

## Cardinals face up again Echo and Moro

Ione Cardinal tennis teams hosted Echo on Tuesday, April 15. The Ione ladies took two of two matches and the Ione men took one of two matches.

Caitlin Orem easily defeated Stacie Garcia, 8-0. Amanda Emery narrowly defeated Heather Thomas, 8-7.

Tyler Raible lost to John Magana, 0-8, while Brian Bunch defeated Ruben Harris, 8-1.

The Ione tennis teams traveled to Moro on Friday, April 18. Ione walked away with three wins, while Sherman High School posted six wins.

Orem had a 4-1 lead against Frankie Welk. Welk turned up the heat and had 6-5 advantage before Orem finished the match with a strong 8-6 victory. Emery lost to a more experienced opponent, Tiffany Gray, 0-8. Meghan McCabe lost 2-8 to Sellah Hill.

McCabe doubled up with Orem for a match, losing to Codi Stroud and Kristi Danielson, 2-8. Abby Key and



**Meghan McCabe reaches and returns a baseline hit to her Sherman County opponent.**

Alyssa Rietmann lost to Hill and Christine Alley, 2-8.

Raible lost to Brett Brown, 5-8 and Bunch lost to Willy Reeves, 5-8. Johnny Collin and Paul Neiffer won their match against Reeves and Joe DeGrange, 8-4. Taylor McElligott and Nate Rea defeated Brad Carlson and Shawn Bickler, 8-3.

## Mustang JVs outlast Vikings

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team outlasted the Umatilla Vikings 16-7 in a game in which the teams combined for 24 strikeouts, 20 walks, 20 hits and five hit batters on Monday, April 14 in Umatilla. The Mustangs, now 7-2 on the year, host Stanfield on Friday, April 25 at 3 p.m., and travel to Stanfield on Monday, April 28.

The Mustangs scored a run in the first when Luke Murray reached on a fielder's choice and came around to score on a Trevor Rhea single, but the Vikings scored a run in the bottom half to tie it at 1-1.

In the second, Riley Wight singled, Cody Walton reached on an error, Dan Basile had a sac fly, Murray tripled to score a run and came home as Rhea reached on an error and Sloan Keithley drew a bases loaded walk to force in a run and make it 5-1.

They added three more in the third when Walton and Basile singled, Murray had an RBI double and Rhea reached on an error to score two more.

The Vikings scored three in the fourth to get within 8-4, but the Mustangs got a run in the fifth when Matthew VanCleave walked and came around to score on a passed

ball. They added three more in the sixth when Walton walked, Basile singled, Murray had an RBI single, Rhea and Kyle Carlson had an RBI single to make it 12-4.

The Vikings scored two in the sixth, but the Mustangs came back with four more in the seventh when Aaron Lueck singled and scored on a Basile single. Murray reached on an error to score another run, Rhea reached on an error and later scored on a passed ball and Carlson had an RBI single.

The Vikings scored a run in the bottom half and had the bases loaded, but the Mustangs got out of the jam.

Murray went four for six with four RBI and scored five times. Basile went four for five with two RBI and scored three times. Carlson had two RBI, Walton scored twice and Rhea had two hits and two RBI.

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Matthew VanCleave, Dan Basile (4), Sloan Keithley (6), Trevor Rhea (7) and Kyle Carlson; Estrada, Bissonette (4) and Quillen. W-VanCleave. L- Estrada. 2B- Luke Murray (H); Ortega (U). 3B- Murray (H). HR- none.

## Mustangs blast Wahtonka

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity baseball team banged out 16 hits to beat the visiting Wahtonka Eagles 15-2 on Tuesday, April 15. The Mustangs, now 7-3 on the year, have a key doubleheader at Pilot Rock on Saturday, April 26 and will be at Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, April 29 in Columbia Basin Conference play.

The Mustangs took an early 2-0 lead when Josh Winters walked and Brad Adams hit a homerun to centerfield in the first inning. They added a run in the second when Chuy Elguezabal singled and came around to score on a Winters single.

In the third, Kyler Lovgren walked, Kory Paullus singled, Jode Coil had an RBI single and Elguezabal hit a sac fly to give the Mustangs a 6-0 lead.

The Eagles scored a run in the top of the fourth, but the Mustangs came back with two more in the bottom half when Kiel Nairns walked, Billy Gates singled, Donald Adams walked and Lovgren had a two RBI single.

In the fifth, Brad Adams doubled and Gates hit a home run to left field to make

it 10-1. The Eagles scored on a run in the sixth, but the Mustangs ended it when Trevor Rhea singled, Winters singled, Brad Adams had an RBI single, Nairns was intentionally walked and Gates hit a grand slam home run to left to end the game on the ten-run rule.

Donald Adams took a perfect game into the fourth to get the win giving up three hits and one run while striking out three and walking none.

Gates went three for three with six RBI and scored three runs. Brad Adams went three for four with three RBI and scored three runs and Winters went three for three and scored twice. Lovgren went two for three with two RBI, Paullus went two for three and Nairns scored twice.

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DeSpain, Kuenl (3), Ladoveer (4), Krol (5) and Vink; Donald Adams, Josh Winters (5) and Billy Gates. W- Adams. L- DeSpain. 2B- Krol (W); Winters, Brad Adams, Kyler Lovgren (H). 3B- none. HR- Gates 2, B. Adams.

## Mustangs sweep Nyssa

By Rick Paullus

Pitching, defense and timely hitting carried the Heppner Mustangs baseball team to a sweep of the visiting Nyssa Bulldogs by scores of 5-0 and 5-0 on Friday, April 18. The Mustangs wrapped up the non-league portion of their season with a 9-3 record and will be at Pilot Rock for a Columbia Basin Conference doubleheader on Saturday, April 26 at 11 a.m., and at Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, April 29 at 4:30 a.m.

The Mustangs got on the board early in the first game when Josh Winters doubled and scored on Brad Adams' homerun in the first inning. They added another in the second when Kory Paullus walked and went to second on Kyler Lovgren's sacrifice bunt and scored on a Jode Coil double.

In the third, Brad Adams singled and went to second on a ground out by Billy Gates; then went to third on Donald Adams' single and scored on a Josh Gutierrez bunt. The Mustangs added their fifth run in the fourth when Coil reached on an error, went to second on a Chuy Elguezabal sac bunt and scored on Winters' single.

Elguezabal made the lead stand up as he went five innings, scattering three hits while striking out eight and an intentional walk and Gates pitched two scoreless innings in relief.

Donald Adams went two for three with a double and Brad Adams went two for four with two RBI and scored twice. Winters went two for

four with an RBI and Coil went one for two with an RBI.

In the second game, the Mustangs again scored early when Winters reached on an error, went to third on Brad Adams' double and scored on a Luke Murray single.

They added another run in the third when Winters singled and scored on a Murray double and another run in the fourth when Donald Adams singled and went to third on a Gutierrez sac bunt and scored on a Coil squeeze bunt.

The Mustangs scored two insurance runs in the sixth when Gates singled, Donald Adams was hit by a pitch, Ben Turrell reached on an error to score Gates, Elguezabal walked to load the bases and Winters drew a walk to force in a run to make it 5-0.

Conor Kilkenny went the distance on the mound to pick up the win allowing just two hits and two walks, while striking out seven.

Murray went two for three with two RBI, Winters went two for three and scored twice and Donald Adams scored two runs.

Game One

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Hansen and Holliday; Chuy Elguezabal, Billy Gates (6) and Gates, Elguezabal (6). W- Elguezabal. L- Hansen. 2B- Holliday, Garcia (N); Josh Winters, Donald Adams, Jode Coil (H). 3B- none. HR- Brad Adams.

Game Two

Nyssa 000 000 0-0 2

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Whitmore, Cummings (6) and Holliday; Conor Kilkenny and Elguezabal. W- Kilkenny. L- Whitmore. 2B- Hartley (N); Winters, B. Adams, Luke Murray (H). 3B- none. HR- none.

## SMST to hold annual golf scramble

The South Morrow Scholarship Trust is holding its third annual golf tournament on Saturday, May 3, starting at 9 a.m., at the Willow Creek Country Club. It will be a four-person team scramble. Cost is \$45, including lunch. All funds will go for scholarships for graduating seniors of Heppner and Ione schools. Come support the students of Heppner and Ione Schools and have a fun time in the process, said a trust

spokesperson.

The committee is currently working to establish a large enough fund to replace the Troedson Scholarships when they run out. The replacement will be for Heppner and Ione students only.

For more information, contact Missy Cutsforth at 989-8104, Sharon Harrison at 676-5407, or Del LaRue at 422-7468.

## American Legion and Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet April 28, at 7 p.m., in the Methodist Church basement.

Three members, President Sharon Harrison, Dorothy Jackson and Bebe Munkers attended the District 6 meeting held in La Grande on April 12.

Ione and Heppner were the only units to reach goal at that time. A freedom gathering took place in

downtown La Grande and members of District 6 participated.

Election of officers will be held at the April meeting. The "Poppy" date will be set in May.

The Auxiliary has remembered local boys that are in the service with cards.

You are invited to attend the April 28 meeting and support the veterans.

## WCCC ladies hold Play Day in the rain

Ten Willow Creek County Club ladies gathered in rainy conditions for the April 16 Play Day. Shari Stahl received the low gross of the field; Pat Anderson received low net; and Carol Norris and Donna Morgan received least putts of the field.

In Flight A, Luvilla Sonstegard received low gross and Eva Kilkenny receive low net. Loa Henderson received low gross for Flight B and Jackie Allstott received low gross for Flight C.

## Stokes Landing Senior Center to hold fundraiser

Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon is sponsoring the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers show, for the 15th year, on Saturday, April 26 starting at 6:30 p.m.

This is a fundraiser for the center.

The show will feature a variety of old time music and there will be refreshments available before and during the show. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call (541) 922-4399.

## Wedding Tables

**Toni Cutsforth & Jacob Kavaya**

Reception ~ Saturday, April 26  
Heppner Elks Club

**Katie Riney & Michael Olsen**

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Wedding ~ Saturday, June 21

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