

Football practice starts

The Heppner Mustangs will begin daily doubles football practice next Monday, August 24, Head Coach Gregg Grant has announced.

The first practice of the day will be at 6:30 a.m. every day of the week, and the second practice will be at 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 4 p.m. Wed., Thurs. and Fri.

Those boys going out for high school football can pick up their gear this Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 19 and 20 between 6 and 8 p.m., or after practice Monday at the high school.

Proceeds from the recently completed football camp will go back into football programs at the two area high schools, camp organizer and Heppner Head Coach Gregg Grant said this

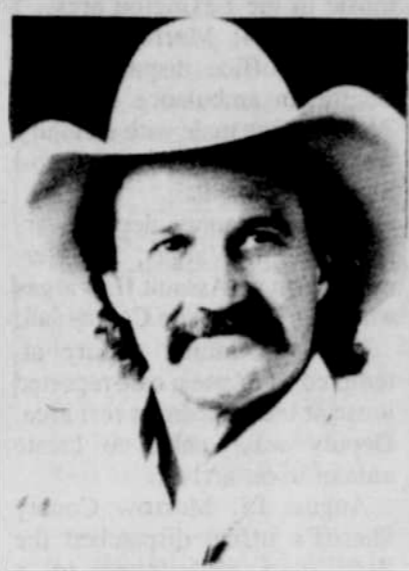
week.

The camp, which attracted 77 youngsters ages seventh through 12 grade, to a week of drills and conditioning, lasted all of last week and was a good tune-up for the start of regular practice next week, Grant said. "It was a really successful week. We did drills and practiced fundamentals."

Cost of the camp was \$20. Each participant received a T-shirt and all money left was put back into the football programs at Ione and Heppner schools, Grant said.

Coaches helping with the camp were: Head Ione Coach Gregg Rietmann; Asst. Ione coaches Del LaRue, Robin Graff and Dean Robinson; Heppner Head Coach Gregg Grant, and assistants Les Payne, Dave Gunderson, Bill Ewing and Jess Osmin.

Tallman featured announcer



Bob Tallman

Bob Tallman of Baker City is the announcer at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo this year. He is a featured television announcer at the National Finals Rodeo and is one of the most sought after announcers in the nation. Tallman is also the host of "The American Farmer" radio program, heard nationally on more than 500 radio stations.

Tallman announced his sixth National Finals Rodeo in 1991, a job he loves, but also considers one of his "toughest gigs."

Tallman is an expert who knows just what members of a rodeo crowd want. "They didn't come to be educated," he said. "They came to be entertained."

"Tallman is a dedicated professional, and a true showman, decked out in brightly colored Western garb, with his trademark walrus mustache and resonant voice," said a rodeo spokesperson.

Tallman, an announcer for 18 years, is always in high demand because of his uncanny ability to excite and involve his audiences.

Japanese exchange students enjoy U.S.



Exchange student (clockwise) Kazushige Yamaguchi, Phillip Spicerkuhn, Kazuo Matsuura, Tim and Sam Sumner, Ethan Burnside, Cindy Sumner, Goro Tokiwa and Paula Spicerkuhn.

Four teenagers, a long, long way from home, are taking their adventure to America in stride.

The boys, all from Japan, came to Heppner on the international 4-H exchange program. During their month-long stay, the boys live with area families and soak up all the American culture that they can. And they seem to be loving it.

Sixteen-year-old Goro Tokiwa, is staying with Charlie and Cindy Sumner and children, Sam, Jessica and Tim, in Lexington. Goro lives in the city of Kanagawa with his 18-year-old brother, his mother Haruko, who is a teacher, and his father Shingo, who is a computer engineer. Since he came to the U.S. Goro has ridden on a combine, waterskied, picnicked at Cutsforth Park, swam at the Ione pool, played at Oasis waterslide in the Tri-Cities, and toured the Morrow County Museum, Heppner High School and the dam. Plans are to tour Kinzua and take in the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

Goro says that the prices in America are much cheaper than in Japan. He says that he has really noticed another difference between the two cultures—Americans don't take their shoes off in the house. He says he likes American food, especially Skittles candy, but finds the idea of putting milk on rice pretty disgusting. Cindy Sumner said that Goro cooked them a Japanese dinner on their anniversary.

Very appreciative of everything, Goro says he has had a lot of fun. He does, however, miss his girl friend back home.

Kazushige Yamaguchi, 15, of Nagasaki, has been staying with Laura and Tom McElligott and their children, Ethan, Daniel and Brian Burnside and Robert, Brendan and Katherine McElligott. Accustomed to a large family, Kazushige lives with his 12-year-old brother, three sisters, 19, 17, and five, his mother Rumiko, who is a homemaker, and father

Hachiro, who is a judicial scribe. (perhaps a court reporter or a law clerk in the U.S.?)

Kazushige says he "likes everything about America, especially American sports. He says he enjoys playing tennis in Japan. During his stay, Kazushige has been to Spokane and Seattle, where he saw the Space Needle, has ridden in a boat and has been able to play basketball. He says his favorite American food is tacos. He plans on cooking a Japanese dinner for the McElligott clan. Kazushige says he is very happy about his trip to the U.S., but does miss his parents.

One of Kazushige's sisters also participated in the exchange program earlier.

Hosts for Kazuo Matsuura of Hyogo are Bill Kuhn and Ann Spicer, and their children Phillip and Paula Spicerkuhn of Heppner. The youngest of the four exchange students, 13-year-old Kazuo lives with his brother, mother Michiko, a homemaker, and father Ichiro, a metal worker.

Kazuo says he enjoys music and especially likes playing the clarinet. He has traveled with his host family to Yakima, where he was able to visit an Indian cultural center, and has been to Oasis water slides in the Tri-Cities and to McNary Dam.

All three boys wear uniforms to school. Goro attends a high school with around 2,000 students, Kazushige attends a junior high school with around 1,000 students and Kazuo attends a junior high with around 800 students.

A fourth Japanese student, Seiya Tagami, is living with the Terri Benetto family in Condon. Seiya lives with his mother, a beauty parlor owner in Kumamoto. He enjoys Kendo (a Japanese sports in which bamboo swords are used), softball, fishing, making plastic models and painting pictures. He also enjoys art in school.

Joyce Hughes is local coordinator for the program.

Red Bandana band to play at dance

The Red Bandana Band, a five-man country western group from Portland, will provide entertainment at this year's Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Saturday, Aug. 22 at 9 p.m.

The band has played at the

Portland Rose Festival and the Red Lion in Pendleton among many others. "So bring the family to the rodeo arena for some good music and dancing," said a rodeo spokesperson.

Still time to enter parade

There is still time to enter the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade this Saturday, parade chairman Brian Traylor said this week.

Traylor said anyone wishing to

enter may call him at 676-9128 or 676-9405, or just show up at Green Feed store in Heppner Saturday morning at 9 a.m. "We still need entries," Traylor said.

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Jane and Gary Richards, Lexington, have returned home after a trip to Cambridge, Idaho, where Jane was reunited with two sisters and two brothers. As children Jane and her siblings had been adopted by different families. The efforts of their brother, Roger Brotherton of

Tillamook, brought the family together again. Sister Nancy Kovac is from Shreveport, Louisiana. Sue Harrison is from Seattle, WA. and her brother Rick Yancy is from Boise, ID. Jane Richards was adopted by her cousin Grace and Vern Leathers.

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