

Ione tennis team plays at Weston McEwen

Ione traveled to Athena on Friday, March 21. Ione boys split with Weston winning two of four matches. Tyler Raible defeated Scott Peterson, 8-6. Brian Bunch lost to Roger Bauman, 5-8. Doubles duo of Johnny Collin and Paul Neiffer easily defeated Austin Burns and Tony Todd, 8-4.



Caitlin Orem executes a backhand return again Tami Weidert of Weston-McEwen

Taylor McElligott and Nate Rea were tied at five games each with Jason Kennedy and Josh McCullough when a rainstorm forced a tiebreaker. McElligott/Rea lost the tiebreaker 5-7, for a 5-6 loss.

Meghan McCabe and Sara Peck posted the only win

for the girls on Thursday, defeating Darlene Thompson and Kati Bennett, 8-5. Caitlin Orem lost to Tami Weidert, 1-8. Amanda Emery lost to Kayla Johnson, 2-8. The doubles team of Abby Key and Alyssa Rietmann lost to Becky Baker and Kayla Parades, 1-6.

Mustangs can't hold lead, drop game to Kettle Falls

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang baseball team took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but couldn't keep it as they lost 5-4 to the Kettle Falls Bulldogs in Colfax, WA, on Friday, March 28, to drop their non-league record to 2-2 on the year.

The Mustangs got their three runs in the first inning. Josh Winters had a one out single, Tyler Lovgren reached on an error with two outs, Billy Gates had an RBI single, Cody Walton running for Gates took off on the pitch and Donald Adams had a two RBI single to right to make it 3-0.

Mustangs rally past Knappa

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs fell behind 3-0 to the visiting Knappa Loggers, but scored four runs in the fifth to squeak out a 4-3 win for their first win of the season.

The Loggers scored single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings before the Mustangs got on the board. Josh Gutierrez led off with a single, Kory Paullus beat out an infield single, Chuy Elguezabal walked with two outs and Tyler Lovgren doubled to right field to clear the bases. Billy Gates followed that up with a

Conor Kilkenny shot down the Bulldogs for three innings but ran out of gas in the fourth as they scored four runs and added another in the fifth to take a 5-3 lead.

Gates hit a homerun to left in the top of the sixth and had the tying run at third base with two out. Kory Paullus walked and went to third on a Josh Gutierrez single, but the Mustangs couldn't score.

Gates went 2-3 with two RBI, Adams went 1-3 with two RBI and Gutierrez went 1-2.

Adams Bergstrom pitched well in two innings of relief of Kilkenny.

Heppner 3000 0001
0-4 5 2
Kettle Falls 000 410 x-
5 8 2

double to left field to score Lovgren and put the Mustangs ahead.

Gates picked up the win in relief of Elguezabal pitching the final three innings. Elguezabal struck out eight in four innings on the mound.

Lovgren went 2-3 with two doubles and three RBI.

Heppner 000 040 x-4
5 0

Knappa 001 110 0-3 5
2

Maki, Bryan (5), Fransen (6) and Berendse; Chuy Elguezabal, Billy Gates (5) and Gates, Elguezabal (5). W-Gates. L- Bryan. 2B- Tyler Lovgren 2, Gates; (K) Fransen. 3B- none. HR- none.

Mustang shut out Loggers

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang baseball team finally got their bats going in a 12-0 win over the visiting Vernonia Loggers in a game shortened to five innings due to the ten-run rule. The Mustangs banged out 10 hits, including two doubles and two homeruns, in improving to 2-1 on the year and will be at Wahtonka on Thursday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m., and will host Mac-Hi on Tuesday, April 8 at 4 p.m.

After a scoreless first inning, Billy Gates led off with a line drive homerun to center field to jumpstart the offense. Donald Adams walked, went to second on a Josh Gutierrez sacrifice bunt and to third on a Kory Paullus ground-out. Kiel Nairns was hit by a pitch, Chuy Elguezabal walked, Josh Winters walked to score a run and Brad Adams hit a grand slam to center field to make it 6-0.

In the third, Paullus reached on an error. Nairns had a bunt single to move Paullus to third, and then Paullus scored on an Elguezabal ground-out.

Winters had an RBI double off the fence in right field and Tyler Lovgren doubled to right field to score Winters to make it 9-0.

The Mustangs put the game away in the fourth when Donald Adams singled, Kyle Carlson singled, Conor Kilkenny scored two with a single and he later scored on a Brad Adams single to make it 12-0.

Winters pitched two innings striking out two, Brad Adams struck out three in two innings to get the win and Adam Bergstrom struck out the side in the fifth as they gave up just three hits for the game.

Brad Adams went 3-4 for five RBI, Winters had a double and two RBI, Donald Adams went 1-1 and scored twice and Kilkenny went 1-1 with 2 RBI.

Heppner 063 3x-12 10
1

Vernonia 000 00-0 3 1
Koch, Ostedt (2) and Winn; Josh Winters, Brad Adams (3), Adam Bergstrom (5) and Billy Gates. W- B. Adams. L- Koch. 2B- Winters, Tyler Lovgren. 3B- none. HR- B. Adams and Gates.

Mustangs drop game to Colfax

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang baseball team rallied to tie the Colfax Bulldogs after falling behind early but gave up seven runs in the fifth and sixth innings and lost 9-2 on Saturday, March 29 in Colfax. The Mustangs 2-3, play at Wahtonka on Thursday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m., and will take on Mac-Hi at 4 p.m., on Thursday, April 8 in Heppner, in non-league action.

The Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead in the first and kept it until the top of the fourth, when Chuy Elguezabal reached on an error, was

moved to second by a Josh Winters bunt and Brad Adams hit a homerun to left field. However, the Bulldogs came back with four runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth to put the game away.

The Mustangs had six hits with Donald Adams, Josh Winters, Tyler Lovgren, Josh Gutierrez and Kory Paullus each having singles to go with Brad Adams' homerun. Heppner 000 200 0-2 6 3
Colfax 200 043 x-9 8 2

Chuy Elguezabal and Billy Gates; Tim Sloat and Cody Grant. W- Sloat. L- Elguezabal. 2B- none. 3B- none. HR- Brad Adams (H).

Ione Schools announce April events

April 3 is the end of the third nine weeks for Ione Schools. The new quarter will begin April 7.

Other events in the month April include a Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m., on April 7; a Site Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on April 9; and an Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held April 10-11 from 5-8 p.m. on April 10 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 11.

The Morrow County School Board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 14 at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon.

The Blue Mountain Community College Skills Contest will be held Wednesday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 30. A math contest will be held at Heppner Elementary School at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 17.

The Ione Middle School Band Festival will be held Wednesday, April 23.

The Natural Resources Field Trip will be held April 23-26 and the Oregon Writing Festival will be held Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26.

The month of April is also filled with numerous track, tennis and baseball and softball games.

Heppner Youth Sports Academy announces June camp events

Greg Grant, of Heppner High School, came up with an idea to create event where local coaches and player can come together with college level coaches to enhance their techniques. This idea is finally becoming a reality. The event is sponsored by the Heppner Youth Sports Academy.

June 11-20 college coaches and their coaching teams will be converging in Heppner from all over Oregon. These coaches will hold three separate clinic/camps for those interested in football, basketball and volleyball.

The HYSA strives to provide sports instruction to the youth and coaches in Heppner. This event is an attempt to create a low cost camp for Heppner youth to hone their skills and to receive top-level instruction. Along with providing coaches the opportunity to observe top-level instructors and glean from their teaching techniques, game planning and all other facets of coaching. The goal is to accomplish this without having to leave town or pay large sums of money for camp experiences.

Helping Grant make the camps a reality, Scott Coe of Rugg's Ranch is providing accommodations for the visiting coaches and staff at no cost. Grant said that being able to offer great accommodations to college coaching staffs at no cost to them greatly reduced to expense of holding the clinic/camp.

The three clinic/camps for the various sports will be held at separate times. Also, age group sessions are in the process of being organized and will be announced at a later time.

Eastern Oregon University staff, from LaGrande, led by head coach Jim Fenwick will be conducting the evening coaches' clinic for all football

coaches on Wednesday, June 11 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The skill-based camp for football players, grades 5-12, will be held at Heppner High School Thursday and Friday June 12-13 from 5-8:30 p.m.

Willamette University head coach Gordy James and staff, from Salem, will be conducting a basketball coaches' clinic on Sunday evening, June 15, from 6-9 p.m. A camp experience for basketball players, grades 3-12 will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 16-17. Times for each age group session will be announced later. The basketball camp is open to boys and girls.

Concluding the clinic/camps will be Clackamas Community College head coach Kathy Woods and staff, from Oregon City, who will be conducting a volleyball coaches' clinic Wednesday, June 18 from 6-9 p.m. Coach Woods and staff will lead a camp for grades 4-12 on June 19 and 20. Times for each age group session will be announced later.

Each of these coaching staffs will be using all age group coaches from Heppner to assist in the camps. The coaching staffs conduct short clinic/review sessions at the end of each day of camp. These camps are designed to bring coaching and playing techniques to Heppner for all who coach or play.

Helping Grant set-up this event are students, Blair Keithley, Linsey Mitchell and Kyle Huddleston. These students are actively working in the development of brochures, publicity and will have registration forms available soon. This event is open at no cost to coaches and a nominal fee to players.

For more information contact Greg Grant at Heppner High School, 676-9138.



Off The Wall...

By Merlyn Robinson

We are supposed to be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery, the Lewis and Clark exploration of Western America- an expedition that made the United States a continental nation and a geo-political power, (the interrelationship of politics and geography). This discovery and subsequent acquisition (through national tax dollars) gave everyone a stake in the public lands, no matter where they live.

The settling of the West was an important era, no matter the hardships, that added to our national growth, capitalizing on creative ingenuity while providing people with the opportunity to take great chances.

It was a great feat, even though the original concept has been exploited. It's sad that current disruptive policies, instigated by influential parties, now override individual property rights regardless of geographic location.

Greed often puts everything out of sync. Public land use is restricted in many places in the name of preservation. Wilderness areas in forests are allowed to build up fuel and burn or can't be thinned because some whacko thinks nature should take its course. Landowners are regimented as to land uses or water that flows through their property.

Grumble we may, but in the name of self-expression some individuals have taken free speech to a new level. These people seem to believe that no more terrorist tragedies can happen in the U.S. They don't realize the war is about preserving the benefits of living in a free society. Perhaps they should experience the loss of liberty as residents in some third-world countries ruled by dictators. I believe it is an affront to our brave soldiers who putting their lives on the line, and also to our veterans who have fought in major wars, with many dying, to preserve freedom for people in different countries

Personally, I think a fitting place for disruptive protesters would be in the middle of the Sahara Desert or smack dab in the middle of Iraq. But gosh, some wouldn't be eligible for free health care, food stamps or all the comforts of home that they now enjoy. Not unlike those pioneers who trudged westward, living from land to mouth, while uncertain as to what the future would hold if they managed to survive the long, slow, difficult journey.

This war is not about oil- only 10 percent of our oil comes from Arab nations. Yet perhaps the internal combustion engine should never have been invented. People once survived with only four-legged horsepower, mules or oxen. After putting down roots in the West, people created handmade tools, use tripods to hoist things and capitalized on nature's forces with windmills. Those folks would never have considered protesting about their meager lifestyles; they were only too happy to exist. When statehood brought unification and better representation, they welcomed it with open arms.

The U. S. of A. is not a perfect democracy, but just try to find a better government where people have so many privileges. The right to demonstrate is a given. However protest marches have resulted in vandalism, disruption in commerce and civil disobedience- a huge expense for law enforcement in cities that are already strapped to meet other needs. It's time to support our troops and honor the American flag.

Wedding Tables

Katie Riney & Michael Olsen

Wedding ~ Saturday, May 3

United Church of Christ, Condon

Murray's Drug

217 North Main • Heppner
676-9158
Serving Heppner, Lexington & Ione

The Country Rose

233 N. Main • Heppner
676-9426

Cozy, Well-Kept Home

Two bedroom, one bath home in Heppner with brand-new furnace, wood floors and two-car garage

\$65,000

Call David Sykes to see this property

(541) 676-9228 days • (541) 676-9939 evenings
1-800-326-2152

David Sykes,
Agent

Heritage Land Co.
REALTOR

180 W. Baltimore #5
Heppner, OR 97836
www.heppner.net