

Rangers end Mustang season



Left to right: Back row - coach Tony Pupo, Tim Dickenson, Blas Elguezabal, Patrick Davidson, Mark McElligott, Allan Gribskov, Coach Robin Graff, (middle row) Shane Matheny, Derek Gunderson, Michael McCabe, Nick Anthony, Dylan Pettyjohn, Cory Bennetto, Kelly Paulus (front row) Josh Hill, Zac Fabian, Travis Bellamy, Stefan Matheny, Cody Bellamy, and David Bates.

By Rick Paulus

The Dufur Rangers ended the Heppner Mustangs baseball season with a 10-5 win at the Columbia Basin Conference District Tournament in Pendleton on May 14-15. The Mustangs ended their season with a 14-11 overall record. It also marked the end of the high school careers for seniors David Bates, Tim Dickenson, Blas Elguezabal, Derek Gunderson and Shane Matheny.

The Rangers got a two-out hit in the top of the first to take a 2-0 lead. In the bottom half, Shane Matheny struck out on a ball in the dirt but made it to first as the

ball got by the catcher. Michael McCabe then doubled over the centerfielder's head to score Matheny.

The Rangers added three more in the top of the second to take a 5-1 lead.

The Mustangs got things going in the bottom of the fourth as Allan Gribskov had a lead-off single and Dickenson doubled down the third baseline to score him. Zac Fabian reached on an error, sending Dickenson to third. Elguezabal then beat out a bunt to score Dickenson and an alert Fabian went to third. Fabian later scored on a passed ball to cut the lead to

5-4.

In the fifth, Cory Bennetto singled and stole second. Dickenson then reached first on an error and Bennetto went home on the wild throw to tie the game at 5-5.

The Rangers wasted no time in retaking the lead in the top of the sixth, scoring two runs on another two-out double. It would have been worse, but Matheny made a nice running catch in the left field corner with two out and runners on second and third to end the Ranger rally.

Dufur put the game away with three more in the top of the sev-

enth as the Mustangs couldn't get anything going.

The Mustangs had nine hits led by freshman Michael McCabe, going 2-2 with a double and a RBI. Blas Elguezabal had two singles and a RBI. Cory Bennetto also had two singles. Tim Dickenson had a double and a RBI.

Statistics:

Dufur- 23 0 0 2 3 10 8 3
Heppner- 10 0 3 1 0 0 5 9 2
DePriest, Anthony (5) and Anthony, Beachamp (5); David Bates, Dylan Pettyjohn (3) and Blas Elguezabal (7) and Allan Gribskov, W-Anthony, L-Pettyjohn, 2B-Lance Lindell, Luke Lindell, DePriest and Beachamp (D); Michael McCabe, Tim Dickenson, Zac Fabian (H). 3B-none. HR-none.

Locals complete child safety seat course

Recent training tripled the number of people certified in Oregon to conduct training and child safety seat inspections.

Thirty people, including Hector Pacheco-Morales of the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District and Sheree Smith, Morrow County Health Dept., completed the child passenger safety technician certification course. The four day course included information on crash dynamics, vehicle occupant protection systems, identification of appropriate seats, proper use of infant, toddler and booster seats and installing child safety seats securely and compatibly in vehicles.

Candidates passed a written

test, a hands-on test and participated in two child safety seat check-up clinics. ACTS Oregon's Child Safety Seat Resource Center, in cooperation with the ODOT Transportation Safety Division, sponsored the course.

For more information on upcoming child safety seat clinics throughout Oregon, training or answers to questions, contact the center at 1-800-772-1315.

The center provides the following advice for placing children in any restraint system: shoulder belts should be adjusted to fit across the child's collarbone; lap belts should fit across the child's thighs, not across the abdomen; and children 12 years old and under should always ride in the back seat.

SWCD board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building in Heppner.

Agenda items include: current

status on Conservation Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentive Program update, manager report, weed report, agency reports and other business.

The meeting is open to the public.

Wheeler County plans centennial celebration

A gala Wheeler County Centennial Celebration is set for June 11, 12 and 13 at the county seat in Fossil as this rural county (pop. 1600) celebrates its first 100 years.

Festivities kick off Friday, June 11, at the high school in Fossil with a 7:30 p.m. old time "meller-drammer" entitled, "Foiled By an Innocent Maid."

The play will feature local performers and has been adapted to touch on actual places in Wheeler County.

On Saturday, June 12, a 2 p.m. parade through Fossil will honor state and local officials as well as the many homestead families that still reside in Wheeler County. Well-known western author Rick Steber serves as the celebration's keynote speaker at festivities to be held on the Wheeler County Courthouse lawn immediately following the parade.

A new county flag will be unveiled at the ceremonies, a new county song will be dedicated, cowboy and other poets will read their works, and old-time fiddlers will perform. Exhibits at the courthouse will feature the Ochoco and Umatilla National Forests, the Bureau of Land Management and the John Day Fossil Beds and National Monument.

Other events throughout Fossil that day will include vintage automobile tours, a quilt show at the Fossil Mercantile, an art show and pit barbecue at the Methodist Church on Hwy. 19, and walking tours of the community's historic buildings. The Fossil Museum and old time Pine Creek Schoolhouse will be open for visitors. At 7:30 p.m. another performance of the play will be held.

Billy's Brass Band, a well-known Pacific NW jazz group, will perform from 10:30 a.m. -3 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, at Julia Henderson Pioneer Park, located on Hwy. 19 eight miles south of Fossil. An 11 a.m. non-denominational service at the park by all ministers in the county will honor the Wheeler County churches.

The city of Spray (pop. 165), 33 miles south of Fossil, will celebrate the county centennial the weekend of June 19 and 20. Events in the city park for both days include arts and crafts, musical performances and live animal exhibits by 4-H students. A non-boat race on the John Day River will be held Saturday and a fishing contest will be held both days. Saturday night will feature an old-fashioned box social picnic in the park, followed by a street dance. Sunday's highlights will be a Chautauqua cultural event all afternoon at the Spray Museum and a barbecue in the park.

Mitchell (pop. 150) will celebrate the Wheeler County Centennial as part of its annual Painted Hills Festival, set for September 3, 4 and 5. Ongoing festivities for both days will be

held throughout the historic downtown, including an art show, a quilt show, a barbecue, and street vendors. A parade will be held at 2 p.m. on Sept. 4 through the downtown, and a street dance will be held that evening at 7 p.m.

Wheeler County was formed in 1899 from part of Wasco County, a huge territory that originally extended from the Cascades to the Rockies. The historic county courthouse in Fossil is one of only two original still-operating courthouses in Oregon. The historic building will be open for tours during the Centennial Celebration at Fossil.

The John Day Fossil Beds National Monument has two of its three units in Wheeler County. The National Parks Service will present exhibits at all three Centennial Celebration weekends. Day touring loops link all three units of the Fossil Beds National Monument. At the Clarno unit, 13 miles west of Fossil, petrified mudslides offer easy hiking. The Painted Hills unit lies just west of Mitchell, featuring colorful badlands in a secluded area. The visitors center lies a few miles into Grant County on Highway 19, and features fossilized flora and fauna from the region. Actual fossil digging beds at Fossil are easily accessible at no charge to the public.

Fossil, Spray and Mitchell each boast historic downtowns. Stepping into each community's still-operating mercantiles is like stepping back in time. Self-guided walking tours take one past turn-of-the-century residences, quaint shops and pioneer museums. Local brochures guide visitors to the former stage stop of Service Creek and to the ghost town of Richmond.

The county features friendly folks, the wild and scenic John Day River and picture-perfect

backroads in a widely-diverse terrain of colorful palisades, river canyons, big-timbered woods and historic ranchlands. Local eateries feature homestyle cooking and lodging options feature small motels to historic bed and breakfast places.

For information on the Wheeler County Centennial or its events at Fossil, contact event coordinator Lyn Craig at 541-763-2355. At Spray contact Candy Humphreys at 541-468-2069 and for Mitchell information contact Mary Fitzgerald at 541-462-3682. For general visitor information, contact the Wheeler County Courthouse at 541-763-2400 or Fossil City Hall at 541-763-2698.

HHS baseball players named to all star team

Six Heppner High School baseball team members, from Ione and Heppner, have been selected as CBC all stars and another three were named to the honorable mention list.

First team picks include: Tim Dickenson, senior first baseman, Heppner High School; Michael McCabe, freshman infielder, Heppner; Derek Gunderson, senior outfielder, Heppner; Shane Matheny, senior outfielder, Heppner; Dylan Pettyjohn, junior pitcher, Ione; and Blas Elguezabal, senior designated hitter, Heppner.

Receiving honorable mention are: David Bates, senior pitcher, Heppner; Allan Gribskov, junior catcher, Ione; and Zac Fabian, sophomore utility, Ione.

Complete CBC selections are as follows:

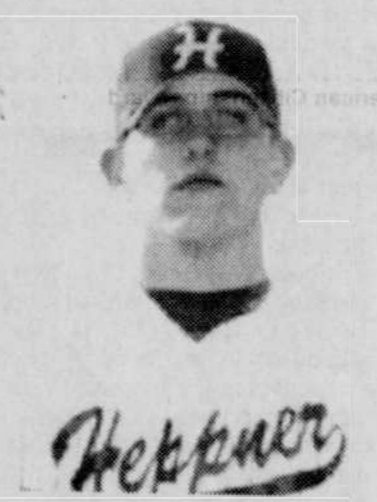
-First Team: first base- Dickenson, Andy Stelk, senior, Pilot Rock; infield-McCabe, Ryan Delph, senior, Weston-McEwen, Tim Alderman, junior, Pilot Rock; outfield-Gunderson, Matheny, Jeff Pollick, sophomore, Stanfield; pitcher-Pettyjohn, Jared LaBrousse, junior Pilot Rock; catcher-Bobby Humphreys, junior Pilot Rock; designated hitter-Elguezabal; utility-Aaron Yunker, junior, Stanfield

-Honorable Mention: infield-Mitch Pace, senior, Pilot Rock, Wilo Graham, junior, Stanfield; outfield-Dustin Erickson, junior, Pilot Rock; pitcher-Bates; catcher-Gribskov; designated hitter-Arthur VanPelt, junior, Pilot Rock; utility-Fabian, Evan Wagner, junior, Weston-McEwen.

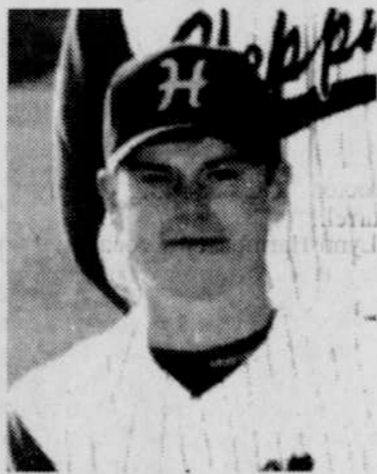
Heppner coaches are Robin Graff, Ione, and Tony Pupo, Heppner.



Tim Dickenson



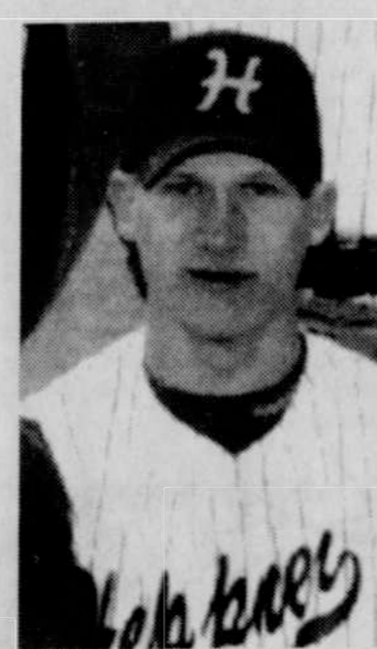
Allan Gribskov



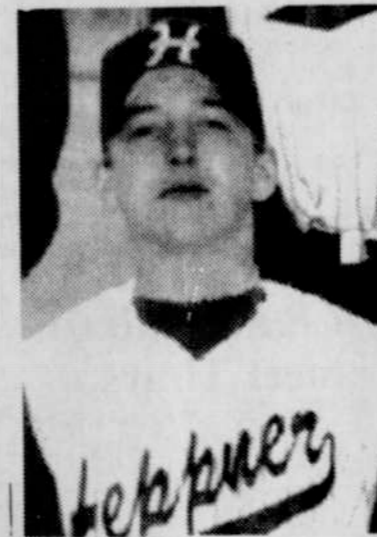
Shane Matheny



Blas Elguezabal



Derek Gunderson



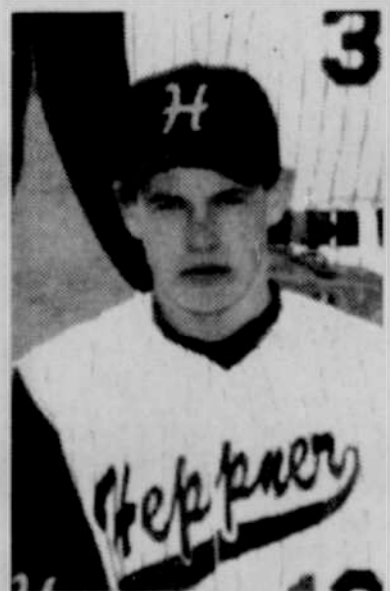
Dylan Pettyjohn



David Bates



Zac Fabian



Michael McCabe

Prostate cancer group to meet

The Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the American Cancer Society office, 342 SW 1st, Pendleton.

The topic will be "Diet in Relationship to Prostate

Cancer." The speaker will be Edith Thompson, dietician.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact June Miller, (541) 443-6171.

Births

Kassadie Mae Harrison-a daughter Kassadie Mae was born to Anastasia Jones of Boardman on May 4, 1999, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 3 1/2 oz.

Christopher Michael Klinger-a son Christopher Michael was born to Joni and Kenneth Klinger of Pendleton on May 5, 1999, at Pendleton. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 6 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/2" long.

Grandparents are Darroll Chowning of Salem, Diane Ellis of Moses Lake, WA, and Gary George of Beaverton. Great-grandparents are Rita Turner of McGill, Nevada, Helen Crawford of Ione, and Bill and Annetta Padberg of Lexington.

Bryan Altamirano Soto-a son Bryan Altamirano was born to Maria Soto and Edgar Altamirano Pena of Boardman on May 11, 1999, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz.

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