

## Cub Scouts race pinewood derbys

The Cub Scout Pack 661 held their annual pinewood derby race Sunday, April 9 at the Elks club in Heppner. Overall winner was Riley Wight from the Tiger Cubs. Wight earned the

top spot by downing Brian Haguewood in two heats at the end of the races and earns a chance to go to the district race in Pendleton April 22.



Tiger Cub winners l-r: first Riley Wight, second James Van Liew, third Sloan Keithley.



Wolves l-r: first Ryan Campbell, second Aaron DeWeaux, third Tyler Boyer.



Bears l-r: first Brian Haguewood, second Kiel Nairns, third Matt Young.



Weblos l-r: first Robert Whalen, second Samuel VanLiew, third Frankie Ledford.



Brian Haguewood (front) gets set to race Kiel Nairns with the help of Hal Bergstrom and Bruce Young (back).

## Former Heppner girl featured

The following article was reprinted from the Tri-City Herald, Feb. 14. Melissa Pettyjohn was a former Heppner resident. She is the daughter of Larry and Kerry Pettyjohn of Burbank, WA. and the granddaughter of the late Howard and Jo Pettyjohn, Heppner.

Accomplishment, the great feeling of achievement experienced when hard work has paid off.

Melissa Pettyjohn enjoys that feeling every time she takes a step.

You see, it was a year ago Sunday that the Burbank senior suffered a major knee injury during the last regular season basketball game of her junior season. Pettyjohn, 18, knew the road to recovery would be long and hard, but she never expected to go through what she did.

"I began to tell myself, I can't do this anymore," Pettyjohn said as she recalled spending three hours a day for months at a physical therapist trying to straighten her reconstructed knee. "My knee went to a certain spot and then wouldn't budge. I began to hyperventilate because of the pain. It was mentally and physically draining."

In between six knee operations and a staph infection that kept her in the hospital for six days, Pettyjohn spent months with a physical therapist last summer trying to regain full motion in her right knee.

Three of the surgeries were performed for the sole purpose of trying to straighten her leg. Twice she underwent arthroscopic surgery to clean out scar tissue.

But through all the pain and long hours at the hospital, Pettyjohn stayed focused on playing basketball her senior year.

"Driving me the whole time was the idea of playing basketball again," she said. "I knew I wouldn't be ready for volleyball in the fall, but I started hanging out at the volleyball practices, just walking around setting the ball. I couldn't stay away completely."

Most importantly, Pettyjohn kept her grades up. Since the injury, she has earned nothing but straight A's and is valedictorian of her class.

On Oct. 11, 1994, she underwent her sixth and final surgery to remove more scar tissue and one of the two screws in her knee.

Three weeks later, around the first of November, Pettyjohn and her father, Larry, went over to the Burbank middle school gym. When her dad wasn't watching, Pettyjohn took off running down the court.

"I felt like a kid taking his first step," Pettyjohn said. "It was the first time I had run in almost a year."

Her father was amazed.

## Apply early for controlled hunt

As of April 1, only about 58,000 of an expected 275,000 hunters had applied for antelope, bighorn sheep, deer and elk controlled hunt tags under the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's new "Point of Sale" (POS) licensing system.

"The new system is working well and we are reminding hunters that applying early is the best way to avoid long lines and potential last minute problems," said ODFW license sales coordinator Pat Jernberg.

The new system logs controlled hunt applications directly on to computer, speeding the application process up. Because of the speed of the new system, ODFW was able to move the controlled hunt deadline from early April to May 15 this year, giving hunters an extra month to apply.

Hunters and anglers can still purchase licenses and general season tags at all license agents

"We were thinking maybe she could start playing (basketball) by mid-season," he said. "She played a little on it there and after that said it felt great."

Equally in awe was Pettyjohn's coach, Jerry Washburn.

"It was looking pretty slim that she'd play this year," Washburn said. "But she never gave up. She loves to play basketball no matter what, so she stuck with it. She made up her mind she was going to play."

When basketball practice began, Pettyjohn participated in every drill.

"She came home the first night and said, 'every part of my body hurts except my knee,'" said her father, laughing.

Pettyjohn's parents purchased an \$800 custom-fit knee brace, and even though her doctor said she didn't need to wear it because of the strength of the scar tissue, just knowing something was there to hold her knee together was necessary.

Playing with the brace, Pettyjohn went on to lead the league in scoring for the first couple of weeks. She used it through half of the season, until the day it was stolen.

Pettyjohn finished the season with a cheaper neoprene brace, and finished third in league with a 15.1 scoring average as well as shooting 84 percent from the free-throw line. She turned in 17 and 19 point performances in her last two games this past weekend.

"It turned out to be my best season ever," Pettyjohn said with a smile. "I remember during the year I'd make a move and then I'd say to myself, 'I can't believe I just did that on my knee.'"

Unfortunately, the Coyotes didn't qualify for the district tournament, but Pettyjohn is looking ahead to softball season.

And after softball, Pettyjohn said she will have one more operation to try and straighten her leg out completely.

"Right now, I can't straighten it all the way or bend it back all the way," she said. "I can't sit Indian style and I can't squat."

The Pettyjohns also had to cancel their trip to Disneyland, the vacation they were planning for spring break, because Pettyjohn can't stand in line for hours on legs that aren't the same length.

But Pettyjohn insists it's all worth it.

"It would've crushed me if I couldn't have played again," said Pettyjohn, who is planning on attending Eastern Washington University next fall.

"To have six knee surgeries, and to accomplish all this after the tortures, I know now that I can make it through anything."

## BMCC lists honor students

Fifty-four students received a perfect 4. grade point average during winter term at Blue Mountain Community College. This reflects a straight A report in all courses taken by the student.

Fifty-six students qualified for the President's list by attaining a GPA of 3.85 or higher. One hundred forty-nine students qualified for the Dean's list by receiving a GPA of 3.4 to 3.85 and 157 students qualified for the honor roll by receiving a GPA of 3.0 to 3.39.

To earn a position on any of the three lists, a student must have carried a fulltime load of classes, which translates to 12 graded credit hours. Students may not have received an F in any class to be so honored. A pass grade does not count toward the 12 graded hours necessary to be included on the lists.

Following are students who qualified:

President's list: Heppner-Chris Cookston, James Gavin, Lori Straley; Lexington-Daniel Lindsay; Lone-Crystal Minster; Irrigon-Teresa Sandlin.

Dean's list: Boardman-Jason Sheadel, Stacie Bates, Elizabeth Palmer, Mary Sayles, Naomi Swann; Heppner-Nola Binschus, Dwayne Dunaway, Erin Fishburn; Lexington-Joe Lindsay; Lone-Chisana Warren, Aaron Heideman, Heidi Orem; Irrigon-Wendy Brown, Kimberly Burke, James Lunders.

Honor roll: Boardman-Roberta Cochell, Amanda Gilbertson, Ty Lappen, Carolyn Skoubo; Heppner-Terry Chinen, Austin Coiner; Lexington-Ryan Munkers; Lone-Lance Marvin, Bryan Basford, Kristine Bedortha, April Taylor; Irrigon-Susan McDonald, Joe Stanger, Brandon Suchy.

## BMCC classes still available

Blue Mountain Community College spring term classes are underway with several selections still available.

A limited number of spaces are available in the quilting class taught by Pam Worden. Classes began April 3. students have a choice of three patterns, Monkey Wrench, Ohio Star and Bear Paw, each with a varying degree of difficulty. The class meets Monday from 6-9 p.m. at the Heppner High School home ec room. Tuition is \$35.

Microsoft Works Overview will be on the agenda for beginning computer buffs. Class will be Saturday, April 22 from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. and will cover the "works" package of software which includes word processing, database, spreadsheet and communications package. Pre-registration is required since minimum enrollment must be met to hold the class. Tuition is \$42.

Several employment skills workshops will be offered in May including business etiquette, interviewing, negotiating 101 and managing conflict. Call Anne Morter, Morrow County coordinator, 422-7040, for a brochure on times and dates. To register or for more information on any classes call Morter.

## Norris not seeking re-election

Representative Chuck Norris (R-Hermiston) has announced he will not seek re-election for a sixth term in the Oregon House of Representatives. Norris said that it's simply time for a change for both District 57 and for him and his wife, Betty Lou.

Norris said that his decision was made some time ago and that he will continue to give his full attention and best effort to his responsibilities to serve District 57 and the state of Oregon.

## WCCC Golf

### Ladies Day April 11

Low gross of the field: Anita Boyer 39.

Flight A: low gross-Pat Edmundson 42; low net-Luvilla Sonstegard 30; least putts-Neoma Bailey 15; Chip in-Luvilla Sonstegard 11.

Flight B: low gross-Bernice Lott and Karen Wildman 49; low net-Suzanne Jepsen 34; least putts-Karen Thompson 20; K.P.-Bernice Lott #13.

Flight C: low gross-Joyce Dinkins 53; low net-Lorene Montgomery 40.

Men's 27 Hole Shootout

Nine hole chapman winners: low gross Sonstegard-Pearson 32; low net Paustian-Bailey 23.

Nine hole scramble: low gross Munkers-Bowman 28; low net Harer-Jones 23.

Nine hole scotch: low gross Edmundson-Edmundson 33; low net Reid-Sturgeon 21.

Overall standings: low gross-first Bowman-Munkers 96, second Fishburn-Green 99, third McCabe-Grant and Edmundson-Edmundson 100.

Low net: first Nairns-Bedortha 73, second Paustian-Bailey 74, third Sonstegard-Pearson 76.

Long drive: John McCabe; K.P.-Earl Fishburn.

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Joy Krein's second grade class at Heppner Elementary School presented a doll they made by hand to their helper/volunteer Barbara Struthers. The kids wanted to show their appreciation to Struthers who has worked in the classroom for many years.

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