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OWGL fall workshop slated

The 1996 fall workshop of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) has been scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Cousins' Restaurant in The Dalles. The workshop will begin at 8 a.m. and is open to all OWGL members.

Five major topics are highlighted in the workshop. Following presentations from speakers on these subjects, participants will have an opportunity to recommend changes in OWGL resolutions and have input on OWGL legislative goals for 1997.

Leading the program is a panel on grain warehouse bonding and licensing requirements. Bob Hawkes from the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, Dave Sparrow from the Idaho Dept. of Agriculture and Dave Richelderfer from Pendleton Flour Mills will participate in this panel.

Dr. Guillermo Fuentes Davila from the CIMMYT research

program in Mexico will speak on and summarize the scientific knowledge on karnal bunt. He is an internationally known expert on this wheat pathogen, which has recently become an interest to Oregon wheat producers.

Other participants in the program include Brent Lake of Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development, speaking on land use planning, and Mike Krueger of MK Commodities, presenting a market update and a preview of a marketing competition to be held at the fall OWGL convention. Bob Graham, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Farm Service Agency executive director Jack Sainsbury will also give a report on conservation rules from USDA.

Oregon producers are urged to attend the workshop. Attendees may reserve a complimentary lunch by calling the OWGL office at 276-7330.

OTPR Committee to meet Sept. 5

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee will hold a wrap-up meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Preschool registration set

Heppner Daycare Preschool registration for the 1996-97 school year will be held through Thursday, Aug. 30 for any child who has turned three of four before Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Registration is limited, with only six openings in the four-year-old class and three openings in the three-year-old class available. Classes for three-year-olds will begin Wednesday, Sept. 11 and will be held Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 a month.

Classes for four-year-olds will begin Tuesday, Sept. 10, and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$50 a month.

Teachers are Sue Norton and LaRae Kindle.

Community calendars now in

The community birthday calendars are in.

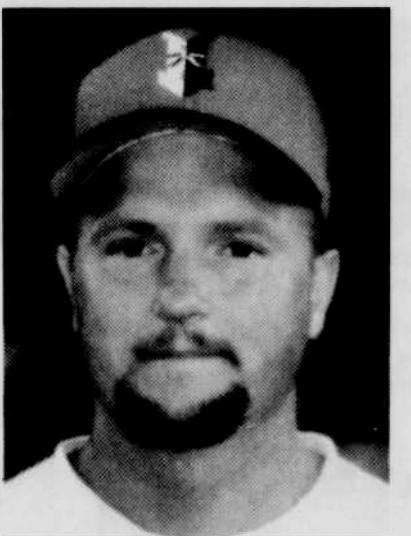
Anyone who hasn't gotten his calendar may pick it up at the high school.

Terri Gentry says that there are plenty of calendars for those who haven't already purchased one.

MCURD to meet

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District has scheduled its regular meeting for Thursday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Lone High School.

Mustangs begin season with early game at Joseph



Head Coach Greg Grant has 52 out for the team this year.

photo by Joyce Hughes

The Heppner Mustangs open their 1996 football season with an early start, traveling to Joseph to challenge the Joseph Eagles on Friday, Aug. 30. Game time is 7 p.m. at the high school in Joseph. Most of the rest of the state's football teams start their 1996 campaigns on Friday, Sept. 6.

The Eagles will not be pushovers, as they just missed out on the class 2A football playoffs in the Wapiti League last year, losing to Nyssa and Imbler, two teams that the

Mustangs also lost to last year. Coach Greg Grant and assistants Les Payne and Chris Rauch welcomed 52 players to daily doubles last week, eager to improve on last year's finish when they qualified for the state playoffs and lost in an overtime heartbreaker to the Nyssa Bulldogs, 28-22.

Some big holes need to be filled, as the Mustangs graduated Shrine game participant Chris Sykes and 1000 yard rusher Shaun Hisler, along with starters Brian Struckmeier, Rod Zumwalt, Randy Van Etta and Ben Ewing. However, the Mustangs do return with a solid collection of football players that should make an assault on one of the two playoff spots available in the Columbia Basin Conference (CBC). They are coming off a 7-3 season last year and hope to repeat a playoff appearance.

Senior Brent Gunderson, (5'11", 215 lbs), a CBC all-star last year, returns at linebacker and will start in the offensive line. Jim Schlaich (5'10", 170 lbs) will start at running back and linebacker after recovering from injuries sustained in an auto accident. Brian Koffler (5'11", 160 lbs) will call the signals from the quarterback

position for the third year in a row.

Seniors Josh Coiner (5'9", 185 lbs) and Justin Matteson (5'10", 170 lbs) are returning starters on the offensive line and linebackers. Phillip Tellechea (5'10", 215 lbs) should start both ways in the line and Jeff Watkins (6", 160 lbs) returns as a starting receiver. Eric Schonbachler (5'8", 150 lbs) will start in the defensive backfield and running back.

Sophomore running back Derek Gunderson (5'7", 150 lbs) will start in both ways for the Mustangs and juniors Travis Wilhelm and Tim Sumner will see lots of action in the offensive backfield and defensive line, respectively.

Sophomore Tim Dickenson will contribute on both sides of the ball, and junior Jonas Healy (5'11", 235 lbs), senior Lonnie Rill (5'10", 235 lbs) and sophomore Royal Robinson (5'10", 160 lbs) will help anchor the line play for Heppner.

The Mustangs host Riverside in week two of the season and then travel to Yoncalla before opening league against Umatilla and Weston-McEwen, two of the league's favorites, along with the Mustangs.

Principal hired at Heppner HS

By April Hilton-Sykes

A new principal has been hired at Heppner High School (HHS) to replace Steve Dickenson, who officially announced his resignation at the Morrow County School Board meeting Aug. 12. Dickenson was principal at HHS for seven years.

Ron Anthony, 38, from Nyssa, was hired Monday as principal at HHS. He was initially hired as assistant principal at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon, but accepted the HHS spot when it became vacant.

Anthony commented that Heppner High School "is in a good position" and has a "great staff". "I'm not looking at changing anything right off the bat," he added.

This is the first administrative position for Anthony, who taught junior high math for 10 years at Nyssa and was head track and cross-country coach.

He also taught math at a middle school in Vale for five years prior to his position at Nyssa.

Anthony grew up in Vale and graduated from Vale High School. He graduated from Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education with a secondary math endorsement. He received his master's degree from Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, in 1993.

Anthony and his wife, Maryanne, have three children, Christopher, 16, who will be a junior at HHS, Nicholas, 14, who will be an eighth grader at Heppner Junior High, and Logan, seven, who will be a first grader at Heppner Elementary School. Maryanne will be employed as an educational assistant with the district in north Morrow County. The family is planning to live in Heppner.

Libraries to offer free Internet

Libraries in Heppner and Boardman will begin offering their patrons opportunities to surf the Internet, effective Tuesday, Sept. 3. Through a LSCA grant from the Oregon State Library, both libraries will have three computers connected to the Internet available free of charge.

The use of the computers will be available on a first come, first served basis. Each user will be limited in the amount of time they may be on-line. Children will have to be over the age of eight to use the Internet terminals and children between the ages of 8-12 will have to be accompanied at the terminal by an adult or older brother or sister.

Learning how to use the equipment and resources will be the responsibility of the user. In the Boardman branch, a volunteer will be available through September on Mondays and Wednesdays between 6-8 p.m. to help individuals and introduce them to the system.

The local server is COMPASS, a statewide computer network. Individuals living in Heppner or Boardman may subscribe to COMPASS and be able to reach the World Wide Web, e-mail and other Internet services, toll free. Both libraries have COMPASS registration forms.

"Oregon Trail Library District, since its beginning, has been committed to its role in serving the informational needs of the communities it serves. Providing access to the Internet will enable the libraries to greatly expand their information services beyond the traditional collections and resources," said Mary Lou Daltoso, project coordinator.

Community

choir to begin season

The South Morrow Community Choir is on the lookout for new members. Anyone who likes to sing, enjoys a few laughs and learn some great music is invited to attend.

The fall rehearsals will begin Monday, Sept. 9, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Heppner High School band room. The group will perform a Christmas concert in December and a spring concert next May. There is also the strong possibility that the group will perform in north Morrow County as well.

The group has undergone a few changes this season. The group is now an official member of the newly formed Morrow County Arts Council (MCAC). The MCAC has enlisted funding from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MCURD). In the past, choir members paid for their music for the year which was approximately \$20, and they borrowed a piano and risers from the school district. With the funding from the MCAC, music will be provided for members at no cost and the group will purchase their own set of risers. There is also talk of securing a new piano for performances at St. Patrick's Church.

Anyone interested in joining or for more information, contact choir director Debbie Wryn, 422-7017, accompanist Sharla Erich, 676-5851, or secretary Shirley Palmer, 676-9730.

Beth Slottee new music teacher

By April Hilton-Sykes

Beth Slottee, 22, newly hired music teacher for Heppner and Lone schools, officially started work Aug. 28, but has been on the job for the last several weeks in preparation for her job which covers most of south Morrow County.

Slottee, a first-year teacher, will teach Heppner and Lone high school music labs, general music for grades three and four at Heppner Elementary School (HES), band for grades five and six at HES, general music for grades three and four at Lone Elementary (LES), and band for grades five and six at IES.

Country Rose plans rose give-away

The Country Rose floral and gift shop on Main Street in Heppner has planned a unique way to encourage friendship.

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, Country Rose will give away a dozen roses to anyone who comes in the store and asks for them. They have only one stipulation—that whoever gets the dozen roses keeps only one rose and gives the remaining 11 to neighbors and friends. "What a wonderful way to encourage friendship and fellowship," says Trish Sweeney, Country Rose manager.

"The Country Rose is proud to be a provider of roses to those who wish to participate in this great day," Sweeney says that the store has ordered around 360 roses for the 'Good Neighbor Day'.

"'Good Neighbor Day' was started as a way to get people acquainted or reacquainted with their neighbors in an act of friendship and goodwill by giving them a rose, the universal symbol for love and goodwill," adds Sweeney.

Country Rose is owned by John and Ann Murray of Heppner.

Bowling alley to open Sept. 15

Willow Lane Inc. is purchasing Heppner Bowl from Doug and Sonya Smith of Clarkston, WA. The bowling alley will reopen Sunday, Sept. 15, with league bowling starting on that date.

Anyone interested in bowling may call the Willow Lanes or John Breidenbach, 676-9108. A membership of \$100 for individuals or \$200 per family is required for all bowlers or substitutes. Cost for student bowlers is \$50 for the first stu-

dent or \$75 for more than two students in the same family. Members will receive three games of open bowling for \$1 and \$1 off an ABC or WIBA membership card. League bowling will be the same as last year.

Open bowling is available to everyone. The restaurant will also be reopened.

It is planned for Willow Lane Inc. to modernize the bowling machine throughout the year.

Blood drive slated for Sept. 24

Heppner residents can help ensure blood is available for patients needing transfusions this fall by donating blood to the American Red Cross at St. Patrick's Senior Center, 182 N. Main, Heppner, on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 2-6 p.m.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 105 pounds and be in good general health.

"Donating blood can help someone in critical need. One pint of blood can help up to four patients because blood is separated and transfused as components," said a Red Cross spokesperson.

For more information, or to schedule a donation appointment, call Red Cross at 1-800-868-9057.

G-T closed on Labor Day

The Gazette-Times will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, for the Labor Day holiday.

The news deadline will be this Friday, August 30, at 5 p.m. The advertising deadline will remain on Tuesday at noon.

Have a safe Labor Day weekend.

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Monday, September 2
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