

Ione student places 2nd in Elks contest



Poster contest winner Shelby Wiggers (right) with Lindsay Kincaid (left) of the Heppner Elks Club.

Shelby Wiggers, a fourth grade student at Ione Elementary, was notified recently of her second place finish in the Oregon State Elks Eye Poster contest. Wiggers won the local Elks contest and her winning poster was forwarded to the state level for advanced competition.

Wiggers, the daughter of Rebecca Wiggers of Ione, was awarded \$80 for her first place finish at the local level and a certificate of achievement for her state finish.

The poster competition is held each winter, with local students submitting posters containing eye and vision safety themes. The Elks are a direct sponsor of the Casey Eye Institute in Portland, which provides eye care, diagnosis, and treatment for Northwest youth, regardless of insurance or ability to pay.

Volunteers and students join together in reading



(L-R) Katie Tayloe, Jacky Sanchez, Justin Smith, Carmen Healy, Ryan Bennet, Calli Britt, Thomas Black, Stephany Villalobos and Mary Ann Elguezabal.

The students in Mary Ann Elguezabal's Booster Reading class are in for a special treat every Wednesday. Carmen Healy and Joy Krein volunteer by listening to children read, helping with writing, creating bulletin boards, preparing materials to help children learn. The children especially like the one-on-one time they spend reading with the volunteers.

Healy was born in the Dominican Republic and has 13 brothers and sisters. She shared the history of her native country with the children and they were very impressed that she walked to school barefoot. Healy said her favorite part about volunteering is watching the children progress in their reading.

The children made cards and gave Healy flowers because it will be her last day this year. All of the students were sad and some gave her big hugs. They asked her to come back next year. She will be leaving for the Dominican Republic to visit family and her daughter, Janelle, who is studying there.

"I would like all the G-T readers to begin thinking about volunteering next year. With the proposed cuts, there will be even a greater need for more volunteers," stated Elguezabal. "Everyone has a bit of time, a smidge of talent, and a great treasure to share with children."

Start thinking about how you can help out next year and contact Heppner Elementary School, 676-9128, for more information.

Cardinals gain wins over Sherman County



Taylor McElligott (forward) looks for the overhead slam while teammate, Nathan Rea (back) prepares to back up his partner.

Ione tennis teams hosted Sherman County on Tuesday, April 29. Ione women tied with three wins while Ione men defeated Sherman with three wins and one loss.

Caitlin Orem narrowly lost to Frankie Welk, 6-8. Orem had a 2-5 deficit, but came back 6-5, but was on a field trip and had not had a match or practice for almost a week. Meghan McCabe fought a tough battle before defeating Tiffany Gray, 8-6. McCabe then defeated Keely Meyers, 8-1.

Amanda Emery lost to Hannah Jeffries, 5-8. Alyssa Rietmann shut out Callie MacNab, 8-0. Rietmann then teamed up with partner, Abby Key, losing their match, 3-8.

Tyler Raible easily defeated Willy Reeves, 8-2. Brian Bunch also had an easy match against Brad Carlson, defeating Carlson, 8-1.

Johnny Collin and Paul Neiffer were handed their first loss of the season losing to Welk-Reeves, 1-8. Taylor McElligott and Nathan Rea defeated Shawn Bickler and Brad Carlson, 8-4.

Mustang JVs nipped by Bucks

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang JVs rallied to tie the Pendleton Frosh 3-3 in the seventh inning, but ended up losing 4-3 in the bottom of the ninth on Thursday, May 8 in Pendleton. The Mustangs ended the season with an 8-5 record.

The Bucks scored two in the first and another in the third before the Mustangs could finally get on the board in the fifth. Riley Wight reached on an error, went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Sloan Keithley, went to third on an error and scored on a ground-out by Cody Walton.

The Mustangs began their rally in the seventh when Wight singled, Trevor Rhea walked, Walton reached on a fielder's choice, Dan Basile hit a sac fly to score one and Jode Coil singled with two out to score Walton and tie it up.

The Bucks had the go-ahead run on third with one out but he was thrown out at the plate by Kory Paullus as he was trying to score on a fly ball to center field. They scored the winning run in the ninth with two out.

Walton was two for four with a RBI and Wight scored twice.

Coil went all nine innings, scattering four hits while striking out eight.

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Jode Coil and Kyler Lovgren; Joe Williams, Jones (7), Cooley (8) and Jones, Williams (7) and Jones (8). W- Cooley, L- Coil. 2B- Jones 2 (P). 3B- none. HR- none.

Ione Legion Auxiliary to host Memorial Day events

Seven members of the Ione Legion Auxiliary met at June Crowell's house on April 13 and prepared 14 gift boxes for local servicemen. These gifts were collected by Ione Grade School students, teachers, local townspeople and auxiliary members. These boxes were sent to servicemen overseas and in the U.S.

The Auxiliary met on May 6 for the monthly meeting at the Office Tavern. By a unanimous ballot, it was decided to keep the same slate of officers as the previous year.

Members will sell poppies on May 22-23.

The Memorial Day service will be at the Ione school flagpole on Monday, May 26. Guest speaker will be Eugene Morgan, survivor of the USS Indianapolis, which sank after being torpedoed by



President Irene Holtz with poster requesting gifts for servicemen.

a Japanese submarine on July 30, 1945. Of the 1,196 men aboard, only 316 survived. There will be a potluck at the Legion Hall at 5 p.m. to enable people to meet and visit with Morgan. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The annual strawberry feed and potluck will be held June 17 at the Legion Hall.

Ione tennis teams defeated by Boardman

Ione tennis teams traveled to Boardman on Friday, May 2. Ione women took two of five matches, while the men posted three of five wins.

Caitlin Orem defeated Becki McNamee, 8-2. Meghan McCabe lost to Hannah Close, 7-9. McCabe had a 3-0 lead before Close came back to win the next four matches. McCabe tied the match up at 7 games each but was unable to pull out the victory. Alyssa Rietmann defeated Jamie Moore, 8-2. Amanda Emery lost to Erica Moore, 0-8.

Alyssa Rietmann teamed up with Abby Key to play Jennifer Mendoza and Marla Wiser. Rietmann-Key were unable to post the win, losing 5-8.

Tyler Raible defeated Juan Martinez, 8-6. Raible started with a 3-0 lead, let up and soon found him self with a 4-6 deficit. Raible pursued to



Paul Neiffer delivers a backhand to his Riverside opponent.

take the match, 8-6. Brian Bunch narrowly defeated his opponent, Fernando Madrigal, 9-8, with a 7-1 tiebreaker. Bunch was behind early in the match but was able to take command of the match.

Paul Neiffer and Johnny Collin lost to Matt Weseman and Israel Carillo, 1-8. Nathan Rea and Taylor McElligott easily defeated Geoff McDonough and Curtis Darrow, 8-2. Neiffer and Collin tried their luck against Jason Imus and Andrew Goad, but were unable to pull out a win losing 4-8.

Mustangs sweep Stanfield in softball

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang softball team swept the visiting Stanfield Tigers 11-0 and 16-6 with both games ending in five innings due to the 10-run rule. The Mustangs improved to 6-15 overall and 4-10 in the Eastern Oregon League. To close out the year, the Cardinals will travel to Wahtonka on Saturday, May 17 for a doubleheader before playing at Stanfield on Tuesday, May 20 to make up a doubleheader that was rained out earlier in the season.

In the first game, the Mustangs scored two runs in the second when Heather Yocom singled and scored on an Alecia Geer single and Madison Bailey had a RBI single.

They added five more in the third when Nikki Sisk and Jesse Kempas singled and scored on a Geer double. Meghan McCabe had a RBI single, Stefanie Hanson walked, Bailey had a RBI single and Sisk walked to force in a run.

The Mustangs broke the game open in the fourth when Kempas singled and scored on a Yocom single. McCabe had a RBI single, Blake Allstott brought in another run by reaching on an error, Bailey singled, Marcy Miller singled and Sisk reached on an error to score another run.

Kempas went all five innings on the mound to pick up the win, allowing three hits, no walks and striking out three.

Bailey went three for four with 2 RBI. Geer went two for three with three RBI and Krystal Nairns went two for three.

In the second game the Tigers scored a run in the top of the first, but the Mustangs came back to tie it in the bottom half when Sisk reached on a fielder's choice and came around to score on a Nairns single.

The Tigers scored five more in the second, but the Mustangs came back with six runs in the bottom half to take the lead. Chelsey Betsinger singled, Emily Bergstrom walked, Bailey had a RBI single, Miller walked, Sisk walked to force in a run, Nairns reached on an error to score a run and Geer tripled to clear the bases.

In the fourth, Geer singled and scored on a throwing error to make it 8-6. The Mustangs exploded in the fifth to end the game when Nairns was hit by a pitch, Kempas singled and Geer reached on an error to score a run. McCabe was hit by a pitch to score a run and Yocom reached on a fielder's choice. Bailey walked to force home a run, Miller was hit by a pitch to score a run, Sisk had a RBI single and Nairns made it 16-6 by tripling to clear the bases.

Kempas came on in relief in the second to pick up the win, striking out three and allowing no hits and no runs.

Nairns was two for four with five RBI. Sisk went two for four, scored three runs

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Cemetery restoration begins for Flood Commemoration



(L-R) John Edmundson, Al Riney and Dale Conklin working on restoring some of the old head stones at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Volunteers have been working at restoring the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in preparation for the Heppner Flood Memorial Commemoration to be held June 14.

A plaque has been created to put at the cemetery thanking the volunteers for their restoration work.

Volunteers honored on the plaque include: Al Riney, Dave Conklin, Albert

Wright, Bob Jepsen, Al Osmin, Earl Fishburn, Bill Gentry, Merle Cowett, Dan Brosnan, Wilbur Jackson, Ralph Walker, Craig Canham and John Edmundson; Equipment donated- John Ledbetter, Bill Gentry, Al Riney, Wilbur Jackson and Kent and Laurie Anderson; and for the list of flood victims- compiled by Anna Schwarzin, Marlene Barnett and Peg Willis.

Ione competes in Invitational

Ione tennis teams competed at the Helix Invitational at Blue Mountain Community College on Saturday, May 3.

Caitlin Orem was the only participant for Ione women. Orem defeated April Walker, of Umatilla, for her first match. She then posted an 8-3 win against Kellie Davis of Stanfield. Orem lost to the number one seed, Tami Weidert of Weston McEwen, 2-8. Orem was unable to post a win against Renae Saager of LaGrande, losing her final match, 4-8.

In the men's bracket play, Taylor McElligott and Nathan Rea lost their first match to Eddie-Valencia, of Umatilla, 1-8. McElligott-Rea then narrowly lost their final match to Gehrke-Flemmer of Stanfield, 6-8.

Paul Neiffer tried his hand at singles, losing his first match to Darrel Robertson of Weston McEwen, 5-8. Neiffer then defeated his own teammate, Brian Bunch of Ione, 8-6, and followed up with a win against Austin Burns, of Weston McEwen. Bunch lost his first match against, Alger Brigham of Pendleton, 2-8. Bunch then battled Terren Humphreys of Condon, losing 3-8. Tyler Raible defeated Pedro Mariquez of Umatilla, 9-8, with a 7-2 tiebreaker score. Raible lost his second match to Alonso Rivera of Stanfield, 5-8. Raible was unable to post a win against, Dan Thurber of LaGrande, losing 2-8.

Funeral notice

James and Susan Valentine

A memorial service for longtime Heppner residents, James and Susan Valentine, will be held at the Echo Methodist Church on Saturday, May 17, beginning at 2 p.m.

James Valentine died Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at Ridgefield, WA and Susan Valentine died March 16, 2003.

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