

## Deer, elk hunters to comment

Deer and elk hunters are being asked to comment on a proposal to reinstate a historic archery hunt in a portion of eastern Oregon's Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will make a decision at its June meeting in Portland whether to adopt a proposal by the Canyon Creek Bow Hunters, an archery group headquartered in John Day. The proposal would reinstate the former Canyon Creek Archery Area, an area of some 35 square miles within the 1,150 square mile Murderers Creek wildlife management unit.

The proposal would not allow rifle hunting for deer within the Canyon Creek Archery Area; deer hunting would be permitted for archers only.

In addition, a 10-day extended archery season for both deer and elk would be added at the end of the normal archery season, but weapons would be limited to traditional bows (long bow or recurve) only during this season. Tags would be drawn for these hunts through the controlled hunt process. Elk hunting by rifle and muzzleloader would not be affected.

The Canyon Creek Archery Area was established by the Oregon Legislature in 1935. At

that time, Canyon Creek was the only designated archery hunting area west of the Mississippi River. Many early day archery hunting pioneers hunted in the area, including Fred Bear and Howard Hill. The area was opened to rifle deer hunting in 1990.

In 1999 the commission was asked to reestablish the area and the archery-only deer hunt by the Canyon Creek Bow Hunters. The commission directed ODFW to publicize the proposal and bring the results to the June 2000 commission meeting, where the matter will be decided. "So far we've only had four comments," said John Day District biologist Craig Foster. "I think the commission would like to hear from a larger cross-section of the interested public before making their decision."

For additional information about the proposal, interested persons should contact Shaun Robertson, at P.O. Box 242, John Day, OR 97845; (541) 575-2211. Comments intended for the Commission should be sent to Craig Foster, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 9, John Day, OR 97845; (541) 575-1167. Comments should reach Foster by June 7. The Commission meeting is June 9-10, at ODFW headquarters, 2501 SW First Avenue in Portland.

## Rev. Hebert celebrates 40th anniversary of his ordination

St. Patrick's parish honored Rev. Francis Hebert on the 40th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood with a reception on May 21.

Rather than being a direct route, the journey described by Fr. Hebert to becoming a priest and working as a priest has held some twists and turns.

Born in Custer, South Dakota, Hebert moved to Hailey, Idaho, in 1939. He worked in the mines for \$7 a day. When he was drafted into the Army for a four-and-a-half-year duty, he took the drastic drop to a salary of \$21 a month. From army life, Hebert settled in Camp Five for a short employment with Kinzua Mill but then moved back into mining in Washington.

A priest apparently saw the priestly potential of the young miner, for he arranged for Hebert to attend a Latin school in Benet Lake, Wisconsin. During that one year-plus association, Francis was told that he was suited for work as a "lay brother," so off he went for some education in Pennsylvania. Not inspired, Francis soon returned home in Hailey. His life was to take another turn back toward the priesthood, however, when a local priest signed him up at a

seminary near Seattle.

Francis A. Hebert was ordained a Catholic priest in Boise, Idaho, and he said his first mass in Hailey on May 21, 1960. He worked in Idaho parishes, including Bonners Ferry and Soda Springs, until his 1976 heart attack. In January of 1977, he underwent bypass surgery. Recovery from the surgery was slow and Hebert resumed his work as chaplain of a Jerome, Idaho, Catholic hospital, rather than with a parish. He retired in 1981.

Fr. Hebert's sister, Camille Sample, was a widow who lived in Heppner at that time. Hebert informed her that he "was moving in." Until recently, he divided his time in Heppner with six months' living in Yuma, Arizona, each year. In his early time there, his availability enabled the locals to start their own parish, which has now grown to a winter congregation of 1800 last year.

Fr. Hebert remains "retired." Members of St. Patrick Church, however, know that he is far from retired and plays a critical role as assistant to Fr. Gerry Condon. He also journeys to LaGrande when needed there as a substitute priest.

## High school rodeoers bring home trophies

John Day hosted the latest Oregon High School rodeo action May 20-21 and many local youth placed well.

Morrow County saw a championship brought home as Blake Knowles captured the top spot in the steer wrestling with a 4.31. Ryan Matteson downed his steer in 5.85 for third place. Sherman County was represented in the steer wrestling by the Irzyk boys, with Joe taking fourth with a 5.97 and Chris in fifth with a 7.09. Travis Yutzie of Arlington spurred out a 62 in the bareback riding for sixth place.

Breakaway roping action saw Condon's Marnie Wilkins in second with a 3.02 time and Lone's Sybil Krebs in fifth with a 3.88. Tracey Griffith, also of Lone, held on to 10th with a 5.50.

Morrow County did well in the pole bending with Katie Bacon in fifth with a 21.991 and Ann Shear in ninth with a 22.372. Heppner's Lacey Matteson took ninth place in goat tying with a 11.12.

Other names familiar to the area include Monument's John Osburn in second in the bull riding with a score of 70. Brandt Giovanini, Prineville, heeled in the team roping with a time of 24.25 for ninth place. Pilot Rock's Jonie Nash took second in the barrel racing with a 18.079, while Roseburg's Jessica Tatone was third with a 18.085. Nataly Tatone took the pole bending championship with a 20.075 time, while Jessica Tatone was third with a 21.632. Nash grabbed sixth in the event with a 22.078. Prineville's Elizabeth Bowerman took third in the girls cutting with a 72 score while Nataly Tatone was seventh with a 66, followed by Jessica Tatone in eighth with a 65. Jessica Tatone was named Girls All Around.

Rodeo action moves to the eastern part of the state this weekend, with rodeos in Ontario and Baker City. The youth are accumulating points with the goal that the top 20 in each event will compete at the Oregon State High School Rodeo finals to be held in Redmond on June 14, 15, 16 and 17.

## Piano students complete adjudications

Eight piano students from Heppner recently earned certificates for completing adjudications with the Oregon Music Teachers Association. The adjudications were held in Hermiston and Pendleton.

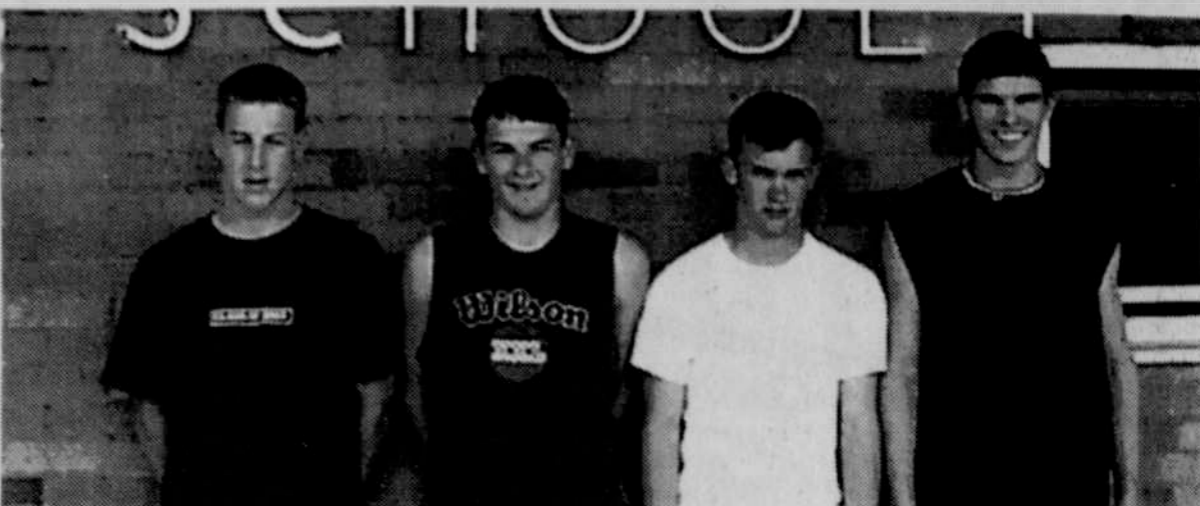
Cameron McCurry completed level I; Kristen Van Cleave completed level II; Nathan Van Cleave, level III; Meaghan Unruh, level IV; Emily Unruh and Matthew Van Cleave, level V; Darren Van Cleave, level VII, and Amy Jepsen, level VIII.

The students were required to perform three or four memorized pieces in addition to scales, chord progressions, ear training, and sight reading. Cameron, Darren, and Amy were chosen to play in an honors recital held in Pendleton on May 24.

Amy and Kristen also participated in Piano Guild adjudications in Richland, WA. They each played a 10-piece program and earned gold pins. Kristen received a rating of superior and Amy received a rating of superior plus.

Cameron McCurry is taught by Ruth Naser of Hermiston and the other seven students are taught by Myrna Van Cleave of Heppner.

## Ione girls take 2nd at state, boys third



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The Lone girls track team finished second and the boys, third, at the state 1A meet held at Western Oregon University at Monmouth this past weekend.

The girls' team earned 106-1/2 points, just edged out of a win by St. Paul with 109 points. They were followed by Crane with 41 points, Spray with 40 and Dufur with 38. The Condon girls' team did not score any points. The Cardinal boys' team earned 55-1/2 points following Powder Valley in first with 102 points and South Wasco County in second with 68-1/2 points. Spray trailed Lone with 53 points. Condon had seven points.

In the Lone boys' results: -Brad Burright was first in the triple jump with a jump of 42-03 1/2; first in the long jump with 21-07, breaking a meet record of 21-4; second in the 110 hurdles with 15.31; and second in the 300 hurdles with 42.08.

-Dan Scott was third in the 200 with 23.74; fifth in the 100 with 11.98w; and sixth in the pole vault with 11-02.

-Korey Morgan was seventh in the triple jump with a 39-01 1/4.

-The Lone boys' team of Mike Radie, Andrew Rietmann, Korey Morgan and Dan Scott were fourth in the 4x100 relay with 46.06.

In the Lone girls results: -Nikki McElligott was first in the 100 hurdles with 15.46, breaking the meet record of 15.53 set last year; first in the high jump with 5-02, just under the meet record of 5'3" she tied for last year; first in the 300 hurdles for the third straight year with 45.83, just of the meet record set last year; fourth in the triple jump with 34-10 1/2.

-Diana McElligott finished first in the 100 with 13.03; first in the 200 with 26.97.

-Camie Burright was third in the high jump with 4-11; fourth in the pole vault with 8-04; fourth in the long jump with 16-01.

-Olivia Thompson was fifth in the long jump with 15.10; fifth in the triple jump with 33-09 3/4.

-Nonnee Walters was sixth in the long jump with 15-02 1/4; eighth in the 100 hurdles with 18.15.

-Amelia Peck finished eighth in discus with 89-05; and 10th in the 300 hurdles with 59.51.

-Dejah Haskett was sixth in

the pole vault with 7-06.

The Lone girls' team took first in the 4x100 (Amelia Peck, Diana McElligott, Nonnee Walters) relay with 51.41; and first in the 4x400 (Diana McElligott, Cyndi Heagy, Olivia

Thompson and Camie Burright) with 4:16.66, breaking the Cardinals' school record of 4:19.6 set at last week's Big Sky meet and second fastest behind meet record set by Canyonville Christian.

## Mustangs drop final game

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team dropped their final Columbia Basin Conference game to the visiting Weston-McEwen Tigerscots, 16-5, in six innings on Tuesday, May 16. The Mustangs still finished in second place in the East Division with a 4 and 5 record and 12 and 11 overall.

The Tigerscots took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Mustangs came back to tie as Stefan Matheny led off with a triple and scored on a double by Mark McElligott.

Allan Gribskov led off second with a double and scored on a single by Josh Hill who later scored on an error to give the Mustangs a short-lived lead.

The Tigerscots scored nine runs in the third to take a

10-3 lead. The Mustangs tried to make a game of it in the bottom half as Kelly Paullus doubled, Gribskov reached on a fielder's choice and both came home on a Hill double.

That was all for the Mustangs though as the Tigerscots scored three runs each in the fifth and sixth innings to end the game on the 10-run rule.

Hill went 2 for 3 with a double and three RBIs and McElligott went 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI. Paullus went 2 for 3 and Gribskov scored twice.

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Wageneer and Peters; Travis Bellamy, Dylan Pettyjohn (3), Stefan Matheny (4), Brad Adams (6) and Matheny, Allan Gribskov (4). W-Wageneer, L-Bellamy, 2B-McLouth, Jorgeusen, Monaco (W.M.) Mark McElligott, Stanley Cutsforth, Kelly Paullus, Josh Hill, Gribskov. 3B-Matheny. HR-none.

## Sheriff's sponsor Olympics run

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring an Oregon Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run between Heppner and Lone on Friday, May 26, starting at 10 a.m. The run is in conjunction with the Law Enforcement Torch Run throughout the State of Oregon.

The run will start at the Heppner City Park on Main Street and will be a relay-type run. Two or three runners will run for as long as they want, then will be picked up by a bus and other runners will take their place.

Cost is \$10 and will include a

Special Olympics runner's T-shirt. If runners receive \$50 in pledges, there is no cost and will include the T-shirt.

The run will raise money for the Oregon Law Enforcement Special Olympics for Morrow, Umatilla and Gilliam counties.

Those interesting in participating may contact the Morrow County Sheriff's Office by Wednesday, May 24, if possible, so organizers will know how much water to bring. Pledge sheets will be at the office.

Contact Larry Sample at the Sheriff's Office for more information.

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