

Ione Elementary students study volcanoes



Ione Elementary School students Steven Holland, Jeremy Coleman, Zac Orem and Jodan Peterson watch a volcano erupt.

Cards compete at Sherman County

On Friday, March 23, Ione tennis teams hosted Sherman County. The Huskies are traditionally a very strong team and walked away with eight of 11 matches.

Ione's Sheena Christman posted the only win for Ione and freshman Billy Ross was tied before the match was called on account of darkness. This was the first match of the season for Ione.

"Everyone played well," commented coach Cathy McCabe. It is difficult to play one of the strongest teams in the league for your very first match."

In boys' action, Aaron Brown had huge serves and hit hard against Joey Yourchek but was unable to take a game away from Yourchek, losing 0-8. Jeremy Rietmann had some colossal serves and competed strong but fell to Brandon Welk, 1-8. Freshman Billy Ross had the unfortunate draw of playing the last game of the evening and had to call his match with Jeff Holiday tied at two games each. Ross played well against his opponent and displayed some strong skills in the short time he was on the court.

Aaron Tworek and Derek Campbell had a strong match against Brad Goodenough and Brett Brown. Campbell had well placed hits and Tworek's speed is what kept them in the game before they were handed a 5-8 loss. Jeff Hunt and Cameron Krebs lost to the number-two Sherman doubles team of Ketchum and Olsen, 3-8. Krebs is extremely aggressive at the net and Hunt is constantly improving his skills and both are learning to play as a team, said McCabe.

The doubles team of Paul Neifer and Johnny Collin lost to Sherman County's Kaseberg and Crowder, 2-8. Neifer and Collin, both freshmen, displayed strong skills in the back court and compete well together.

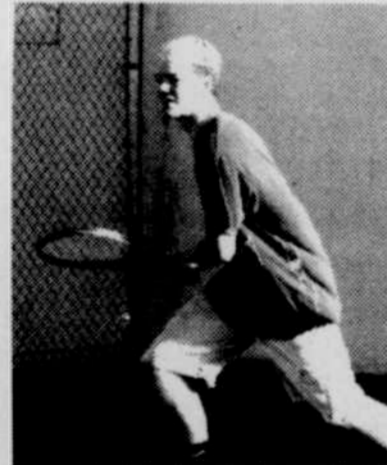
For the girl's team, Molly Barrow was down 1-4 against Elisha Wooderson, made a comeback to nearly tie at 5-6, but lost the game 6-8. Barrow did an outstanding job on her serves for the first match of the season. Sheena Christman easily

defeated Breanne Miller, 8-0. Christman is a consistent player, who gets the ball back and lets her opponents make the mistakes. Emily Key played an outstanding match against Devin Wooderson, taking the match into a tie breaker before failing 8-0. Tie breaker score was also close at 7-9.

Molly Barrow and Meghan McCabe fought a tough match to Codie Stroud and Frankie Welk before failing to Sherman County, 5-8. Emily Key and Sarah Barrow also made worthy opponents to Christine Alley and Kristy Danielson posting a 5-8 loss.



Derek Campbell runs down a forehand hit by his Sherman County opponent.



Aaron Brown prepares to return a forehand hit.



Cameron Krebs prepares to deliver a serve to his opponent.

MC Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists its monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, April 5-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, April 9-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, April 12-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, April 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 17-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Wednesday, April 18-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, April 19-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, April 23-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 24-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, April 26-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, April 30-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mustang softball team sweeps Wahtonka

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang softball team used good defense and clutch hitting from Marissa McCabe to sweep the Wahtonka Eagles, 9-2 and 8-2, to open Eastern Oregon League play in The Dalles on Saturday, March 31. The wins improved the Mustangs' overall record to 6-2 on the year. The Mustangs play at Pilot Rock on Saturday, April 6, in another key EOL doubleheader.

After the Mustangs failed to score in their half of the first in game one, the Eagles had a runner at second with no outs, but failed to score as the Mustangs turned a double play.

In the top of the second, San Juanita Elguezabal reached first on an error, stole second, went to third on a Charissa Gates groundout and scored as Marcy Miller reached on an error. The Eagles had the bases loaded in the bottom half, but the Mustangs' good defense kept them from scoring again.

In the third, McCabe led off with a single, went to second on a wild pitch and scored as Miller reached on another error. The Eagles sent three straight ground balls to Jenni Patton at third base in the bottom half, which resulted in three straight outs to Gates at first base.

The Mustangs broke the game open in the fourth as Patton led off with a double and went to third as Nikki Sisk reached first on a third strike wild pitch. Both runners scored on a throwing error as Sisk stole second. McCabe the doubled

up the right field line and went to third on a passed ball. Jesse Gutierrez walked, and stole second as McCabe came home on the throw. Elguezabal reached on a fielder's choice and both runners moved up on a passed ball, then came home on a Gates single to make it 7-0.

In the sixth, McCabe led off with a single and went to third on a Gutierrez single, who later stole second. McCabe was thrown out at home on a close play on a passed ball, but Elguezabal tripled to score Gutierrez and later scored on a wild pitch.

The Eagles scored a run in the sixth on an error, and added another score in the seventh. The Mustangs then turned a double play to end the game.

McCabe went three for four to lead the Mustangs at the plate and Shelley Rietmann went the distance on the mound to get the win despite a fat lip and nasty cut on the inside of her mouth due to a pre-game throwing accident.

In game two, The Mustangs turned another double play to get out of a jam in the bottom of the first inning and added a run in the second when Gutierrez walked and was tripled home by McCabe.

In the fifth inning, the Mustangs broke a 1-1 tie when Rietmann singled, Elguezabal and Gutierrez walked and McCabe doubled to clear the bases, giving the Mustangs a 4-1 lead.

The Eagles loaded the bases in the bottom half, but failed to score

as Alecia Geer made a nice running catch in left field for the third out.

In the seventh, McCabe and Gates singled and Sisk walked to load the bases. Jesse Kempas had a two-out single to score two and Patton singled to score two more to give the Mustangs a 8-1 lead. The Eagles added a run in the seventh, but the Mustangs held on to get the win and the sweep.

McCabe had another good game, going three for four, with a double, triple and four RBIs. Gates was two for four, Rietmann, two for five, and Sisk, one for two with a double. Rietmann went the distance for her second win of the day. Gates had four RBIs for the day and played great at first base.

Statistics
Game One:
Heppner: 011 502 0-9 7 1
Wahtonka: 000 001 1-2 8 4
Shelley Rietmann and Jesse Gutierrez: Kate Smith and Lindsey Lick. W - Rietmann, L - Smith. 2B - Jenni Patton, Marissa McCabe (H), Lacey Lick 3, Sam Blecher (W); 3B - San Juanita Elguezabal (H). HR - none.

Game Two
Heppner: 010 030 4-8 10 5
Wahtonka: 001 000 1-2 6 3
Rietmann and Gutierrez: Smith and Lick. W - Rietmann, L - Smith. 2B - McCabe, Nikki Sisk (H). 3B - McCabe (H). HR - none.

JV Mustangs rally to defeat Wahtonka

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs JV baseball team rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat the visiting Wahtonka Eagles, 11-5, on Monday, April 2 on a chilly, windy afternoon. The Mustangs moved to 2-0 on the year with a rematch against Wahtonka there on Thursday, April 5, and a doubleheader at home on Friday, April 6, against LaGrande next on the schedule.

Trailing 2-0 in the third, Luke Murray was hit by a pitch and Kiel Nairns reached on an error. Murray scored on a Brian Gutierrez groundout and Nairns scored on a Kyler Lovgren fielder's choice to tie it at 2-2.

The Mustang put up five more in the fourth as Ben Turrell and Zack Skaggs singled and Trevor Rhea reached on an error to load the bases. Murray drove in two with a single and Gutierrez following that up with a homerun to centerfield to make it 7-2.

The Eagles got to within 7-4 in the fifth, but the Mustangs came back with four more in the sixth as Murray reached on an error, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. He scored on a squeeze bunt by Nairns. Nairns went to second on the play and scored on a Gutierrez single. Gutierrez came around to score on a wild pitch as Karl Morgan walked and Morgan scored as Robert Whalen struck out on a wild pitch and forced a throw to first.

Gutierrez shut out the Eagles in the seventh as Mustangs' pitchers Conor Kilkenny, Adam Bergstrom, Zack Skaggs and Gutierrez combined for 11 strikeouts, but walked five and hit four batters.

Gutierrez led the way at the plate, going two for four with a homerun and five RBIs, with Nairns going two for four with two runs scored. Murray had two RBIs and scored three runs.

Statistics
Wahtonka: 011 021 0-5 3 4
Heppner: 002 504 x-11 7 7
Carter, Stans (3), O'Halloran (5) and Huxel; Conor Kilkenny, Adam Bergstrom (3), Zack Skaggs (5), Brian Gutierrez (7) and Kyler Lovgren. W - Bergstrom, L - Stans. 2B - Service (W). 3B - none. HR - Gutierrez (H).

Symphony, singers to perform

The Willow Creek Symphony will also perform two Young People's Concerts for area school children on Thursday, April 5. These will be held at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the Echo Community Center. The Young People's concerts are sponsored by the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation and Linda Barrett-Courtney/Tolemac Inn.

The Willow Creek Symphony and Singers are directed by R. Lee Friese of Athena. Assistant conductor for the symphony is Tony Marks of LaGrande. The symphony, based in Heppner, consists of 43 players between the ages of nine and 72. They represent all levels of proficiency from beginners to advanced musicians. The Willow Creek Singers, also based in Heppner, includes about 20 adults and teens from throughout Morrow and Umatilla counties.



Darren Van Cleave

The Willow Creek Symphony and the Willow Creek Singers will perform their spring concert at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon on Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m.

The symphony will perform a variety of music including "Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel," and "Rondeau" from "Masterpiece Theatre." Darren Van Cleave, 16, of Heppner, will be the soloist for "A Trumpeter's Lullaby" by LeRoy Anderson. The choir will perform several sacred selections. "Amazing Grace" will be sung by the choir along with orchestral accompaniment.

The concert in Irrigon is free to the public and is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the Umatilla Electric Cooperative. A reception will be held after the concert.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report:

Julian Garcia-Lopez was found guilty of Criminally Negligent Homicide following a stipulated facts trial held on February 8. Garcia-Lopez was ordered to 18 months in custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections with three years probation. He was also ordered to pay \$474 in fines, fees and assessments and a compensatory fine of \$5,000 to the estate of Debra Ann Cousins; pay costs of treatment caused or aggravated by his conduct upon the victim's families; and complete drug and alcohol treatment. His driver's license was suspended for eight years.

Rodrigo Chairez plead guilty to Sexual Abuse I and was sentenced to 75 months in custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections with post-prison supervision.



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