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## Junior golfers hold skills tournament



Over 40 children, aged six to 14, completed golf lessons this year.

The 2002 Bank of Eastern Oregon Jr. Golf program was a huge success this year, with over 40 youngsters completing lessons, said Craig Holland, instructor. The kids then showed off their skills in a tournament on July 27 at Willow Creek Country Club. Results were as follows:

Girls: six-year-olds—Emily Holland, first place; Emily Rea, second place. Eight-year-olds—Cassi Day, first place; Carrie Haguewood, second place. Nine and 10-year-olds—Sarah Kendrick, first place; Lindsay Cutsforth, second place; Emily Thompson, third place. 11-year-olds—Maggy Armato, first place; Brenna Rietmann, second place; Stephanie Cutsforth, third place. 12-year-olds—Whitney Matthew, first place; Jenna Bowman, second place; Kelsie Fox, third place.

Boys: six-year-olds—Tyrel Walker, first place; Jaden Orr, second place; Ross Cutsforth, third place. Seven and eight-year-olds—Austin Gutierrez, first place; Stephen Thompson, second place; Steven Holland, third place. Eight-year-olds—Justin Pranger, first place; Cody Orr, second place; Zach Orem, third place. Nine-year-olds—Justin Gutierrez, first place; Donald Matthew, second place; Ian Murray, third place; Joe Armato, fourth place. 10-year-olds—Brent Eckman, first place; Tyler Robinson, second place; Spencer Smith, third place. 11-year-olds—Joshua Shank, first place; Mark McCabe, second place; Taylor Disque, third place. 12-14-year-olds—Jeff Jowers, first place; Matt McCabe, second place; Grant Schmidt, third place.

## Local players will participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Shrine football game

Preparations are finalized and details are ironed out for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Shrine East-West football game to be held at Bulldog Stadium in Baker City on Saturday, August 10. Pre-game activities start at 6 p.m. and kick-off is at 7 p.m. Three Heppner players have been selected to participate in the game.

Stefan Matheny will play for the East side as wide receiver and safety. Travis Bellamy has been selected as an alternate. Michael McCabe was selected to play as well but can not because of an injury. Approximately 150 high schools participate in this activity, producing 120 graduate seniors for the August game. Each team



Stefan Matheny

will consist of a thirty-man player squad and a thirty man alternate squad, each of which is comprised of 14 from the 3A schools, 12 from 2A schools and 4 from 1A schools.

Coaches are selected on rotation. This year Brice Gundlach of Vale High School will be the head coach for the East team and Greg Grant of Heppner High School and Dale Holland of Ione High School will assist him. Laric Cook of Alsea High School will head the West team, assisted by Kirk Miller of Regis High School in Salem and Tim Dodson of Suislaw High School.

In honor of the 50 years of support to the Shrine Hospitals of North America, the organization is extending an invitation to any previous participant to come and be recognized. If anyone was or knows of a past player, coach, queen or official, they are invited to come and be a part of the weekend.

## Free physicals at Ione High School

Ione Schools remind parents that they will be offering free physical examinations to all middle/high school students on Thursday, Aug. 8 beginning at 6 p.m. There will not be another date offered for free physicals. Students unable to get a physical examination on that date must arrangements with a physician to have a physical before he or she

participates in any school athletics.

Students receiving a physical on Aug. 8 must have physical exam form filled out and signed by a parent or guardian in order to receive a physical at the school. Those unable to make the free physical exams must have a physician sign it the form, then return the form to the high school.

## New secretary will finish out fair season

A new fair secretary, Renee Yocom, was hired at the July 1 Fair Board meeting. Yocom will be taking over the position vacated by LaRae Kindle earlier this summer. Yocom was hired temporarily and her position will be



Renee Yocom

reassessed in September. Yocom has been involved in fair activities for the past six years as a fair committee member and the superintendent of the Jr. and Superkids departments, along with other responsibilities. Her new position will put her in charge of organizing the premium book, scheduling food vendors, overseeing the placement of inside and outside exhibits and helping with the open horse show. New food vendors this year include a Mexican-style vendor, one who supplies buffalo meat, and possibly, a seafood vendor. "I hope everyone will come out and see the fair and discover the centennial spirit out here this year," said Yocom.

## Heppner merchant aids in drug bust

Because of the actions of an alert Heppner merchant, a pickup with a mobile methamphetamine lab was stopped in Heppner near Green Feed and Seed by Heppner Sheriff's deputies, resulting in the arrest of the occupants of the pickup.

On Aug. 3, using some information from a poster provided by the Oregon State Police, a local merchant recognized that the purchase of some chemicals was unusual and that they could be used for the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine. A description provided by the merchant lead sheriff's deputies to the occupants of the pickup, which was seen leaving the store. Upon further investigation, deputies discovered other items and chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine in the pickup.

Cary Grove, 42, of Siletz was arrested and charged with Possession of Precursor Substance with the Intent to Manufacture a Controlled Substance, a class B felony. Also taken into custody on a Failure to Appear warrant out of Corvallis was Noah Bird, 19, also from Siletz. Grove was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail, while Bird was cited and released on instructions from the Corvallis Police Dept.

## MCGG buys Lexington Polaris

The Morrow County Grain Growers has purchased Lexington Polaris from Scott Dougherty, and will be moving the shop and sales to the former tire bay at the MCGG store in Lexington, MCGG general manager John Ripple has announced.

Ripple says the co-op will be opening the new facility in mid-August. "We are excited about the opportunity and look forward to serving everyone," says Ripple. He added that the co-op will have a Polaris display at the Morrow County Fair next week, and urged everyone to stop by.

## Special Fair edition part of this GT

Included in this week's Heppner Gazette-Times is a special section on the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. The section includes news, pictures and schedules of the fair and rodeo.

## Boosters take Deschutes River raft adventure trip



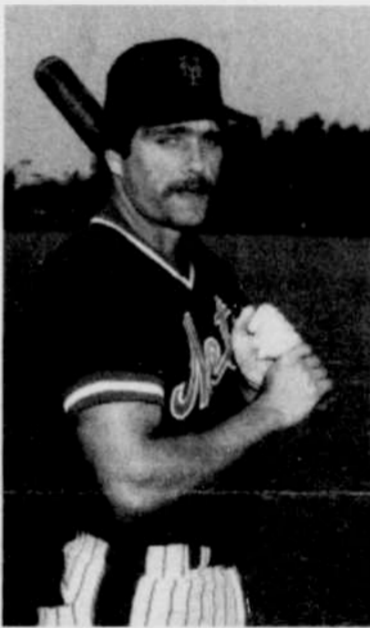
(l-r): Sage Canyon River guide Bo, IHS senior Mike Radie, Chad Robie of Heppner, and Ione graduates: Kari Morgan, Korey Morgan, Mark McElligott and Jake McElligott.

Sixty-one Ione boosters and friends had the adventure of a lifetime when they gathered at Maupin for a one-day raft trip down the Deschutes River. Cardinal Booster Club President Debbie Radie who had the idea for a club money-maker organized the trip. Bob Krein of Sage Canyon River Company worked with Radie to keep costs down, and offered a kick-back to the club for every trip sold. The day included tackling a series of Class III and IV rapids, a barbecue chicken and steak lunch, bodysurfing and sliding, and spectacular views of the high-desert rock formations.

Professional guides on the rafts kept the six-hour day action-packed and fun for all, said a spokesperson. The trip was so popular club members are already planning an outing for the summer of 2003.

Krein offers day trips, overnight rafting packages, and an angler's dream float. He provides group rates, and has offered Cardinal Booster Club 10 percent off any trip booked if an individual mentions the club name when making arrangements. Anyone wishing to schedule a float trip may contact Krein at 1-840-538-RAFT or www.sagecanyonriverco.com.

## Ione man's son going to Oregon Hall of Fame



Wally Backman

Wally Backman, son of Ione resident Sam Backman, will be inducted into the Oregon Baseball

hall of fame August 10, an honor he earned playing 14 years in the majors, including a World Series championship with the New York Mets.

Backman was a first round draft pick of the Mets straight out of Aloha High School in Beaverton in 1977. He played in the minor leagues several years before joining the Mets in 1981. He played on the 1986 world champion Mets, batting .333 in the series. In 1990 he joined the Pittsburgh Pirates, then in '91 and '92 played for the Philadelphia Phillies before ending his season with the Seattle Mariners in 1993. He is now a manager with the Chicago White Sox Birmingham AL farm club.

The Oregon Hall of Fame induction will take place at the Tiger Woods building on the Nike campus at Beaverton.

## Final Concert in the Park is Friday

Brian Hanson and the Badland Patrol will perform on Friday, Aug. 9, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Ione City Park amphitheater. Leader Brian Hanson playing fiddle heads the free, three-hour concert; he also plays guitar and sings. Brian Hanson and the Badland Patrol performs mostly in Redmond and Prineville but have also played their country music at Mr. B's in Portland. Hanson has also performed in Pendleton with the group known as Cross Country. Many popular country songs will be heard at the evening performance.

This is the last of the Summer Concerts in the Park series, which have been held in south Morrow County, sponsored by the Willow



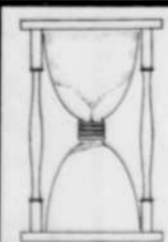
Brian Hanson

Valley Service Club and funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy an evening of music.



Celebrate Heppner's History parade marshals: MC Sheriff's Department. Back (l-r) Jymme Canham and son, Drion Van Doorn, Paul Morris and grandson, Brian Rietmann and son. Front (l-r) Lee Jeffries, Doug Elia, Marilyn McCall, Sarah Baker, Sgt. Jeanine Dilley, John Bowles, Doug Foster.

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## BACK TO OUR REGULAR HOURS

7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday  
and 7 a.m. - 12 noon Saturday

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