

## Report says city can deliver water to arena

A report on the fair building indicated that the city of Heppner feels it can deliver required water to the Wilkinson Arena with its four-inch line but will set a flow meter to check. The flow requirements for the sprinkler system will be checked, as will the possibility of connecting to the six-inch line from the old ag building site.

The Fair Board chairman estimates that another \$5,500 will be needed for the water situation. A question of foregoing the vapor barrier - which a local builder sees as unnecessary and possibly an attraction for nesting birds - was discussed as a funding source, and the court stated an unwillingness to increase the loan to provide additional money.

Road Report: The court agreed to a contract with 4-C Ranches for the Carlson quarry, needed for the Valby Road project, with the royalty to be taken in rock from the closer Hardman pit, rather than in payment. The public works director said that the Hellberg pit is necessary. The court approved the Road Department's contracting with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to survey and spray some weeds for \$1000.

Crews are presently working on the Valby Road, blading at Blake Ranch and asphalt patching on a bridge. The director reminded the court that they will need to find a way to deal with cattle guards that pre-date the 1994 cattle guard policy. A representative of the West Extension Irrigation District discussed the Canal Road, which was erroneously declared in 1958 a county road, which, "led the landowners to wrongly believe that they had legal access." She reported that the 'County Line Bridge' was burned, described the poor condition of the canal road, and requested that the county gravel, one time, from Peters Road to the McGuire property, over a mile, and then hold no future obligation for maintenance. The court agreed to a cooperative one-time maintenance project with the Irrigation District, identifying the road as the district's road.

The county assessor presented the court the 1999 Assessment and Taxation Grant Resolution, noting expenses and the differences between them and the figures in the budget. He further showed how the amount of the grant would be different if the resolution passes.

The court approved the 1999 A&T Grant Document Resolution. The assessor also reported that according to a notice from the Oregon Economic Development Department, Morrow County is a chronically unemployed county. This status automatically terminates the county's agreement with the Greater Umatilla Enterprise Zone. The court will meet with the Port of Morrow to discuss an enterprise zone.

A public hearing was opened for the amendment to the comprehensive plan to add the Hellberg/West Irrigon pit to the Goal 5 aggregate inventory. The planning director described the changes she made to the proposed ordinance and discussed with the court guidelines for the Goal 5 process for aggregate resources. The hearing continued with discussion of the complex situation, and the court agreed that more information is required before they make a decision. They continued the public hearing until May 19 at 10 a.m.

The court discussed with representatives of the computer department some purchasing pre-authorization requests and approved those requests. They also agreed to allow Ed Struthers to exceed the comp time 80-hour limit for no more than one month, so that he can handle some upcoming additional work, and they encouraged the department to use some of the balance of this year's budget to hire a temp to do some work that Struthers will not be able to do.

The court, with the county sheriff, discussed a proposed 911 position in the sheriff's office. The sheriff explained the need for additional help and his plan to redistribute some

responsibilities. He said that an existing part-time dispatcher position can be expanded to cover the dispatch duties. The court approved the position.

The court approved a request from the Public Health director to increase the department's Visa limit to \$2000. They also approved increasing to \$1000 the Visa limit for the special transportation buses. They approved an addendum to the Elesco contract to include the Kinzua Mill site. They tabled until next week the abandonment of easements to property the court sold to Tom Wolff, wanting to check on the

electronic and telephone easement. They accepted the resignation of Gary Oberg from the Fair Board and they appointed Judge Tallman to the advisory council for the Area Agency on Aging.

The court discussed travel plans for the CSEPP National Conference in Salt Lake City on June 2 and 3, and they were reminded of meetings on April 22: with Innovative Emergency Management, the Umatilla County Commissioners and FEMA representatives, as well as one later in the day with a representative of the Governor's Community Solutions Team.

## JV baseball team takes two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team improved their record to 4-0 this season by nipping Pilot Rock, 4-3, on Saturday, April 24, and beating the Weston-McEwen TigerScots 8-2, on Monday, April 26.

Against the Rockets, the Mustangs won a pitchers' duel with the help of seven Pilot Rock errors. Stefan Matheny pitched a complete game, three-hitter, striking out nine and allowing no walks.

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the third, Matheny led off by beating out an infield hit and then stole second. Mark McElligott bunted him over to third and scored as a pop fly hit by Zack Fabian was lost in the sun. Fabian moved over to third and Kelly Paullus reached first by beating out an infield hit. Josh Hill then doubled to score both Fabian and Paullus to give the Mustangs a 3-1 lead.

The Rockets came back to tie the score with single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Nick Anthony reached first on a fly ball to right field that was dropped for an error; stole second and went to third on a single by McElligott. Anthony then scored the go-ahead run on another pop fly in the infield that was lost in the sun.

Matheny got the Rockets out one-two-three to get the win.

McElligott ended up going 3-3 and Hill 1-2 with the two RBI double.

The TigerScots took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Mustangs came back to take a 2-1 lead. Travis Bellamy reached base on a fielder's choice, got to second on a passed ball and scored on Cory Bennetto's single. Bennetto moved to third on passed balls and scored on a Paullus single.

The Mustangs tacked on another run in the second as Matheny singled, stole second and scored on a McElligott triple.

Weston-McEwen narrowed the lead to 3-2, but the Mustangs scored another run of their own as Bennetto bounced the ball over the fence in right field for a ground

rule double and went to third, then scored on wild pitches.

The Mustangs put the game away in the fourth as Anthony led off with a double, went to third on a passed ball and scored as Hill reached first on an error. Matheny reached on a bunt single and McElligott doubled to score both runs. McElligott later scored as Bennetto reached on a fielder's choice.

Bellamy pitched a complete game, four-hitter, striking out nine and allowing just three walks.

McElligott ended up 2-4 with a double and triple, and three RBIs. Bennetto went 2-3 with two doubles and two runs scored. Fabian, Anthony and Cody Bellamy each doubled as the Mustangs banged out nine hits for the game.

The JVs' next game is a double-header against Riverside here on Thursday, April 39, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Statistics:  
Pilot Rock at Heppner  
Pilot Rock: 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 3 3 7  
Heppner: 0 0 3 0 0 1 x 4 6 2  
Black and Johnson; Stefan Matheny and Kelly Paullus. W-Matheny, L-Black. 2B-Josh Hill. HR-none.  
Weston-McEwen at Heppner  
Weston-McEwen: 1 0 1 0 0 0 2 4 4  
Heppner: 2 1 1 4 0 0 x 8 9 3  
Jorgenson and Perner; Travis Bellamy and Paullus. W-Bellamy, L-Jorgenson. 2B-Cory Bennetto (2), Mark McElligott, Nick Anthony, Zack Fabian and Cody Bellamy. 3B-McElligott. HR-none.

## SWCD Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chris Rauch place on Bombing Range Road.

Agenda items include: current status on Conservation Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentive Program update, manager's report, weed report, agency reports and other business.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Ione women's team defeats Umatilla; men fall

On Saturday, April 24, the Ione tennis teams hosted Umatilla. The Ione men fell 2-4, while the women defeated Umatilla 4-3.

In singles, Jeremy Rietmann easily defeated Bill McCorkle, 8-0. Rietmann started the match with the upper edge on his opponent and never let up throughout the entire match. Adam McCabe fell to Chans' Page 6-8. McCabe finished off the first game with an ace serve. He then lost the second game but came back and claimed the third game. McCabe also had a huge return of serve in game six, tying the score, 3-8. In game nine McCabe started the game off with an ace serve and then lured his opponent to the net and hit the ball past him and down the line to bring the score to 6-3. Page then claimed the following five games to take the win.

Colin McElligott displayed great hustle and good placement of shots before falling to David Sanchez, 5-8. McElligott served up an ace in game four and also put away a shot at mid court in the same game. McElligott hit a shot on the baseline and then chipped a shot over the net to win the point in game six. Sanchez had an explosive serve in game seven that Colin handled extremely well, surprising not only himself but Sanchez as well and he won the point.

Jeremiah McElligott posted another win for the boys, defeating Jack Hess in a marathon match 9-7. Jeremiah used his diligent patience to map a lead of 4-1 before his opponent finally settled in to bring the score to 5-5. The elder McElligott persevered to take the win.

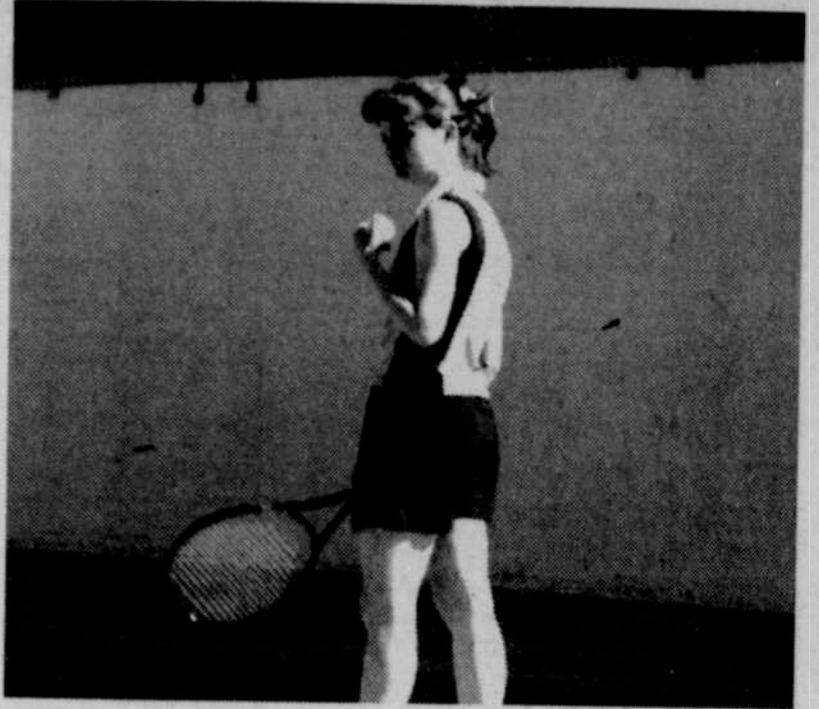
Jessica Krebs fell to Ashley Lee, 3-8. Krebs brought her opponent to duce several games keeping them match tight throughout; she did a nice job of hitting short shots and bringing her opponent in for the lob.

Tori Odinet was overpowered by Rachel Swanson, 5-8. Tori had many long rallies with her opponent. Odinet hit a serve receive down the right hand side in game seven Swanson, covered the court extremely well, but Odinet was able to put away a forehand shot in game nine that Swanson was unable to get to.

Molly Barrow defeated Patty Mendoza, 8-2. Barrow served up an ace in game two and, by displaying her remarkable forehand, had no problem putting away her Umatilla opponent.

Jennifer Thompson haunted Hanna Baker, defeating her 8-2. Thompson kept her serves consistent and did a noteworthy job of placing shots in the open spots.

Adam McCabe and Jeremy Rietmann made a valiant effort before falling to Bob Routson and Brian Morris, 4-8. McCabe and Rietmann were down 4-0 but Umatilla double faulted in game 5 to grant the Ione team their first win of the match.



Molly Barrow sizes up her Umatilla opponent.

Rietmann was fierce at the net while McCabe displayed hustle at the baseline. Rietmann aced the first serve in game six, followed by an overhead slam by McCabe to claim the next game. In game 8, Rietmann put the ball away with a monster forehand and McCabe followed up with another ace serve to end that game with a win.

Colin and Jeremiah McElligott fought a tough match with Paul Valle and Adrian Palomino before losing, 2-8. Colin hit a serve return down left hand alley while Jeremiah 'wowed' his opponents with good net play, hitting the ball at their feet and making pick up shots difficult. Both McElligotts bore the "never say die" attitude and hustled on the court the entire match.

Amelia Peck and Niki Sullivan were conquered by Rachel Swanson and Mayra Robledo, 5-8. Peck and Sullivan were down 0-3 before they were able to post their first win. Sullivan hit a shot down the middle in game eight and Peck hit an awesome forehand to the deep right corner to even the score at 4-4.

Katie Tworek and Rose Baker won the battle against Trista

White and Karlyn Masters, 8-5. Katie was fierce at the net and Rose aced a serve in game 10 to bring the score to 7-4. Shelby Krebs and Allison Halvorsen defeated Lindsay Dahlin and Chelsea Kik, 8-0. Both Halvorsen and Krebs are credited with consistent serving and net play.

## Riverside senior athletes win award

Riverside High School, with 51.6 percent of the graduating senior athletes earning a 3.5 GPA or greater over seven semesters, is the winner of this year's Harry Glickman Scholar Athlete Award for Division 3A.

Trophies for this award will be presented prior to the Portland Trail Blazers/Los Angeles Lakers game on Tuesday, April 13, at the Rose Garden Arena in Portland.

Riverside has been invited to send two representatives to receive the award.

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**Pelican:** Uh, can we get back to those oysters?

**Sue:** Sorry, gotta fly. There's a chef in Seattle who's doing exciting things with pickled eel.

**Pelican:** Pickled eel? I'm right behind you, sister.

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