide emissions, another 18 percent of that greenhouse effect is also caused by methane gas, scientists say.

Researchers spent thousands of dollars studying the termites in the Boola Boola Forest in Australia. (Fact, not fiction.) Fortunately cows aren't required to wear gas-filtering devices yet. Nor has there been a more practical effort at the federal level to push for the nationwide use of ethanol to cut carbon monoxide pollution that would also lower our dependency on oil.

The cattle industry gets hit from all sides. Animal rights activists are disturbed when livestock are raised in confinement and vegetarians would be happy if there were no critters to roam.

Environmentalists are proposing that all public land be "cattle free by '93" and people in arid places like Palm Springs think water should be reserved for aesthetic reasons like people pleasing man-made lakes.

Few people, except the ranchers that are affected, seem to be bothered by congregated herds of wildlife; particularly the protected so-called wild horses known for environmental damage. Animal rights people have prevented humane methods of reducing those herds in the most efficient way, but damage to riparian zones is targeted mainly at livestock herds.

Ranchers are criticized for giving antibiotics or additives to cattle to increase profitability and benefit animal health. But human drugs that cause side effects and birth control pills containing estrogen are O.K.

Now we have professionals from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Health saying that meat should be more of a garnish or flavoring rather than the main entree of a meal. And they have kicked off a lobbying campaign to convince the Department of Agriculture to change recommended food groups of meat, dairy, fruits and vegetables and breads and cereals to that of daily dietary consumption of whole grains, vegetables, legumes and fruit.

Physicians should use their knowledge confirmed only by research, to convince people that over-consumption of food is a health risk. Obesity contributes to heart problems and other illnesses. The consumption of sugar and fats is far too high, but a large portion of the daily fat intake comes from vegetable oils not solely from well-trimmed meat.

We're told that leaded water pipes can kill, that the soil is contaminated with herbicides, that pesticides are hazardous to humans and that the fouled air is our own undoing. However people seem to be living longer and enjoying better health than ever before.

Cattle provide leather tallow, many types of medicine and other by-products. The industry is one of the few non-subsidized agricultural commodities. And United States livestock producers compete against foreign imports and the free-trade market from Canada. These animals consume crops and by-products not suitable for human use as well as grazing land unsuitable for cropping.

But urban dwellers seem to think that all rural America should be a giant playground for recreational purposes. So perhaps instead of thinking about economic development we should push towards turning the West into a tourist attraction—such as dude ranches and frontier towns. If the proposed measures brought about by the endangered species act are implemented it could help push us back into the past century.

If the drought years continue, be sure and pack up your old canteen. And then you can lay back and listen to the coyotes howl as tourists enjoy a catered bean barbecue by a roaring briquette campfire as the sound of jingling spurs and mooing cattle disappear from the western scene.

Perhaps that's the type of problem-solving scenario envisioned in the minds of educated people living in high-rises in the heart of our big cities. So it's a good thing that the Oregon Cattlemen's Association is helping develop a Portland museum called "Cowboys Then and Now" as the future of the cattle industry looks a little "iffy."

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St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



St. Patrick's Senior Center had a good crowd Wed. May 8 at their noon luncheon. There were 114 dinners served and seven take outs. The menu on May 22 will be chicken rice casserole, peas and carrots, apple-raisin salad, rolls and pudding. The Baptist Church will serve the dinner.

The quilters have decided on a quilt to make. They meet on Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Exercise class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-10:30 a.m. Hobby time is Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Barbara and Ralph Struthers have gone on vacation and will be missed.

The senior bus is going to Hermiston, Thurs., May 16 and will leave at 10:15 a.m.

The Senior Center activities committee has been busy planning a going away party for Vojean and Seth Forquer to be held Sunday, May 19, 2 p.m. The community has appreciated their work and support throughout the years. They will be missed. Friends and relatives are welcome to stop by and wish them well.

Hope-Valby to celebrate Pentecost

It's Pentecost, the birthday of the church. It is the day we mark the beginning of the Christian Church movement from the sacred city of Jerusalem to the known world. It is a day to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the hearts and minds of the followers of Jesus.

The congregation of Valby Lutheran church will celebrate the day of Pentecost at 9 a.m. with a service of Holy Communion and a public reaffirmation of Kyle Carlson's baptism. Kyle is the son of Phil and Kathy Carlson. Sunday school will begin at 8:15 a.m. This will be the last Sunday of Sunday school until the fall.

Sunday school at Hope Lutheran Church will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by service of Holy Communion at 11 a.m. There will be special recognition of graduating seniors, Doug Devin, Jim Holtz, Rachel Hoobing and Rick Osmen. Following service Hope youth will have a special outing at the park with games and other activities.

"Like a Mighty River" will be pastor Hoobing's theme at both services.

Lex Grange to meet

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange will meet for the regular meeting Monday, May 20. The program will be slides and talk by Russell Morgan of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on introducing big horn sheep into Oregon and especially into this area.

The meeting will start with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30. The public is invited to the dinner and program. A business meeting will follow.

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