

Sheriff's Dept. promotes bicycle safety



Darrel Raver, on behalf of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, presents a \$200 check to Morrow County Sheriff's Deputies Karen Zeiler and Randy Rayburn. The donation will benefit the department's bicycle safety campaign headed up by Zeiler and Rayburn.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department is planning a bicycle safety campaign to be held in May.

"Our goal is to reach every primary education age child in Morrow County," said Morrow County Sheriff's Deputies Karen Zeiler and Randy Rayburn. "Our highest goal is to provide a helmet for each child in the primary education area. We realize that Morrow County consists of many families that do not have the finances to purchase helmets for each of the children."

While many families with more than one child purchase only one helmet, a proper fit is important, necessitating one helmet for each child, said the deputies.

According to the department, around 800 Americans die each year in bicycle crashes and half of those deaths are children. They estimate that of the 800 fatalities, around 680 could have been saved if they had been wearing a helmet.

The deputies stress that only about five percent of all serious bicycling injuries involve cars and most of the accidents occur on quiet neighborhood streets. "Merely falling off a bicycle onto a hard surface such as asphalt or concrete can cause a serious head injury," they said.

Scholarship applications sought

The Red and Gena Leonard Foundation will award scholarships to students who have graduated or obtained a GED from Heppner, Ione, Boardman, Arlington, Condon, Echo, Fossil, Hermiston, Monument, Pendleton, Pilot Rock Spray, Stanfield, Ukiah or Umatilla high schools.

Students must attend an accredited college, university, community college, vocational, trade or technical program based in Oregon.

It is the intent of the Red and Gena Leonard Foundation to benefit average students of good character with poor financial circumstances

Commission to award grants

The Morrow County Commission on Children and Families is seeking Community Development proposals for the April-June 2001 quarter.

The commission is seeking new proposals for the upcoming quarter. There is approximately \$1,580 available. The maximum per grant is \$500.

Fund requests, for example, could include requests for seasonal program needs; small capital expenditures (except for private property); service program staff training; one time events and pilot projects.

The deadline for next quarter's

Lindsays win Ewe-do Bingo

The winners of the St. Patrick's Celebration Day Ewe-Do Bingo's were Bruce and Patti Lindsay of Heppner. Lindsay, who works at Red Apple Central Market, selected Square #125.

Tickets were sold by the Heppner High School cheerleaders this year to raise funds for next year's activities.

"Bicycle helmets can prevent these injuries."

The department plans to hold bicycle safety rodeos in Heppner, Ione, Boardman and Irrigon and hopes to raffle off a bicycle at each of the rodeos. Working in conjunction with the Morrow County schools, they also plan to hold a poster contest in the schools and award prizes.

The MCSO bicycle safety program includes education, increased availability of helmets and law enforcement. Warnings and citations will be issued to riders without helmets. The department would also like to reward riders wearing helmets with gift certificates donated by local establishments.

The deputies have located a company which will provide helmets for \$5 each, but with over 1,100 children in primary education in Morrow County donations are greatly needed. Helmets must be ordered in April and the program will begin May 1.

Anyone wishing to donate or for more information, contact Deputy Karen Zeiler or Deputy Randy Rayburn in care of the Morrow County Bicycle Safety Program, Morrow County Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 159, Heppner, OR 97836, 541-676-5317.

who have a desire to seek further educational opportunities, but due to their lack of scholastic performance, their ability to receive scholarships maybe limited.

In the selection process, priority will be given to students who are not at the top academically; have limited financial resources; show the ability to be or become upstanding citizens; and have an interest in a blue-collar trade.

Applications may be obtained from school counselors. Deadline to submit applications is Sunday, April 1. For more information contact Tracy Gammell, Executive Director, P.O. Box 1024, Hermiston, OR. 97838 or 564-9177.

proposals is Thursday, April 5.

Proposals must be in the commission office by noon of that day. The requests will be reviewed during the monthly commission meeting on Tuesday, April 10.

Applications are available at the commission office at 120 South Main in Heppner or by calling 676-9675.

The Community Development Fund was established for community needs and to leverage other funds and resources into services, advocacy and unique application projects for the children,

youth and families of Morrow County.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Robert William Campbell, 79, Lexington-Unlawful Stop, \$192 fine;

James Taylor, 31, Heppner-Criminal Trespass, \$631 fine, 180 days in jail, \$300 and jail sentence suspended with two years probation with no further violation of law.

JVs beat TigerScots

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team opened their season with a 6-2 win over the visiting Weston-McEwen TigerScots on Monday, March 19. Four Mustang pitchers combined for a three-hitter while striking out seven.

The Mustangs got on the board in the second when Adam Bergstrom singled, stole second, took third on a throwing error and scored on a passed ball. Brian Gutierrez and Conor Kilkenny walked and moved over to second and third on stolen bases. Ben Turrell squeezed home Gutierrez and Trevor Rhea singled home Kilkenny to make it 3-0.

In the third, Kiel Naims reached on a fielder's choice, then Bergstrom and Kyler Lovgren singled to load the bases. Gutierrez singled home Naims and Kilkenny singled to bring home Bergstrom to make the score 5-0.

Koby Rea led off the fourth with a single, stole second and third and went home on a suicide squeeze by Luke Murray.

The TigerScots scored two runs in the sixth and had runners on in the seventh, but Koby Rea made a diving catch in centerfield and Robert Whalen caught a deep fly ball in left field to end the game.

Bergstrom led the way at the plate, going two for three with two runs scored. Murray, Gutierrez, Kilkenny and Trevor Rhea each were one for two with an RBI. Murray picked up the win, striking out three in two innings pitched.

The JV's next game is a home game against Wahtonka on Monday, April 2, at 4:30 p.m.

Statistics
Weston-McEwen: 000 002 0-2 3 2
Heppner: 032 100 x-6 8 4
Stemple, Johnson (5) and Foster; Conor Kilkenny, Luke Murray (3), Zach Skaggs (5), Brian Gutierrez (7) and Kyler Lovgren. W-Murray. L-Stemple. 2B-none, 3B-none. HR-none.

Local girl performs at state piano recital



Amy Jepsen

Amy Jepsen of Heppner recently received one of the highest honors a piano student in Oregon can earn when she was selected to play at the Oregon Junior Bach Recital.

582 students from around the state entered the 17th annual Bach competition this year and only 22 were chosen to play at the final event recital. Each of the performers also received a golden Bach medallion.

The recital, which was sponsored by the Oregon Music Teachers Association, was held Sunday, March 4, in Corvallis at the First Congregational Church.

Jepsen played J.S. Bach's Prelude

and Fugue in C Minor for the competition and recital. She earned the right to play at state by first winning at the district level in Pendleton in January. She was one of two winners from 12 contestants to be chosen to go on to regional competition.

The regional contest was held at Eastern Oregon University in February. Jepsen placed first of 18 contestants there and thus earned the right to go to the state recital.

Jepsen, 13, is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Jepsen of Heppner. She has been playing piano for seven years and currently takes lessons from Dr. Walter Saul, professor of piano at Warner Pacific College in Portland.

Mustangs open with loss to Bulldogs

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team opened their 2001 season with a loss to the Hermiston Bulldog JV team, 14-9, on Friday, March 16, in Hermiston.

Brad Adams scored Stefan Matheny with a suicide squeeze bunt in the top of the first, but the Bulldogs came back to take a 2-1 lead after one.

The Mustangs regained the lead in the top of the second as Matheny hit a bases-loaded triple and came home on a Michael McCabe single.

The Bulldogs closed the gap to

5-4 in the third, then scored five runs after a two-out error to take a 9-5 lead. Hermiston extended their lead to 14-5 before the Mustangs staged a rally in the seventh, scoring four runs, but it wasn't enough.

Matheny led the Mustangs, going four for four, with four RBIs on a single, two doubles and a triple.

Statistics
Heppner: 140 000 4-9 10 4
Hermiston: 211 550 x-14 9 4

Stefan Matheny, Josh Winters (2), Chuy Elguezabal (4), Adam Bergstrom (5), Michael McCabe (6) and Brad Adams, Kelly Paullus (4); Baravett, Carallow (4) and Henderson. W-Carallow. L-Elguezabal. 2B-Matheny. 2 Donald Adams, Billy Gates, Falconer, Henderson. 3B-Matheny. HR- none.

Golf tourney to benefit scholarship

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust Committee will hold its first annual four-person golf scramble on Saturday, April 21, at the Willow Creek golf course at 9 a.m.

This is the only fund raiser for the trust this year and all proceeds will go to the South Morrow County Scholarship Fund.

The cost of the scramble is \$50 per person with lunch included in the fee. There will be unlimited mulligans for \$5 each. There also will be a putting contest.

Entry forms are available at the golf course and the offices of Kuhn, and Spicer in Heppner. Forms are also available at the post office in Ione or call Del LaRue at 422-7468 to register.

The committee is working to build a scholarship fund that will replace the Carl Troedson Fund when it expires and hopes they can make this their annual fund raiser.

"Come support scholarships for Heppner and Ione graduates, and have a good time golfing in the process," said a committee spokesperson.

Montana State rep to visit school

Jennifer Dunn from New Student Services at Montana State University-Bozeman, will visit high school students in the Heppner area on Friday, March 23.

Dunn will be at the Heppner High School from 1:15-2 p.m. Ione High School students are also invited to attend.

Dunn will present information about academic programs, extracurricular activities, cost and other information about MSU-Bozeman.

For more information, contact high school counselor Mona Hardman at 676-9138, extension 2512.

Mustangs sweep Huskies

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team ruined the home opener for the Sherman County Huskies at their new baseball field by sweeping a doubleheader, 8-1 and 15-3, on Saturday, March 17. The Mustangs got good pitching, getting 25 strikeouts and only six walks in the two games to improve to 2-1 on the year.

The Mustangs got on the board in the third inning for the first game as Stefan Matheny and Michael McCabe singled and Kelly Paullus tripled to score two. Brad Adams singled to score Paullus, Billy Gates singled and Donald Adams doubled home two more to make it 5-0.

Brad Adams doubled off the left field fence, moved to third on a Gates ground-out and scored on a Josh Winters ground-out in the fifth to make it 6-0.

Paullus doubled to lead off the seventh and scored on a double by Brad Adams. Donald Adams singled to score Brad Adams to make it 8-0 going into the bottom of the seventh.

The Huskies scored their lone run in the seventh on two walks and an infield single, their only hit, but it wasn't near enough as the Mustangs' pitching dominated the game.

McCabe struck out eight and walked one in three innings of work and Brad Adams picked up the win, striking out five while walking two in his three innings pitched. Adam Bergstrom pitched the seventh, getting two strikeouts and walking two.

Brad Adams went three for four with two doubles and two RBIs. Donald Adams went three for four with a double and two RBIs. Paullus went two for three with a double, triple and two RBIs, while McCabe went two for four with a double.

The Mustangs scored a run in the first inning of game two as Matheny walked, moved around to third on two balks and scored on a McCabe ground-out.

Brad Adams, Gates and Winters led off the second inning by walking and Donald Adams doubled to score two. Matheny also doubled with two outs to score two more and make it 5-0.

In the fourth, Nick Anthony singled, Chuy Elguezabal singled, Matheny reached on an error to score one and McCabe doubled to score two more and make it 8-2.

The Mustangs broke the game open in the sixth as Matheny walked and McCabe singled. Both runners moved around on passed balls, with Matheny scoring and McCabe getting to third. Paullus sacrificed McCabe home, Brad Adams reached on an error and Gates singled with Adams coming around to score on a passed ball.

Winters and Donald Adams walked to load the bases and Luke Murray was hit by a pitch to force in Gates. Elguezabal singled to score two while Matheny singled to score Murray, making the score 15-3.

Elguezabal struck out the side to end the game after six and give the Mustangs the sweep.

Matheny struck out five in three innings to get the win, with Gates pitching two solid innings in relief.

Matheny helped himself at the plate, going two for three with a double and three RBIs. McCabe and Elguezabal each went two for five with three RBIs. Donald Adams had a double and two RBIs. Brad Adams had a double and an RBI.

The Mustangs will next be at Dufur on Saturday, March 23, for games against Dufur and Alsea.

Statistics
First Game
Heppner: 005 010 2-8 14 11
Sherman Co.: 000 000 1-1 1 1
Michael McCabe, Brad Adams (4), Adam Bergstrom (7) and Kelly Paullus; Cheyenne Langston, Hall (4) and Ruitan. W-B. Adams. L-Langston. 2B-B. Adams 2, Donald Adams, McCabe, Paullus. 3B-Paullus. HR- none.
Second Game
Heppner: 140 307 0-15 11 0
Sherman Co.: 020 010 0-3 4 0
Stefan Matheny, Billy Gates (4), Chuy Elguezabal (6) and B. Adams; Kaseburg, Rhodes (3), Pinhering (5) and Ketchum. W-Matheny. L-Kaseburg. 2B-B. Adams, D. Adams, Matheny. 3B- none. HR- none.

Off The Wall

By Meryl Robinson

Unlike the phrase, "Only your hairdresser knows for sure," it's obvious that my agricultural roots are prominently exposed. It only takes a few erroneous statements about agricultural issues to make my gray hairs sizzle.

First let me explain that I seldom pick up a magazine off the newsstand since tons of reading material contribute to our mail carrier's strong muscles. But while waiting in line at the check-out stand, the cover page of Family Circle leaped out at me. Besides the usual tempting recipes therein; the cover held a promise of an easy weight loss plan while also promoting a fast-food diet. (At our house, fast food means anything that can be thrown together in less than 15 minutes offering a minimum of 15,000 calories per serving.) That front cover also highlighted an article on shortcut supper recipes. For a change there are excellent recipes without using some weird ingredients dreamed up by chemists.

Also designed to catch one's eye was the title of an article on how to cut housework in half. Most of us know that the easiest way to cut housework in half is to leave what you don't want to do today for some future tomorrow. Besides I've already accomplished my March madness spring house cleaning by painting over what wasn't easy to scrub off. Afterward, it took me several days to again hang shelves, pictures and memorabilia. So their suggestion to share that wealth and get rid of the clutter by having a yard sale, made good sense. In my case, I'd have to pay someone to haul off that which I don't hoard.

Another subject that got my attention was an article entitled, "No more trash--the amazing garbage-free family." Yeah, sure. Practically every day, I haul out enough garbage to camouflage a wrecking yard. Yet their good suggestions about recycling are some of my "been there, done that" chores. Though I'd already written to have my name taken off mailing lists to reduce junk mail, they must have got the impression that I wanted to receive more valuable reference material.

While reading further into this article, I began feeling very upbeat about my conservative ways. Grocery bags are used to hold recyclable paper and cans, and we seldom run the dishwasher or clothes washer until we run out of dishes or clothes, whichever comes first or is the most urgently needed.

Now for a dandruff disturbing, hair-raising statement in this feature article. Included with other energy-saving tips, it says, "Eat less meat. It takes 16 pounds of grain to produce one pound of beef." With no further explanation for this remark I wondered just whose energy she was talking about. Maybe she got some tough meat that took lots of chewing energy or perhaps she doesn't want beef animals to expend so much energy eating. If it's the corn farmer's energy she's referring to, he probably hopes that his field corn will bring enough money to pay for his sweaty efforts. For all that this city gal may know, a corn farmer may use mules or fuel his tractor with ethanol, made from a renewable resource, to plant and harvest his crop.

The author, a New Yorker, doesn't know squat about how or where her food comes from. A vegetarian may argue that eating less meat reduces food costs and is safer, even though the appearance of E-coli has become more prevalent since the importation of more vegetables and fruit. American beef is the safest, cleanest and best in the world. Even pooches can be confident that their American beef bones aren't from mad cows or from ones with hoof and mouth disease. The media would like people to believe that whatever food product is a hot topic; it may make someone sick. Consequently there is an urgent need for proof-of-origin on meat products, blended or otherwise, for consumer confidence. However, this proposed ruling is being defeated by major meat packers for obvious reasons. Yet it's okay to label clothing or other products that we don't ingest.

My so-polite letter to the editor was that many consumers don't comprehend our food isn't grown on grocery store shelves even though supermarkets stock everything from fertilizer to bug juice. So I gave this magazine guru the whole nine rows about below-production-cost agricultural sales for American produce partially due to free, not fair, trade whereby cheaper foreign imports undercut U. S. food commodities. Too, the few cents worth of grain in that expensive box of prepared breakfast cereal doesn't come from field corn grown for animal consumption. Of course, I don't want her to choke on her corn flakes; I'd just like her to have to eat her words just as I often have to eat mine.