

**Heppner  
GAZETTE-TIMES**

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper  
Published weekly and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 147 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: gtt@rapidserve.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$18 in Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam and Grant counties; \$25 elsewhere.  
David Sykes Publisher  
April Hilton-Sykes Editor

**Engagement**



**Rick Osmin and Amy Hoeft**

The parents of Amy Christina Hoeft and Rick Lee Osmin, both of LaGrande, announce their upcoming wedding Saturday, August 29, at Atkinson Memorial Church in Oregon City.

Amy is the daughter of Gerald and Diana Hoeft, Hermiston, and Chris and Iona Hansel, Tigard. She is a 1990 graduate of Tigard High School. She attended Walla Walla Community College and Portland Community College, where she received her associate's degree as a veterinary technician. She is employed as a certified veterinary technician with the Animal Health Center at LaGrande.

Rick is the son of Al and Donna Osmin of Heppner. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1991 and attended Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande. He is employed as a sales representative with LaGrande Ford New Holland.

The community is invited to a reception Saturday, September 12, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

**BMCC summer term coming to a close**

Summer term is coming to a close at Blue Mountain Community College and several special service departments will either close or change hours until fall term classes begin at the end of September.

The Basic Skills and Developmental Education Department, along with the computer lab will close July 31. The library will close August 24 through 31 and will reopen on September 1; hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The BMCC Bookstore and McCrae Activity Center are closed through the summer.

Main campus offices, including the Advising and Testing Center, the Records/Business office, the Financial Aid office and the Family Support Act office are open throughout the summer.

Students returning to BMCC are reminded to call the Advising and Testing Center at 541/278-5930 to make a registration appointment if they have not already done so.

Students new to BMCC who plan to take nine credit hours or more must take a placement test

before they can make a registration appointment. This includes students transferring from other colleges who have not had college level writing or math.

The ASSET placement test is given to help counselors and advisors assess student ability in reading, writing and math, ensuring that students take the appropriate classes for their skill level.

Regular testing times are Monday or Thursday, beginning at 9 a.m. Appointments are not necessary.

Immediately following the test, results will be asserted by a counselor, and registration appointments for fall term will be made.

The test is held in the BMCC Advising and Testing Center in Pioneer Hall and there is a \$10 per person charge for the testing service.

**Scratch Pads  
50¢ lb.  
Gazette-Times**

**Willow Creek All-Stars take second at district**

By Rick Paullus

The Willow Creek Little League All-Stars took second place at the District 5 tournament held at Boardman on July 11-18.

Willow Creek went through the tournament playing eight games in eight days and finished with a 6-win, 2-loss record. This is the highest finish ever for the Willow Creek All-Stars.

Willow Creek started the tournament off with a 10-6 win over a good Jefferson County team. Billy Gates got the complete game victory on the mound and led the all-stars at the plate going 4 for 4 and scoring three runs. Kory Paullus was 2 for 4 and scored twice. Willow Creek had a big fourth inning, sending nine players to the plate and scoring six runs.

Game two on Sunday saw the team lose to Bend North, 5-1. Willow Creek took a 1-0 lead in the first as Paullus led off the game with a single and later scored on a Luke Murray single. Willow Creek ended up with eight hits for the game, led by Gates and Jode Coil both going 2 for 3.

The loss dropped Willow Creek into the loser's bracket in the double elimination tournament and put them up against Sisters on Monday.

Last year, Sisters put the team from Willow Creek out of the tournament, which was held at Sisters. Willow Creek got some revenge this year by eliminating Sisters 15-0 in a four-inning game.

Zach Skaggs went the distance on the mound and pitched a no-hitter, allowing just one base runner on a walk. Skaggs struck out seven of the 13 batters he faced.

**Volunteers  
sought to  
assist seniors**

A state consumer protection program is looking for volunteers in Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla counties to help senior citizens with insurance information and counseling.

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA), a program of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, wants volunteers with helpful attitudes and a willingness to learn about insurance services.

Volunteers are trained to assist seniors with insurance-related questions and concerns. They provide one-on-one counseling covering Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare supplement insurance, long-term care and Medicare managed care organizations (MCOs).

Assistance also includes claims filings, insurance policy comparisons and referrals to state and federal agencies.

Most volunteers have little or no background in insurance. State officials provide in-depth volunteer training on SHIBA services, senior health insurance

continued page 8



Willow Creek banged out 14 hits, and was led by Ben Turrell, who had a three-run home run in the first inning and finished the game going 3 for 4, adding a ground-rule double in the fourth inning. Kiel Nairns was 2 for 2, and Murray was 2 for 3, with a triple. Zach Lantis went 2 for 3 and scored three runs.

Willow Creek came back Tuesday and faced a real good Hermiston team but held on for a 3-2 win. Gates went the distance to pick up his second win, striking out seven and walking none. Willow Creek's defense played well again, committing just two errors. Lantis threw a runner out at home from deep in centerfield in the third inning to preserve a Willow Creek 1-0 lead. Turrell threw a runner out at third from his right field position, as Hermiston was rallying from a 3-0 deficit. Hermiston was within 3-2 with the tying run at third base when second baseman Coil backhanded a hard-hit ball up the middle and threw the batter out at first to preserve the win.

On Wednesday, Willow Creek again hung on to beat a very good Redmond team, 5-4. Lantis pitched three shut out innings before giving way to Skaggs, who finished the game. Willow Creek took a 1-0 lead in the first and added three more in the second to jump out to a 4-0 lead. Consecutive singles by Nairns, Tyler Lovgren, Paullus and Coil did the damage. Mike Sallee led off the inning with a single.

Willow Creek added an important run in the fifth as Murray led off with a double, Gates singled, and Turrell hit a fielder's choice

to score Murray. Redmond closed the gap to 5-4 on a two-run home run by Matt Leunen, but a diving catch of a line drive in centerfield by Jeremy Rosenbalm and another running catch by Rosenbalm ended the game. Gates, Murray and Paullus were all 2 for 3, as Willow Creek banged out 11 hits in the game.

On Thursday, Willow Creek got revenge again by beating Bend North, 1-0, as Gates picked up his third win of the tournament. Gates gave up just three hits, struck out three and walked none. He did not allow a base runner after the second inning. Led by Lovgren at third base, Willow Creek played error-free baseball. Willow Creek scored the only run of the game in the third inning as Coil singled with one out, then came home on a two-out single by Gates. Coil finished 2 for 3. Gates and Nairns were each 2 for 2, as Willow Creek banged out nine hits for the game.

Willow Creek then beat Crook

County on Friday, 7-1, behind the complete game by Lantis. Lantis gave up just three hits, struck out seven and did not give up a walk. The defense again played strong, committing just one harmless error in the top of the sixth inning.

Willow Creek scored two runs in the first and two more in the second to take a 4-0 lead. Consecutive singles by Murray, Rosenbalm, Gates and a one-out double by Lantis tacked on three more runs to make it 7-0 after three innings. Willow Creek had nine hits, led by Lantis going 2 for 2 and Gates going 2 for 3. Turrell went 1-2, with two RBIs.

Willow Creek came back on Saturday for their eighth game in as many days to play perennial power The Dalles for the championship, needing to win twice to advance to the state tournament. Willow Creek took an early 2-0 lead in the second inning and still led 2-1 in the sixth before The Dalles got their bats going and came back for the 5-2 win.

**OREGON  
TRAIL  
PRO RODEO  
WEB PAGE  
www.beobank.com**

**"I don't really expect you to bank with us just because we're local!"**



"We go the extra mile for our customers. If I'm asked a question and for some reason I don't know the answer, I'll take the time to find someone who does."

Being in new accounts, its important to me that my new customers have all the information they need and know all their options."

- Tricia Gunderson, Heppner Branch

With Tricia and over 50 of your other friends and neighbors working hard to earn your banking business, its easy to see why Bank of Eastern Oregon is the bank of choice for the people of our area.

There are other reasons that being a truly local bank makes a huge difference for the residents of Morrow and Gilliam Counties. Bank of Eastern Oregon has provided employment, paid property taxes, paid employment taxes, and assisted in the funding of countless local projects and charities for well over 50 years.

Does being local and committed to your community make a difference to you when you shop for banking services? We hope it does. Does Tricia's commitment to you as a customer make a difference? She hopes it does.

**Bank of Eastern Oregon**

"around the corner, not around the state"

Arlington Condon Heppner Ione  
454-2636 384-3501 676-9125 422-7466

Member FDIC

**Have Fun In The Sun  
With A FunPool™**

**CALL MCGG FOR  
PRICES AND  
AVAILABILITY**

Size	Depth	Gallons	Wt./Lbs.
6' x 2'	24"	350	60
8' x 2'	24"	625	95
9' x 2'-4"	28"	1,000	140



**FEATURES & BENEFITS**

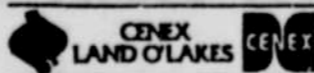
- UV inhibitor to prevent deterioration from sunlight
- Blue Poly Tank built for rugged use- will not rust
- Wide rim - no sharp edges
- One piece - nothing to put together
- Available in 6', 8' or 9' diameters - a size for your specific needs



**Morrow County Grain Growers**

1-800-452-7396  
Lexington, Oregon

350 Main  
989-8221



For Farm Equipment VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT [www.mcgg.net](http://www.mcgg.net)