

HHS softball team splits with Rangers

By Petra Elguezabal
The Heppner High School varsity softball team traveled to Dufur on Saturday, April 4. The Mustangs split with the lady Rangers.

Heppner got off to a slow start with their bats and struggled offensively through the first game. Dufur came out with a quick two runs in the first.

The Mustangs didn't get their first base hit until the fourth inning by Christy Kenny. In the sixth and seventh inning, the Mustangs started to get runners on the bases. They finally scored three runs in the top of the seventh but it was too little, too late compared to the eight runs of the Rangers.

Jenny Johnson of Dufur pitched

the first game with 13 strike outs.

In the second game the Mustangs started off quite a bit better. They started making contact and getting hits a lot sooner and their defense was stronger with fewer errors than in the first game.

Dufur came out with a new pitcher, but she was not as fast nor as consistent as the first pitcher. The Heppner girls should have been able to hit off her right away, but it took time for them to adjust.

Mustang pitcher Janelle Healy, pitched both games.

In the third inning Heppner scored two runs. In the fourth inning the Mustangs took the lead 5-3 and kept the lead throughout the game. Heppner won 7-5.

HHS softball team beats LaGrande

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On Tuesday, April 8, the Heppner High School softball team bettered their record to 4-4, winning both games of a doubleheader against the La Grande JVs here in Heppner.

Janelle Healy pitched the first game and Leah Denton pitched the second. The Heppner girls hit the ball well and their defense seemed to be pretty solid.

The Mustangs won the first game eight to five and in the second 10-runned the Tigers 16-6 in the sixth inning.

The following Saturday Heppner traveled to La Grande for another doubleheader. These games didn't go as well for the Mustangs as the first two.

Healy pitched the first game. The Mustangs had only three

hits the entire first game. Petra Elguezabal had a triple, Juana Elguezabal had a double and Christy Kenny had a single.

The Tigers hit the ball well throughout the entire game. Heppner had 10 errors. The poor offense and defense of the Mustangs led to a 6-4 loss.

Kathleen Greenup started pitching the second game; she went four and two thirds of an inning when Healy came in to relieve her. In this second game Heppner had eight hits and eight errors, enough for a 12-9 win.

The Mustangs' record is now 5-5. They started their league play on Tuesday, April 14, against Umatilla at home. On Friday, April 17, they have a non league game in Hermiston against the Hermiston JVs.

Veteran's Office closed Thursday

The Veteran's Service Office in Heppner will be closed Thursday, April 16.

MedQuest scheduled for June

Plans for MedQuest '98, a Health Career Choices Camp, sponsored by the Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center, are well under way. Camp will be held on Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, on the Eastern Oregon University campus in La Grande.

The target audience of the program is students in grades 9-12. Tuition for the camp is \$225 which includes meals, housing and all activities.

Camp sessions will include health career information, self enrichment sessions, hands-on clinical skills workshops as well as opportunities to shadow health professionals. Students are asked to indicate their health career interests on the application form and provide two reference information forms. The camp will limit the participants to 30.

A limited number of scholarships are available for those who may need financial assistance.

Anyone who has additional questions may call Carole Smith, Camp director at (541) 962-3801.

Heppner sailor takes guest on "Tiger Cruise"



Petty Officer Arntt with his father-in-law, Edson Gilmore.

By Rich Henson of the Navy Public Affairs Center, San Diego

After deploying overseas for six months, Sailors and Marines aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Comstock did something extraordinary; they invited family members and to sail on the last leg of their journey to San Diego.

Heppner's Rodger J. Arntt asked his father-in-law to come along for the ride and experience life aboard a Navy ship. Navy Petty

Officer 2nd Class Arntt, the 30-year-old son of Rodger and Sandra Arntt of Heppner, enjoyed having his father-in-law aboard for the last week of the deployment.

"The cruise was great. The Tigers get a better understanding of what actually happens day to day and experience some of our regular training," Arntt said.

Arntt is a hospital corpsman who assists Navy doctors and tends to the health care of the

ship's crew. Tigers are the guests of ship's crew members or embarked Marines that ride from the last port-of-call to the ship's homeport.

Tigers boarded the 16,000-ton Comstock at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to make the 3,000-mile trip back to Southern California.

Arntt's father-in-law, Edson, described what being a Tiger aboard Comstock was like.

"The cruise was very enjoyable. It was good to see the ship in transit and not as a tour in port," Edson said.

Edson said that he feels that Tiger Cruises are excellent ways to show what Sailors and Marines do while at sea.

"A Tiger Cruise helps family members have a better understanding of what the crew member actually goes through. It gave more understanding of how to support the family and the crew member," Edson said.

The 340 officers and Sailors of Comstock, along with a 450 man Marine battalion from the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, had returned from the Arabian Gulf after participating in Operation Southern Watch, enforcing U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

Petty Officer Arntt knows inviting family and friends on Tiger Cruises is a great way to demonstrate what the Navy does while at sea.

"Tiger Cruises build a better understanding (of a Sailor's job) with the family and allows them to see what sailors do on a daily basis and what the Navy is about," said Arntt, an 11-year Navy veteran.

The Tiger Cruise left a lasting memory for Arntt's father-in-law as well.

"I will remember simply being at sea and experiencing the movement and action of the ship and its personnel," Edson said.

Martingale Club holds egg hunt

The Ione Martingale 4-H Club held their annual Easter egg hunt and playday Sunday, April 5.

Twenty-six 4-H members and guests gathered at the Gene Crowell ranch for an afternoon of fun.

The winning Easter egg hunting team was Emily Rietmann and Barb Zinter.

Winners of the egg and spoon race were Dick and Kristal Temple. Second place went to Jason and David Zinter.

Winners of the cowboy Easter bonnet race were Barb Zinter and Emily Rietmann. Second place was Dick and Kristal Temple.

Winners in team poles are as follows: first-Erin Crowell, Nonnee Walters, Jason Zinter, and David Zinter; second-Dick, Karen and Kristal Temple and Emily Rietmann; third-Donna and Emily Rietmann, Barb Zinter and Tonya Aitkin; fourth-

Andrew Rietmann, Sarah Barrow, Rob Smith and Alyssa Rietmann.

Individual junior poles: first-Emily Rietmann; second-Kristal Temple; third-David Zinter; fourth-Jason Zinter; fifth-Rob Smith; sixth-Sarah Barrow; seventh-Andrew Rietmann.

Individual senior poles: first-Erin Crowell; second-Nonnee Walters; third-Dick Temple; fourth-Tonya Aitkin; fifth-Barb Zinter; sixth-Karen Temple; seventh-Donna Rietmann.

Participants in the candy bar race were Kristal Temple, Rob Smith, Emily Rietmann, Mary Rietmann, Alex Rietmann, David Zinter, Jason Zinter and Alyssa Rietmann. The fastest time was recorded by Emily Rietmann.

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