

WCCC holds barbecue and playday

A family barbecue and play day will be held at Willow Creek Country Club Monday, May 27, at 4 p.m. Hosts for the afternoon are Earl and Carol Norris, chairmen; Wayland and Pat Hyatt, Elynn

Pat Bell, and Dave and Coral Mitchell. Each family will bring their own meat to barbecue. Those whose names begin with A through I should bring desert; J through Z should bring salad.

Mustangs advance in playoffs

By Jim Kindle
The Heppner Mustangs pulled out a 7-6 victory against Wasco County in the first round of district 2A baseball playoffs Monday, May 20 at the Bob White field in Pendleton. Jim Kindle picked up the win on the mound and Bob Krein and Kindle each had two hits. Kindle had a solo home run in four innings to put the Mustangs up by two. Doug Devin, Sam Sumner, Scott Coe, Jason Britt and Cory Grabeel each had hits on the day. Kindle led the team with four RBI's. This was an important win for the Mustangs as it was closer out. The victory gave the third ranked Mustangs a second game which pitted them against the Umatilla Vik-

ings. The Vikings, number one in the east division lost to Sherman County earlier in the day. The Vikings had beaten the Mustangs three times in earlier matches. The Mustangs started off with Kindle on the mound. Heppner scored two runs off the Vikings in the first inning to quiet them down for awhile. Kindle got tired in the third inning and was replaced by sophomore Scott Coe. Coe finished the game to win 5-3. Coe also had an impressive game at the plate, batting 3-4. The Mustangs advance to regionals and play the number one ranked Grant Union Prospectors for the second year in a row in John Day on Friday, May 24 at 4 p.m.

Ione athletes stopped at state



L-R: Mac Lovett, Gabe Garcia, David Wagenblast, Mike Garrett and Jannie Cupps.

By Anne Morter
Ione athletes failed to qualify at their respective state competitions held over the weekend. Nancy Morter, competing in the opening rounds of the state tennis tournament, fell to Mizuho Nomura of Beaverton High School, 6-1, 6-0. Coach Cathy McCabe said that Nancy played well but Nomura had undoubtedly spent more time on the tennis court. Beaverton is a Class 4A school. The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) does not

hold separate tournaments for each classification of school. At the Class 2A State Track Meet, Coach Del LaRue's tracksters encountered pouring rain and chilly temperatures in the 40 degree range. The 1600-relay team of Gabe Garcia, Mike Garrett, Ryan Halverson and Mac Lovett, and Jannie Cupps in the 300 hurdles and the high jump failed to qualify for Saturday's finals.

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IUCC service time changed

Sunday church services at the Ione United Church of Christ have been changed from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. for the summer. There will be no Sunday school until fall.

Vacation Bible School at IUCC will be held the week of June 17-21.

Arts and crafts club to meet

The Morrow County Arts and Crafts Club will meet at Kate's Pizzeria Tuesday, May 28, at 5:30 p.m. for a no-host dinner. The meeting

will begin at 6 p.m. Pat Grauer of Hermiston will explain using oils, pastels and watercolor on the new "Dream" canvas. Visitors are welcome.

Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

Like the lively blue jays and the scampering squirrels, Morrow County sixth graders live it up at the annual outdoor school held at Tupper Guard Station each year.

But the escape from classrooms is a fun-filled learning experience that has to be observed to be appreciated. The dedication of a few teachers hurrying to teach lifetime skills and environmental awareness is much like chipmunks scurrying to gather a wintertime food supply.

Just as that chipmunk depends on stored food sources, basic survival skills learned by students at camp could be a life-saving resource in these students' lives.

Every day there are stories about natural disasters, isolated accidents or people lost in remote areas; but we all seem to think those things happen only to other people. However, simple precautions, such as these students learned, could avert a disaster.

People seldom think about being self-sufficient at times. But simple provisions in a vehicle could alleviate even minor discomforts if one is stranded. Though we live in a rural area, many folks don't even know how to change a car tire. And it takes little space in a vehicle to carry a jug of water, a flashlight, matches, staples or candy bars, a warm blanket or a piece of plastic.

Do many people know what plants are edible? Or how many people know the differences in tree species? I'll bet these kids remember. And they also will know if available water can be made safe to drink.

Can you make a fishing pole with a willow stick and safety pins? These youngsters did, and they proved that those poles work. And while their survival shelters were flimsy due to lack of time, they kept the basic fundamentals in mind. And given time, I'd wager on their construction of more stable shelters. For instance, using only resources at hand, twisted moss strands to tie plastic to limbs was an ingenious idea.

Outdoor recreation is increasing by leaps and bounds. But this society is so convenience-oriented that we neglect to consider the consequences when modern technology fails us.

I would be willing to wager that these students who attended this outdoor school won't be people who randomly dump garbage or deliberately destroy the environment. It's unfortunate that big city youngsters don't have the opportunity to learn more about man's interdependency on our natural resources and also to learn that the environment can be protected while making the most of renewable resources.

A lot of credit for this learning experience goes to Don Coie, who initiated this program here 16 years ago. There is also much input into the program by the teachers, who design the courses and are willing to implement them. It also takes high school students willing to serve as counselors to assist these large student groups. Good job!

Hughes earns degree

Jennifer Hughes, daughter of Gail Hughes of Heppner and the late Allen Hughes, will receive an AAS degree in nursing at the Linn-Benton Community College's 1991 graduation ceremonies.

The ceremonies will be held June 6 at 7 p.m. at the LBCC activity center.

Cubs hold derby

Cub Scout Pack 661 held it's annual Pine Wood Derby April 26, 1991. Top three winners in each Den were as follows:

Tigers: first-Bradley Bowman; second-Aaron Stillman; third-Haakin Lundin.

Wolves: first-Cory Breeding; second-Brandon Young; third-Scott VanWinkle.

Bears: first-Cory Miller; second-Jake Roy; third-Justin Nelson.

Webeles: first-Royal Robinson; second-Travis Winters; third-Jared Eckman.

Overall pack race between the first place winners of each den were: first-Cory Miller; second-Royal Robinson; third-Cory Breeding.

The top three winners in each den except the Tigers advanced to the district Pine Wood Derby held in Pendleton on May 11. Jake Roy, Brandon Young, Cory Miller, Cory Breeding and Justin Nelson all competed. Brandon Young placed third for the Wolves.

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Math contest winners announced

Marie Tworek, an Ione seventh grader and Glen Moultrie, a Columbia Junior High eighth grader, won the 1991 Morrow County School District Junior High School contest held recently at Columbia Jr. High. The two winners received a plaque and a blue ribbon.

Other winners were:
Seventh grade: second-Jenna Richards, third-Ruth Moultrie, fourth-Shanna Tallman, all from Columbia; fifth-Tina Kemp, Heppner; sixth-Kevin Casey, Irrigon; seventh-Phillip SpicerKuhn, Heppner and Jason Brown, Columbia; eighth-Donnie Pointer, Heppner; ninth Jaime Juarez and Chris Huxoll, both Columbia and 10th-Melissa McElligott, Ione.

Eighth grade winners were: second-Ethan Burnside, third-Mark Moeller, fourth-Dani Hill all Heppner; fifth-Tammy Nolan, Ione; sixth-Jenny Krein, Heppner; seventh-Ahna Lietke, eighth-Ethan Maffey and Brent Payne, ninth-Kristie Killingbeck, all Columbia and tenth-John Qualls, Heppner.

Spring music program Friday

The Kindergarten through fourth grade spring musical program will be held Friday, May 24, at 1 p.m. at Heppner Junior High School. "Everyone is invited," said the director Kitty Bredemeier. "The little ones will be able to go home right after the program." "There will be a variety of music, including a number of patriotic tunes," she added.