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Willow Creek Road report Couple wins \$100 from Klamath First

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation lists its planned construction activities on Willow Creek Road for the week of Monday, Aug. 31:

Tidewater is continuing to work on the cut slopes, excavating and placing rock embankment with material from the cut slope, working between the beginning of the project, at Cutsforth Park, and the end of the project at Ditch Creek. They are hauling waste material to the waste sites established on the FS 5350 road. They are utilizing excavators and cat wagons to move the waste material, so drivers in the area, please observe the flaggers and remember that they are there to help you and the equipment drivers. They have a culvert crew placing culverts, beginning near the day use area access road and working towards the Cutsforth Park end of the project. Emergency access through the project will be maintained throughout the rest of the construction season.

They are also drilling in preparation of doing some rock blasting near the middle of this work week. Please be aware that there will be some blasting and it will be prior to 1 p.m., but the exact date has not been finalized.

Willow Creek Road (Coal

Mine Grade) is closed to through traffic from Cutsforth Park to the intersection of Forest Service roads 5350 and 53. This intersection will remain open, to the logging contractor only, for the removal of timber sale material. The FS 21 Road, Penland Lake Road intersection will remain open during construction activities, controlled with flaggers.

Willow Creek Road remains open, to local traffic only, to Cutsforth Park. The park will remain open through the construction season.

The Willow Creek road closure will continue through Oct. 9, 1998. The detour route through the Shaw Creek Road to the four corners to Penland Lake and Ukiah will continue to be the main travel route. Additional temporary signs have been placed for Penland Lake access.

Please watch for logging truck traffic and observe the warning signs, including the speed limit, on the detour route and observe the barricades at both ends of the construction zone. Please have a safe summer and remember that the barricaded road closures are for the traveling public's safety.

For more information, contact Robert G. Toops, project engineer, at 676-5904 in Heppner for additional information.



Winner Nanci Klein (left) and Andrea Mortimore of Klamath First Federal

Stickhorse race winners announced

Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo stickhorse race results have been announced. Winners are as follows:

Three and under (15 entries)-first Courtney McReynolds, second Garrett Robinson and third Casey Robertson.

4-5 year olds (12 entries)-first Whitley Reese, second Casey McReynolds, third Devin Robinson.

6-7 year olds (nine entries)-first Bryan Holland, second Chance Day, third Brooke Davis.

Sponsors were Bob and Sherree Mahoney, Peterson's Jewelers, Kelly and John Boyer, Donna and Joe Rietmann, Kami and Mark Rietmann, and Kay and Dave Fowler.

Trophies, ribbons and fruit snacks were given to the winners by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo and Morrow County Fair Court, queen Maci Childers and princesses Bobbie Rankin and Lindsey Ward.

Mandi Gutierrez and Kelly Boyer took entries and Ken Bailey was judge.

Irrigon Medical Clinic opens

The Morrow County Health District has announced that the Irrigon Medical Clinic officially opened Sept. 1. A grand opening is being planned for sometime in late September or early October.

The clinic will be staffed by Dr. Shanika deSoyza, a family practitioner who has been overseeing operations at the Boardman Medical Clinic for the past year.

The Irrigon Medical Clinic will be open Monday through Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. "The opening of the Irrigon Clinic comes after months of preparation," said Scot Jacobson, MCHD human resources director. "A total remodeling of the former Irrigon City Hall has produced a beautiful medical clinic for the community," he said.

Mustangs open season at Scio

By Rick Paulus

The Heppner Mustangs open their season with a football doubleheader at Scio this Friday night, Sept. 4, with the junior varsity starting at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity getting started at 7:30 p.m.

The Mustangs will get a stiff test right off the bat as Scio is one of the pre-season picks to compete for the state championship. The Loggers' only loss last year was in overtime in the quarterfinals to the eventual state champions, the Lost River Raiders.

The defending Columbia Basin champion Mustangs are also one of the pre-season picks to do well in the post-season. The Mustangs return Shane Matheny at quarterback and defensive back, and fellow senior Derek Gunderson at running back and in the defensive backfield. Juniors Michael Schonbachler and Levi Geer and sophomore Craig Scott will see time at running back also. Sophomore Ryan Matteson will share time at quarterback with Matheny.

The senior trio of Tim Dickenson, Jared Eckman and Casey Evans return to give the Mustangs a solid receiving core.

The offensive line will be anchored by junior Jake Roy. He will be joined by senior Blas Elguezabal and juniors Josh Hill, Clint Bellamy and Kyle McDaniel. Also seeing time will be juniors Corey Miller and Matt Van Liew, and sophomores Blake Knowles, Matt Baker, Brandon Young and Chris Peck.

The defense will look a lot like the offense as most players will play both ways. Gunderson, Dickenson and Matheny will be in the backfield. Schonbachler, Geer and Bellamy will be at line-

backer with Evans and Eckman as the defensive ends. Roy, Hill and Elguezabal will be on the line.

"The Mustangs' strength will be at the skill positions. We have as many good skill players as we've ever had," said head coach Greg Grant.

Coach Grant looks at Sherman County as the team to beat in the conference. The Mustangs will look to avenge their only league loss last year to the Huskies. Stanfield and Weston-McEwen will also be strong.

After the long road trip to Scio, the Mustangs will return home to face Umatilla. Heppner then travels to John Day the following Friday night to face the Grant Union Prospectors to end their non-league schedule. The first league game will be Wahtonka coming to Heppner on Friday, Sept. 25.

State Fair ag winners announced

The Oregon State Fair agriculture ribbon winners have been released.

Following are local winners: Commercial Grain-Bill Jepsen, Heppner, first and second place, "any other barley", Vern Frederickson, Irrigon, first, "hard red spring wheat", Larry Palmer, Heppner, first, "soft white wheat" and "any other wheat"; Sheaves-Clint Carlson, Lone, third, "awned wheat"; Specialty Awards-Bill Jepsen, first, Pendleton Grain Growers Award, Larry Palmer, first, Harvest States Cooperative.

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In the Service



Joann Bingham

Joan Bingham, daughter of Gary and Jenny Bingham of Madras, formerly of Heppner, has enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Bingham completed eight weeks of training at the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, N.J., and is stationed aboard the USCG Cutter Mellon out of Seattle, WA.

Bingham, who attended school in Heppner until the winter of 1994, is a 1997 graduate of Madras High School, where she was very active in the JROTC program.

Yearbooks still available

Heppner High School yearbooks are still available for those who want them.

The last three pages of the book are a pictorial memorial to Shad Hisler.

Creative Care Preschool plans meeting

Creative Care Preschool will hold its annual meeting on Monday, September 14.

The meeting will be held at the preschool which is located at 470 E. Main St., Ione (United Church of Christ Youth Ed. Building), and will begin at 7 p.m.

Issues to be discussed will include a budget review of the 1997-98 school year, budget development for the 1998-99 school year, supply purchases, grants, the development of an

early childhood mentoring project, school-to-work financial compensation and other items.

Additional board appointments and election of officers will also take place at this meeting.

Creative Care Preschool strongly encourages all parents of children enrolled in this year's program to attend, said Michele Raible. The preschool is also interested in having non-parent community members involved and encourages any interested community members to come to the meeting as well.

**The Hisler Family extends
an invitation to
the community
to attend
the dedication & unveiling
of the
Shad Hisler Mural
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her about the \$100 as he wanted to surprise her.

The first 100 people to open a business or personal checking account at each branch at Klamath First Federal will get a cash bonus. And anyone who opens a checking account from now until September 30 will be entered in a \$1000 drawing and will also receive 200 free checks for their account.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Many familiar faces were present last week at the BMCC WOW classes, which covered many facets of the Internet.

Attendance demonstrated an interest in further computer education for the public. The classes were presented at a pace everyone could understand. The Chamber of Commerce and Heppner Economic Development Corporation hope to make that a reality in the near future. More people can benefit from computer classes if they are held "in their back yard" and we hope arrangements can be made to bring them even closer. Stay tuned.

Many people are to be commended on a successful fair and rodeo weekend and now it's time to think school, football, and regular weekly Chamber meetings. This means we put on our thinking caps for Halloween Spooktacular, Christmas lighting and light parade. Town and Country entertainment and St. Patrick's weekend plans. Want to get involved, do you have some great new ideas, heard any entertaining speakers? Please stop by the Chamber office to share your thoughts.

Looking for a relaxing evening of music? Purchase tickets for the Ian Tyson concert Tuesday evening, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Pendleton's DoubleTree Outdoor Amphitheater, the Concert Bowl. And who is Ian Tyson, you ask. He is a three-time Canadian Country Music Vocalist of the year, described as the premier writer and performer of music about the people of the west. Line up your friends, drop by the Heppner Chamber for tickets and enjoy music under the stars. Tickets are \$10 here and at other Chambers or \$15 at the "door".

Thought for the week: Enjoy yourself. These are the good old days you're going to miss in 10 years.

W.C.C.C. Golf

**W.C.C.C. Ladies' Play
2-man scramble
Tuesday, Aug. 25**

First low gross-Pat Edmundson and Lynnea Sargent, and Linda and Chrissy Schultz tied, 36; second low gross-Lois Hunt and Karen Thompson 38; third low gross-Deborah Kendrick and Joyce Dinkins, and Luvilla Sonstegard and Bernice Lott tied, 42.

First low net-Pennie Miller and Bunnie Lindsay 21; second low net-Betty Christman and Lorrene Montgomery 22; third low net-Jackie Allstott and Jenny Reynolds 24.

KP second shot #1-Betty Christman; KP #4-Pat Edmundson.

Long drive #6-Karen Thompson; long putt #5-Joyce Dinkins.