

Ione Booster Club sponsors donkey basketball



Cardinal Booster Club sponsored a donkey basketball game at Ione High School March 17. The event featured the Ione High School basketball teams vs. the Ione school staff

and volunteer fire department. Mark McElligott did the play by play and Adam McCabe and Jeremiah McElligott served as poop scoopers. Loren Heideman refereed the game. The staff and fire fighters

edged the basketball teams through some excellent offensive teamwork and donkey cooperation. The game, which brought in a near capacity crowd, was organized by athletic director Dean Robinson.

MCGG donates trees for Heppner entrance

Morrow County Grain Growers, Lexington, has donated 38 more trees to complete the tree line project that was begun by MCGG and former MCGG general manager Larry Mills two years ago.

The tree line begins at the Lexington Highway entrance to Heppner with a red oak tree and ends at the site of the future Morrow County Agricultural Museum, anchored by a ginkgo tree.

Some other varieties used in the tree line are: Spring Snow Crabapple (which is fruitless), Canadian lilacs, honeysuckle vines, Paul Scarlett Hawthorne, Pennsylvania Patmore Green Ash, Glenleven Littleleaf Lindens, Minnesota Mock Orange, Trumpet Vine, Crimson King and Royal Red Maples, Austrian Pines, Snowball shrubs, Ludwig Spaeth lilac, Vine Maple, Jacquemonti Birch, Kwanzan Flowering Cherry, Quaking Aspen, Armstrong and Autumn Flame Maples and a newer variety of Maple, Princeton Gold with golden leaves for spring and fall color.

The Blue Mountain Master Gardeners helped in the selection of trees and shrubs.

In addition to the trees, Morrow County Grain Growers donated fence posts and dripline. Green Feed & Seed donated bark mulch.

Representing the museum board were volunteers Bob Harrison and John Church. Blue Mountain Master Gardeners assisting were Kathryn Kettel, Cecil Rill and Kay Proctor. Proctor also prunes, fertilizes and sprays the plantings. Tree planters this spring were Tom and Jeri Sly and the Heppner High School Vo-Ag class taught by Lynn Harmonson. Larry Mills also operates the watering schedule.



Volunteers plant trees

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

What are city's priorities?

To the Editor:

I do not understand the priorities of the city government.

I understand there is a dog leash law in Heppner. So why doesn't the city manager, city mayor, city council and city police enforce the law? Oh, yes, I have asked. The excuse is, the city doesn't have the money. It would seem to me when the city council voted for the law, they should have voted the funding to enforce the same.

On Wednesday last week, I pulled some weeds, mostly grass, from my yard near the street. I tossed most of the clumps in my own driveway, but I did toss 12-14 clumps into Hager Street.

On Thursday evening, my doorbell rang. A gentlemanly city policeman handed me a sheet of paper. It was page 195 of the city cod., Section D under Streets and Sidewalk Offenses was outlined in colored ink. It says-Injurious substances on streets: It shall be

unlawful for any person to willfully place or deposit upon any street or public way any substance tending to mar the appearance or detract from the cleanliness or safety of such street or public way.

Friday morning my little dog barked. She was in the house. I looked out and three dogs were on my side of the street; one was in my yard. I went out and shooed them all back up to the street. A few minutes later, a city maintenance pickup came by. It had to stop to keep from hitting the dogs. The dogs continued on into Hager Park where some of them deposited their morning doo-doo piles.

What are the priorities of the city government? I think grass clumps are cleaner than piles of dog manure.

(s) Barbara Gilbert Heppner

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Ione Site Council to implement awards

The Ione Site Council at its meeting March 10 agreed by consensus to implement the President's Education Awards to all outgoing fifth, eighth and 12th grade students who met the previously established criteria. The first awards will be given at the spring academic awards in the year 2000.

Ione schools' principal Dick Allen reported on upcoming tests and test dates. During the week of April 5, third, fifth, eighth and 10th grades will take the state math and reading/literature tests. Science and social studies tests will be given to fifth, eighth and 10th grades during the week of April 19.

The topic of students of the month was revised. Allen had visited with school counselor, Barb Peterson, about the status of student of the month, as well as the possibility of adding other academic awards that could help students filling out scholarship applications. Peterson reported that the middle school has been selecting students based on a monthly theme. She also said that she would gather information from other high schools as to the type and number of academic awards presented.

Allen reported that the site council should expect to change the recently approved school improvements plans due to a change in the format of such plans. He will report further when he receives exact criteria.

The site council approved requests from Linda Jones and Betty Rietmann to attend a reading workshop in Portland, and from Chris Davis to attend a Nike basketball clinic in Las Vegas. A discussion followed concerning the use of site council staff development funds for teacher-coaches to attend workshops as opposed to non-teacher coaches. Also, up for discussion was the issue of allowing more than the \$250 limit per teacher to cover additional workshop expenses if funds were still available. The issue was tabled until site council chair, Steve Schaber, could gather information from other schools.

In honors and recognition, Kayleen Vosberg has won two \$100 savings bonds from the Elks for placing first at both local and district levels with her Eye Injury poster. She will now compete at the state level. In the same contest, Barbara Holland won second place at the local level and received a \$50 savings bond.

Caitlin Orem will take the state geography bee test soon, after winning the district contest. Salli McElligott will represent Ione High School (IHS) at the state FBLA contest in Portland April 8-10, competing in the "Intro to Impromptu Speaking" contest. Thirteen Ione eighth grade students competed in the Elks Americanism contest, with Diana McElligott winning first place and Cody Bergstrom taking second. The Ione K-2 classes recently celebrated 100 days of school, with several projects denoting 100.

Guests Jeri McElligott informed the council that the Ione Cardinal Club is now combined with the Booster Club and will be called the Cardinal Booster Club. She reported that the scholarships given by the two clubs will remain the same, but their funds and efforts have been combined. She encouraged all school employees

and organizations to first try budgeting for needed items, but to come to the Cardinal Booster Club if other attempts for funding fail. The new club will be available to help for sports and scholastic activities.

The site council meets again on Wednesday, April 14 at 5 p.m. in Room One at IHS. The public is welcome to attend.

Mustangs split with Pendleton Jvs

By Rick Paullus

Tim Dickenson scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning when the throw to first on Allan Gribskov's sacrifice bunt got past the first baseman to give the Heppner Mustangs their first win of the season, in the second game of a doubleheader on Saturday, March 27, against the Pendleton JVs. Dickenson led off the inning with his second double of the game and ended up going 3-4, with 2 RBIs.

The Pendleton JVs won the first game in a slugfest, 15-11, with the help of an eight run third inning.

The Mustangs held a 2-1 lead after one inning and made it 3-1 as Michael McCabe led off the second inning with a home run to right field.

The Bucks then went ahead 11-3 going into the bottom of the fifth inning. Gribskov doubled to left to score Dickenson; Kelly Paullus reached on an infield hit and McCabe got to first on an error to load the bases. Stefan Matheny reached on an error to score Gribskov, but the Mustangs couldn't score any more than that.

The Bucks took a 15-5 lead into the bottom of the seventh before the Mustangs tried to mount a rally.

McCabe and Matheny led off with singles and Josh Hill hit a home run to right-center to cut the lead to 15-8. Dylan Pettyjohn then was hit by a pitch and Derek Gunderson hit his first career home run to right-center to make it a 15-10 game. Gribskov hit a two-out single and Paullus walked. McCabe hit his second single of the inning to score Gribskov, but the rally ended there.

McCabe finished 3-4 with a home run and two RBIs. Gribskov ended up 2-5 with a double.

The Mustangs took an early lead during the second game, as Gunderson reached base by getting hit with a pitch and moving to second on a sacrifice bunt by Shane Matheny. Dickenson then singled to score Gunderson.

In the second inning, Travis Bellamy doubled to right and David Bates hit a home run to give the Mustangs a 3-0 lead.

The Bucks came back to take a 5-3 lead in the top of the fifth inning. Heppner came right back though in the bottom of the fifth as Cody Bellamy walked and Gunderson reached on an infield hit. Shane Matheny then doubled to right center to score two runs. Dickenson then singled, but Shane

Matheny was thrown out trying to score. Gribskov walked and Stefan Matheny hit a two-out single to score Dickenson to give the Mustangs a 6-5 lead.

The Bucks loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the sixth inning, but scored just one run to tie the score as Pettyjohn, pitching in relief of Bates, pitched his way out of the jam.

Pendleton loaded the bases again in the top of the seventh with two out, but had a runner thrown out at the plate trying to score on a passed ball.

That set up the Mustangs' getting their first win and improving their record to 1-3 on the year.

The Mustangs travel to Moro to play the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, April 3 for a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

Statistics:
First game:
Pendleton JVs- 1 0 8 1 1 2 2 15 10 2
Heppner- 2 1 0 0 2 0 6 11 12 4
Jio, Grole (5), Stratton (7) and Hawkins; Tim Dickenson, Allan Gribskov (5), Dylan Pettyjohn (7) and Gribskov, Kelly Paullus (5).
W-Jio, L-Dickenson (0-2), 2B-Gribskov, HR: Jio, Hojem (P), Michael McCabe, Josh Hill, Derek Gunderson (H).
Second game:
Pendleton JVs- 0 0 10 4 10 6 9 1
Heppner- 1 2 0 0 3 0 1 7 7 2
Olson, Stratton (5), and Shurts, Hawkins (7), David Bates, Pettyjohn (5) and Gribskov, W-Pettyjohn, L-Stratton, 2B-Dickenson (2), Shane Matheny, HR: Desier (P), Bates (H).

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

-- Wayne and Lee Miller of Hermiston were Lexington callers on Saturday, visiting relatives and attending the memorial services for Arnie Hedman in Heppner.

-- Bob and Luella Taylor were visitors Saturday in Pendleton where they attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Heidi Taylor, daughter of Bill and Colleen Taylor, to Philip Liger, at the First Methodist Church.

-- Several students from the various colleges spent spring vacation visiting parents and friends.

-- Sue Vinson is a patient at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

-- Kyle and Kayle, children of Mike and Connie Jones, spent spring vacation with their grandparents in union.

-- Word has been received in Lexington that Lorna Bowman, former Morrow County resident, recently had triple-bypass surgery and is again at her home in Yakima.

-- Jim Bloodsworth was taken to Bend last week to the hospital there.

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