

Eight lone Cardinals picked as Big Sky All-stars

The coaches of the Big Sky Football League have named the 1996 Big Sky All Star Team. Eight players from the lone Cardinals were selected to the first, second and honorable mention teams.

Seniors Joe Bacon and Luke Swanson received both offensive and defensive first team honors. Bacon was selected as first team offensive running back and defensive linebacker. Swanson was picked as first team offensive quarterback and defensive back.

Senior Kelly Morgan was chosen first team defensive lineman and second team offensive center. Junior Jake McElligott was selected first team offensive end and second team defensive back.

Junior Marc Orem was picked as second team offensive lineman and second team defensive lineman. Senior Randy Scott was selected second team offensive running back and honorable mention defensive linebacker and senior Jacob Taylor was chosen second team offensive lineman. Senior Pete Cantu was named honorable mention defensive back.

Cardinal Coach Greg Rietmann said he was very pleased to have so many of his players selected. The 7-2 Cardinals overpowered their opponents this season by outscoring them 416-215.



Luke Swanson

Also named to First Team All State



Joe Bacon

Also named to Second Team All State



Randy Scott



Kelly Morgan



Jake McElligott



Jacob Taylor



Pete Cantu



Marc Orem

Local producers to be interviewed

When making decisions that affect Oregon producers, policy makers and analysts at every level-national, state and local-depend on studies from the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service (OASS) of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, according to Homer Rowley, state statistician of the OASS.

This fall, nearly 200 producers will have input into those decisions through the Agricultural Resource Management Study. Conducted during November and December, the study will cover field-crop chemical applications, beef cattle production methods and inputs, crop production practices, pest management and some production costs.

Only through information gathered from Oregon farm and ranch operators can reliable, objective facts be merged into data used in many ways that benefit the U.S. agricultural community, according to an OASS news release.

For example, farm operators' stewardship of land and resources is documented for the public; conservation projects are adjusted to reported needs; and agricultural production practices can be developed to improve productivity for farm operators and ensure a safer, cleaner working environment for producers and their families.

"The results of the upcoming survey will be used to assess how operators are adapting their production practices to changes in farm programs," said Rowley. Producers selected to participate will be notified by letter. Interviewers representing the OASS will then visit them, at the farm operator's convenience, to receive their reports.

For more details, call Rowley at 1-800-338-2157.

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MCAC sponsors holiday events

The Morrow County Arts Council is sponsoring several upcoming holiday events.

Jazz guitarist Bob Pringle will perform Saturday, Nov. 30 at Beecher's Cafe in Ione at 7 p.m. Pringle has played with a wide spectrum of musical groups from the Oregon Symphony to the rock band, The Grateful Dead. The performance is free to the public.

The ballet class directed by Cheri Westphal will have their dance recital on Friday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A Yuletide Concert, starring Sabella Consort, will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon.

This holiday concert for the

whole family includes traditional medieval and English carols, French Noels, Celtic winter solstice medleys and original jazz arrangements of "Sleigh Ride" and other contemporary holiday favorites.

The concert is free to the public. For bus transportation to the concert, contact 422-7191, or 989-8459 for more information.

This concert is sponsored by Sunridge Home and Development, Irrigon Motors, Browns Auto and Truck Stop B.P. and Huwe's Washboard, Wes Wise Excavation, Irrigon Market, Irrigon Chamber of Commerce and Community Women for Action.

The Arts Council invites everyone to come enjoy the sounds of the holiday season.

HCC to meet

The next meeting of the Heppner Coordinating Council (HCC) will be on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 a.m. in the Heppner Ranger District conference room.

The council will hold a work session devoted to compiling the updates of the Heppner Strategic Plan.

In addition, there will be discussion of plans for council sponsorship of a leadership recruitment and development workshop for community organizations. The council will also be updated on the work in progress on a Heppner community home page on the Internet and on where matters stand with regard to increasing the telecommunications capacity in south Morrow County.

The public is invited to attend the meetings of the HCC.

City council gets tough on eyesores

During the November Heppner City Council meeting, the city council adopted a get-tough policy for property owners who refuse to clean up their "eyesore properties."

The city has used a nuisance abatement ordinance for the past eight years as a means to spur the clean up of unsightly and dangerous properties.

"Most property owners have been very willing to clean up their properties when notified by the city," said city manager Gary Marks. "However, we have a few properties that never seem to get cleaned up."

The new policy will allow the city to hire private contractors to clean up eyesore properties with recovery of the costs tied to a real estate foreclosure process. When the contractor has finished the required work, the city will present a bill to the property owner. If the bill is not paid, the city will file a lien and the city attorney will undertake a legal process, that if necessary, ultimately ends with a public auction of the property to recover the lien as well as other related costs, said Marks.

"The council has received ongoing complaints from local residents about neighboring

property owners who refuse to clean up and maintain their properties," said Marks. "The new policy will give us the means to enforce property clean up orders."

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FFA members speak at MCGG

The Heppner Future Farmers of America (FFA) had three members, Tiffanie Munkers, Mandi Gutierrez and Kristi Worden, speak at the 1996 Morrow County Grain Growers stockholders' year-end dinner at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The three talked about the past, present and future in the FFA group.

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