

Heppner dominates all star picks

Heppner dominated the east half of the CBC district 7A-AA baseball all stars announced Monday, May 23. Six Mustangs were named to the first team and three were named to the honorable mention. The all stars are nominated by all the coaches.

Senior Jerad Wicklund was named as pitcher, seniors Rick Koffler first base, Sam Sumner catcher, Kevin Payne and juniors Chris Dickenson infield and Trent Hughes outfield.

Honorable mention picks were senior Jim Tellechea, infield, junior Jon Hanna, designated hitter and sophomore Rod Zumwalt, outfield.

Others named were: first team pitcher, Shawn Tracy, jr., Umatilla; designated hitter, Kyle Fredrickson, freshman, Umatilla; outfield Chris Humphreys, jr. Pilot Rock; and utility, Tyler Fredrickson, sr., Umatilla.

Honorable mention included pitcher Brandon Dames, jr., Pilot Rock; first base, Casey Perkins, so., Pilot Rock; infield, Phil Allen, sr., Umatilla and David Ellis, so., Pilot Rock; catcher, Glenn Stillman, so., Pilot Rock; outfield Steve Keitz, sr., Stanfield and Ryan Simpson, jr. Pilot Rock; and utility, Pete Meek, sr., Weston-McEwen.

Carl Lauritsen receives certification



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Carl Lauritsen, Morrow County Emergency Medical Services coordinator, recently received his paramedic licensure from the Oregon Health Division.

Paramedic is the highest level of emergency medical certification in the state of Oregon. Lauritsen was previously certified as an EMT III. This upgrade allows Lauritsen to provide additional advanced trauma care to victims of a medical emergency. He passed a written exam and completed further training in psychiatric, geriatric, and pediatric life support as a certification requirement.

"Availability of paramedic level services will provide a much needed resource to help assure that Morrow County EMS program is meeting the needs of our residents," says Sheridan Tarnasky, trauma coordinator for Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Lauritsen is the first Morrow County EMS staff member to achieve paramedic status. He has been providing emergency medical services in Morrow County since 1981. As the county's EMS coordinator, Lauritsen's duties require him to ensure that all county pre-hospital medical services comply with state requirements. He also provides advanced life support services throughout Morrow County.



First team all star picks l-r: Trent Hughes, Jerad Wicklund, Chris Dickenson, Sam Sumner, Kevin Payne, Rick Koffler.



Honorable mention picks l-r: Rod Zumwalt, Jon Hanna, Jim Tellechea.

Mustangs still district champions

Same song, different dance as the Heppner Mustangs defended their district championship title Monday, May 23 in Hood River beating the Wahtonka Eagles 3-2.

Sam Sumner hit a dinger home run in the sixth inning to give the Mustangs the go ahead winning run in the district tournament championship game.

Heppner pitcher Jerad Wicklund struck out six and walked two Eagles for an outstanding performance on the mound.

The Mustangs took a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Junior Trent Hughes singled to right field and moved around the bases off a hit by Chad Skroch and a passed ball. Jon Hanna sacrificed and sent Hughes home. Skroch scored when sophomore Rod Zumwalt stole second and Wahtonka bobbled the attempt to put Zumwalt out.

Schneidt got on base in the fourth inning, for the Eagles first time on base for the day, off a Mustang error. Sam Evans followed with a single but the Mustangs defense went to work throwing Schneidt out at third, putting Foster on base with a fielders choice and throwing the next two batters out at first.

Evans again got on base again in the sixth inning, this time off a Mustang error when Kevin Payne, who played excellent defense stopping some bad hops, slipped and hit his head over-throwing the ball to first. The next two batters for the Eagles walked and K'd and Harmon got on off another Mustang error, sending both runners in.

Wicklund allowed only three hits for the Eagles on the day.

Good defensive play by the Mustangs held Wahtonka in the seventh for their second district championship victory in as many years.

Schneidt held the Mustangs to just five hits, striking out seven. Hughes was 3-3 at the plate while Sumner had two hits, including his home run.

The Mustangs play at home Friday, May 27 at 4:30 p.m. They face Elgin, District 8 runner-up.

The Mustangs beat the Huskies in a pre-season double header 2-1 and 11-5.



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Jim Tellechea gets ready to get this guy out at third.

Voegeding competes in state tennis tournament

By Anne Morter

Thomas Voegeding added another memorable experience to his year as an exchange student in Ione last weekend when he competed for Ione in the State Tennis Tournament in Roseburg. By virtue of his third place finish at the district tournament, Thomas advanced to the State 1A-2A-3A tourney. The tennis players were tough and Voegeding was eliminated in the

first round by Jeff Ford of The Dalles. Ford's game over powered Voegeding, who never had a chance to find his rhythm, defeating him 6-0, 6-0.

Thomas also got one other unofficial match, losing to Jaime Rameriz of Umatilla, 3-8.

"The whole experience was good," said Ione tennis coach, Jim Raible. "Just to be down there will all that tennis talent was overwhelming," he added.

Coordinating council to meet

The Heppner Coordinating Council is currently meeting weekly to work on updating the Heppner Strategic Plan. The next council meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. May 30 in the GEODC office.

The council has reformulated the strategic plan with seven major goals as follows:

- create opportunities for business development resulting in full time living wage jobs; retain existing employment; develop infrastructure to attract new employment and residents; increase and improve housing; increase and improve lodging accommodations; develop and maintain accurate community information; enhance community appearance and livability.

The council is now working on the strategies and action plans that support the achievement of goals.

The original Heppner strategic plan was developed by the Hepp-

ner Vision 2000 committee in 1991.

The Heppner Coordinating Council and the Heppner Economic Development Corporation have scheduled a joint meeting for Wednesday, June 1 at 8 a.m. to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each organization in regard to building the economic health, unity and progress of the Heppner community.



McElligott lead Cards to second

By Anne Morter

The Ione lady Cardinals came within two points of the State Track Championship last weekend May 21 held at Western Oregon State College in Monmouth. In down-to-the-wire scoring, St. Paul finished second in the mile relay to the Cardinal's sixth to take the hotly contested title. Melissa McElligott, competing with a sore hamstring, won the 100 and the triple jump, setting a new state record in the triple jump. Jamie Lovett repeated as champion in the discus, also setting a new state record.

In addition to her two wins, McElligott paced the Cardinals with a second place finish in the 200 in 27.43 and fourth in the long jump with a jump of 15'3/4".

Lovett set a new personal best on the road to her state record in the discus. Sitting in second place with one throw remaining, she popped a throw of 117'7" to win the event. She also finished sixth in the shot with a throw of 30'8".

April Taylor was fourth in the 1500 in 5:21.24 and sixth in the javelin with a throw of 98'1".

Becky Wagenblast placed sixth in the high jump at 4'7" and seventh in the 800 in 2:44.8.

Kim Bedortha was seventh in the high jump 4'2" and the 3000, 12:53.7.

Lyndee Minster was eighth in the 1500 in 5:53.8.

The boys' team finished eighth in the team standings with 33 points. Lars Krecting led the way, setting a new state record in the high jump at 6'6" but placing second on the basis of more misses. He grabbed a third in the pole vault at 10'8" and fifth in the javelin with a throw of 153'3".

Jared Ashbeck sped to third place in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 16.75.

Jim Logan placed fifth in the 400 meters in 52.51.

Rob Crum was seventh in the 3000 with a time of 10:26, a personal best by 14 second. Jacob Taylor also improved his time in the 800, running 2:07.5 for seventh place.

The 400 relay team of Gregg Holtz, Jake Bacon, Ashbeck and Joe Bacon finished eighth with a time of 47.28.

"Everybody did a good job," said coach Del LaRue of his teams' efforts at the state meet. "All of our kids improved. We had some great efforts even though they didn't place," he added.

Aaron Heideman named to east-west Shrine football first team

Aaron Heideman, a tackle from Ione High School, has been moved from alternate status into the starting lineup of the East-West All-Star Shrine Football game in Baker City. The change was due to vacancies in the first team lineup.

The Shrine East-West Football Game will be played at Bulldog Stadium August 13. This event is rated in the top five in North America for their contributions to the support of Shriners Crippled Childrens Hospitals. This is the world's largest philanthropy where any child can receive treatment for orthopedic or burn disorders. The Shriners make no distinction as to race, creed or national origin.



Aaron Heideman

This program is made possible by the support of Oregonians throughout the state along with talents of fine young athletes who give generously of their time and energies, said a spokesperson.

Rick Koffler, Heppner, was named earlier to the team.

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