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community and a lot have been with the co-op for 15-20 years. My job is just to get everybody headed in the right direction." He also is very appreciative of the job the MCGG board has done. "We've always had a very supportive board of directors." Mills' last day will be May 30, but says he will stick around to help out with the transition to a new manager. "I'll probably have some mixed emotions," he said, "but I'm really looking forward to it. It's time to move on and do something else. MCGG is still growing and it's time for a good aggressive young guy to take over. The new guy will do just great and he's got good people skills." Mills said that he and Betty plan to stay in the

community. "It's treated us well and there are nice folks in the community." Of plans for their retirement, he says that he and his wife "have grandkids we want to spoil, travel we want to do and a few projects we want to get done." The Mills have a daughter, Dianne, who lives in Hermiston with her husband, Bob, and children, Richard, 23, James, 18, and Kellie, 15; and a son, Mike, who lives in Heppner with his wife, Natalie, and children, Chloe, three, and Chandler, two weeks. An open house in honor of the Mills has been scheduled for Friday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at MCGG. Everyone is invited to stop by and wish them well.

Former Mustang to play in college series

By Rick Paullus
Former Heppner High School Mustang Sam Sumner is going to the NAIA College World Series with Albertson's College. The World Series started Monday, May 18, and goes to Saturday, May 23, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Albertson's finished the season with a 51-7 record, including a 29 and 1 record in finishing first in the Cascade Conference. The 51-7 record is the second best record in all college baseball. Albertson's finished the season ranked fifth in the final poll. Sumner expected Albertson's to be the number one or two seed at the World Series as three of four

teams ranked ahead of them were beaten at the eight regionals held around the country. Albertson's began the Far West regional by beating Willamette 7-4 and Biola College out of California, 6-4. They then beat Lewis and Clark State, 17-7, and again 51-1 in the championship game as Albertson's pitcher threw a one hitter. The victories over Lewis and Clark State were especially sweet for Sumner as he transferred from there to Albertson's for his senior year. Sumner, starting in right field for the entire year, hit .370 with nine home runs, 40 RBIs and 11 doubles.

Willow Creek Road construction status report

The U.S. Department of Transportation, with Tidewater Contractors, Inc., prime contractor, has released the following construction status report on planned activities for the week of Monday, May 18: Tidewater will continue the clearing and grubbing and hauling of logs operation, working ahead on line from the beginning of the project, which is near the south limits of Cutsforth Park and continue towards the top of Coal Mine Grade. Monday, May 18, Tidewater plans to shut the Willow Creek Road (Coal Mine Grade) down to through traffic from the south entrance to Cutsforth Park to Herren Meadow (Ditch Creek), the end of the project, which is immediately south of Forest Service Road 21, Penland Lake Road.

Willow Creek Road will remain open to traffic to the south entrance to Cutsforth Park. Cutsforth Park will remain open. The road closure will continue through the length of the contract, which has a completion date of October 9. The detour route through the Shaw Creek Road will be the main travel route through the four corners to Penland Lake and Ukiah.

The road closure will be accomplished by placing barricades with flashing lights across the Willow Creek Road at both ends of the construction zone. Please observe the warning signs and barricades. Please have a safe summer.

Federal Highways asks the public for their patience, consideration and cooperation during this construction season and hopes that the work will be completed with a minimum of delays.

Contact Robert G. Toops, project engineer, at (541) 676-5904 in Heppner for additional information. If you need to contact Federal Highway by mail, use the following address: Federal Highway Administration, General Delivery, Heppner, Oregon 97836, Attn: Robert G. Toops. The Federal Highway Administration Office is located in the Umatilla National Forest Service, Heppner Ranger District Office, 117 South Main, Heppner.

HHS baseball team readies for district



HHS Mustang baseball team: back L-R - Allan Gribskov, Chris Anthony, Tim Dickenson, Blas Elguezabal, Mark McElligott, Tim Sumner; middle - coach Robin Graff, Dylan Pettyjohn, Derek Gunderson, Shane Matheny, David Bates, Kris Paullus; front - manager Jim Fichter, Cory Bennetto, Cody Bellamy, Zach Fabian, Nick Anthony and Josh Hill. Not pictured is assistant coach Tony Pupo.

The Heppner Mustang baseball team will play in the Columbia Basin Conference district tournament this Saturday, May

23, at noon at Wahtonka. If they win the first match they will play at 7 p.m. at Quinton Field at The Dalles.

Both games are loser out. If they win both, they will probably play Nyssa, according to coach Robin Graff.

R & W Reading Program ends successful year

The R & W Reading Program, jointly supported by the R & W Drive-In of Heppner and Heppner Elementary School, has completed "another successful year of encouraging students to read".

"For several years, the various owners and operators of the R & W Drive-In have joined with parents and teachers to encourage students to read by providing treats at the Drive-In as a reward for reaching reading goals. The early application of reading skills is crucial to developing literacy," said Linda Shaw, HES teacher.

In the past school year, 72 different students in grades one to four have reached their reading goals and earned a total of 162 certificates for treats at the drive-in. The top readers in each grade were: first grade-Maggie Armato (seven certificates); second grade-Kate Kendrick (12); third grade-Caleb Maben (six); and fourth grade-Riley Wight (five). Kate Kendrick was the top participant in the school.

Teachers participating in the program by establishing individual goals and working with parents to monitor progress were: Cherry Webber, Lea Calvert, Joy Krein, Sherry Matteson, Cara Osmin, Karen Dubuque, Mary Haguewood, Pat Hentges and Linda Shaw.

Students earning certificates in the 1997-1998 school year were: First grade, one certificate-Chelsey Hedman, Grant Smith, Matt Holland, Seth Morgan, Spencer Palmer; two -Destiny

George, Eddie Collins, Kathryn Strouse, Samantha Witt, Sheryl Peck, Stephanie Cutsforth; three-Bo Foster, Joe Pranger, Josh Shank, Taylor Disque; seven-Maggie Armato.

Second grade, one certificate-Andre Rauch, Ben McCarl, Braden Britt, Brittany Boothe, Correy Tallman, Eric Skaggs, Jason Wainright, Jenna Bowman, Katie Kilkenny, Kendra Rayburn, Kylie Doherty, Logan Anthony, Trent Miles, Zane Ford-Day; two-Baillie Keithley, Cyde Coil, Kelsie Fox, Luke Basile, Sean Murray; three-Taylor Hodges; four-J.R. Drew, Megan Orr; 12-Kate Kendrick.

Third grade, one certificate-Chelsea Foster, Gina McKinney, Nathan Kennedy, Roland

Farrens, Tony Haguewood; two-Cody Ford-Day, Mahaley Huddleston, Kody Lovgren, Tiffany Cook, Tim Corwin; three-D. J. Bemus; four-Brittney Allen, Scott Maker; five-Robbie Smith; six-Caleb Maben.

Fourth grade, one certificate-Brandon Johnson, Chris Rayburn, Eva Steinbruck, Jesse Farrens, Kiel Johnson, Peter Geer, Stephanie Burkenbine, Stephanie Howard, Veronica Wilhelm; two-Amanda Miles, Charleen Tallman, Kevin Vernon, Kyle Arbogast; three-Agustin Saenz, Ashley Zimmerman, Samantha Burkenbine; four-Brianne Jones, Heather Yocum; five-Riley Wight.

WHO IS THIS GIRL???

Clue #1: Once conned a substitute teacher with a little red wagon experiment.

Clue #2: She likes dressing up like a leprechaun.

Clue #3: She has a joke for every occasion.

Clue #4: SHE'S TURNING 40 ON JUNE 2nd!

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LOOK WHO'S
40!
Happy Birthday,
Dad

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Lonerock Community Church

Sunday, May 24, 1998, at 11:00 a.m.
Interdenominational services at the church will be conducted by Reverend Victor Waddle.
1:30 p.m. potluck dinner in community hall on Main Street. Bring your favorite dish.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fire depts. fight Port of Morrow fire

Heppner and Ione fire departments joined the Boardman Fire Department in responding to a fire at the Port of Morrow on May 13.

The fire was reported at 2 a.m. at the Tidewater Barge. The chip loading area and the belt and conveyor were on fire.

The fire spread to a barge and to piles of chips located on each side of the conveyor. The fire was extinguished with the help of fire departments from Boardman, Hermiston, Irrigon, Heppner, Ione, Echo, Umatilla Chemical Depot and Dodge Logging.

The Boardman Police and the Morrow County Sheriff's Department were also on the scene.

The cause of the fire is still unknown, but officials stress that the fire was not related to the CSEPP exercise in which chemical agents will be incinerated at the Army Depot.

Penturf places third in HS rodeo



Jerid Penturf
Jerid Penturf, 15, a freshman at Heppner High School and a member of the Intermountain High School Rodeo team, placed third in bull riding at the John Day

high school rodeo on May 16. He is sitting 11th in the high school standings. Penturf is the son of Russ and Cindy Penturf, Heppner.

The Heppner Gazette-Times ADVERTISING RATES

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Retail Display 12 noon, Tuesday Classified Display 12 noon, Tuesday Classified Want Ads ... 12 noon, Tuesday	CLASSIFIED WANT AD RATES: 10 word minimum* \$4.00 * .40 cents per word thereafter.	RETAIL DISPLAY RATES Open rate per column inch \$4.50
CARD OF THANKS Card of Thanks* \$5.00 *up to 100 words, .10 cents per word thereafter.	BUSINESS DIRECTORY: Standing display ads, in alphabetical arrangement of business and professions; each space is two column inches; per week, if unchanged over a 13-week period \$6.00 per week	CLASSIFIED DISPLAY RATES Open rate per column inch \$5.10

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