

## Mustangs win two in Colfax

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang baseball team made the long trip up to Colfax, WA and came back with two non-league wins to improve to 5-0-1 on the year. The Mustangs let a big lead against Kalama, WA slip away, but scored a run in the bottom of the seventh on Saturday morning for a 13-12 win and came back with a 14-3 win in five innings over Bellevue Christian from Bellevue, WA.

The Mustangs will be back on the road for a doubleheader at Nyssa at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 and at Wahtonka on Tuesday, April 13 in non-league games.

The Mustangs jumped out early against Kalama scoring three runs in the first when Chuy Elguezabal walked, Jode Coil was hit by a pitch, Kory Paullus tripled to score two and came home on a Luke Murray ground out.

They increased their lead to 10-0 in the second when Kyler Lovgren doubled, went to third as Dan Basile grounded out and scored on a wild pitch. Elguezabal and Coil singled, Josh Gutierrez had a RBI sacrifice fly, Paullus had a RBI double, Murray had a RBI single, Nick Christman and Cody Walton reached on errors and Lovgren had a RBI single.

The Chinooks scored a run in the top of the fourth, but the Mustangs came back with two runs in the bottom half when Murray singled, Christman reached on a fielder's choice, Kyle Carlson reached on an error, John Franzwa reached on an error to score and Christman and Carlson scored on a passed ball to make it 12-1.

The Chinook weren't done though as they scored four runs in the fifth, two in the sixth and five in the seventh and had the bases loaded with two outs when the game was called on account of darkness.

The next morning the teams got together to resume the game and on Elguezabal's second pitch he jumped up to grab a high chopper and threw to first to get out of the jam.

The Mustangs wasted little time in the bottom half when Kiel Nairns singled and went to third on Elguezabal's single. Elguezabal then went to second on the throw. Gutierrez was intentionally walked to load the bases with one out, then Paullus brought in Nairns with the winning run with a fly ball over the centerfielder's head.

Elguezabal picked up the win and went three for three with a double and scored twice. Paullus went three for five with a double, triple and had four RBI. Murray went two for four with two RBI. Lovgren went two for four

with a double and Coil and Christman each scored twice.

After a short break, the Mustangs were back on the field to take on the Bellevue Christian Vikings and after a scoreless first inning they went to work in the second inning scoring four runs. Nairns walked, Christman reached on an error, Murray brought home Nairns with a sac fly, Lovgren had a RBI double, Walton had a RBI single and went to third on a throwing error and scored on an Elguezabal ground-out.

They went back to work in the third as Nairns doubled, Christman singled, Murray scored Nairns with a sac fly, Lovgren walked, Walton had a RBI single and Elguezabal scored two with a triple to make it 8-0.

In the fourth, they upped it to 12-0 as Gutierrez and Paullus singled, Nairns hit a sac fly to score Gutierrez, Murray singled, Lovgren reached on an error to score Paullus, Walton had a RBI single and Elguezabal had a RBI single.

The Vikings came back with three runs in the bottom of the fourth, but the Mustangs came back with two more in the fifth when Gutierrez and Carlson walked, Franzwa singled, Christman had a RBI single and Murray had a RBI single.

The Mustangs banged out 15 hits giving them 29 hits for the two days with Walton going three for three with two RBI and scored twice. Elguezabal went two for three with a triple and four RBI. Murray went two for two with three RBI, Christman went two for four with two runs scored, Lovgren doubled and scored three runs and Nairns doubled and scored twice.

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Nick Christman, Josh Gutierrez (5) and Jode Coil; Monroe, Becktil (5) and Thorlakson, W-Christman, L-Monroe, 2B- Kyler Lovgren, Kiel Nairns (H); Monroe (BC), 3B- Chuy Elguezabal, HR- none.

## Shooting in Irrigon leads to arrests

At 8:16 p.m., on Saturday, April 3, Morrow County dispatch was radioed by a deputy that he had heard multiple gunshots in the area of South Main Street in Irrigon and would be headed to that location.

As he arrived in the area, he saw several people coming out of some apartments located at 690 South Main Street. He was flagged down and told that a man was seen running from the area with a rifle and had got in to a vehicle that then left the area. The deputy broadcast a description he was given of the vehicle to dispatch and requested assistance. Oregon State Police, Boardman Police and additional Morrow County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area to assist.

A few minutes later the deputy who heard the shots located the suspect vehicle on Wyoming Avenue in Irrigon. A high-risk felony traffic stop was initiated and three suspects were taken into custody. A "Romarm 7.62x39" type assault rifle was recovered from the suspect vehicle.

Arrested at the scene were: Roberto Lomas-Hernandez, 20, Patricia Janet Guerrero, 18, and Norma G. Ayala-Garduno, 19, all of Boardman. They were lodged at the Umatilla County Jail and are charged with multiple counts of Attempted Murder, Reckless Endangerment, Unlawful Use/Weapon and Pointing Firearm at Another, with bail set at \$698,000 each.

Over 20 rounds were fired at the apartment building and vehicles. No one was injured by the shooting and a motive for the shooting has not been determined at this time. The incident is still under investigation.

The District Attorney announced April 5, that Roberto Lomas, 20, Boardman (aka Roberto Lomas-Hernandez) and Norma Ayala-Lomas, 19, Boardman (aka Norma G. Ayala-Garduno) were charged with two counts of Attempted Murder. Roberto Lomas was also charged with two counts of Attempted Assault in the First Degree and four counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

The couple was arraigned April 5 by Judge Jeffrey M. Wallace. Bail for Roberto Lomas was set at \$280,000. Bail for Norma Ayala-Lomas was set at \$100,000. A preliminary hearing is set for April 12, 2004 at 3 p.m.

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen indicated follow-up investigations are being conducted. "We are obviously very concerned about the safety of the people in the area. While we are thankful nobody was injured Saturday night, this incident will still be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Gun violence is a serious problem nationwide. Unfortunately, it is now a serious problem in Morrow County as well."

## Enjoy a night of Shakespeare On Love

"Shakespeare On Love" a delightful, funny and fast-paced collection of scenes about love from William Shakespeare's plays will be presented, Saturday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Hermiston High School Performing Arts Center by the Desert Arts Council.

Petruchio and Kate from "Taming of the Shrew," Bottom, Titania and the four young lovers of "A Midsummer Nights Dream," Beatrice and Benedick of "Much Ado About Nothing," Launce and his dog from "Two Gentlemen of Verona," Romeo, Juliet and more are

sure to entertain the entire family.

The cast includes Katie Alleman, Jessica Davis, Rod Davis, Rick Rice, Diane Cheek, Tracey Kosmos, Dale Shaver, Bob Shaver, Amber DesMarteau, Clarissa Gray, Charles Coy, Ray Jones, Adrianna Cryer and Stella Walker. Will Shakespeare, played by Rod Molzahn, will join the cast to host the performance and introduce the scenes. The production is also directed by Molzahn, who entertained Hermiston with his one-man show, "A Visit With Will," in 2001.

## Oregon East Symphony to hold annual young artist competition

Pianists, violinist, cellists, three trombonists and a percussionist playing a marimba concerto are featured on the program Saturday, April 10, at the Vert Memorial Club Room in Pendleton for the Oregon East Symphony and Chorale's Annual Young Artist Competition.

Competition begins at 12 p.m. and will continue until all participants have performed. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no admission charge. According to Martha Warberg and Cheryl Marier, co-chairs for this year's event, the Young Artist Competition is a wonderful showcase for some of the region's most talented young people.

Cash awards will be given to both junior and senior division winners. In addition, the winner of the senior division

will appear next season as a guest soloist with the Oregon East Symphony and the winner of the junior division will appear as a guest soloist with the OES A-Sharp Players.

Oregon East Symphony has sponsored the Young Artist Competition since 1987, when the symphony was first organized.

## BMCC Winter Term Dean's List

Blue Mountain Community College has issued its Dean's List for Winter Term 2004. The following local students were included on the list:

From Ione- Jennifer Thompson (3.77);  
From Lexington- Gabriel Owen (3.75);  
From Boardman- Sherry Bishop (3.60);  
From Irrigon- Jennifer Baldwin (3.54), Jose Cadenas Jr., (3.53), Leora Griffin (3.58), Jeanne Lee (3.67), Faviola Macias (3.69), Rocio Macias (3.46), Stella Naillon (3.77) and Ricky Turner (3.42).

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## AARP driver safety class scheduled

AARP and Blue Mountain Community College have scheduled a Driver Safety class for Tuesday, April 20 at the Morrow County Extension. The class will from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a break for lunch.

AARP is classroom instruction for mature drivers age 55 and over, stressing laws and safety. Most insurance companies offer premium discounts to drivers age 55

and over who have completed the class. The cost of the class is \$10, payable to AARP on the day of the session.

Pre-register by contacting Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator at 422-7040 or John and Judi Swanson, instructors, at 922-9568. Pre-registration is required as a minimum enrollment must be met for the instructors to travel to Heppner.

## Cattle group asks Congress to intervene in Canadian border issue

The Oregon Livestock Producer Association (OLPA) is urging Congress to stop the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) from issuing a proposed rule that would re-open the Canadian border to live cattle and beef. Two Canadian cows were diagnosed with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or "mad cow" disease within a seven-month period in 2003.

The USDA's comment period on the proposed rule closes on April 7, 2004. OLPA is concerned that the meatpacking industry is applying tremendous pressure on USDA to re-open the border and is asking Congress to intervene to counter this undue pressure.

The USDA rule "is not science-based and subjects the United States to unnecessary health, safety and economic risks," OLPA said in letters to the state's congressional delegation. "We are disappointed the Secretary [of the USDA] would even consider abandoning one of our most effective BSE prevention firewalls when the threat of BSE is the greatest and when our international export customers consider Canada an unacceptable risk," OLPA wrote.

Instead of relaxing BSE firewalls, OLPA suggested that USDA begin identifying cattle imported into the U.S. from Canada over the past decade. It said these cattle are a high-risk population as they originated in a BSE-infected country and it wants to "ensure there is no mistaken identity should any of these Canadian-born cattle be infected with the disease."

OLPA said the U.S. is the largest beef producer in the world, producing the best beef and under the best of conditions. "We should not become the dumping ground for cattle and beef rejected by other countries." The letter

also cited Canada's relaxed feed ban and limited BSE testing as evidence that Canada does not take the necessary safety measures to protect its cattle from contracting BSE.

If USDA's proposal to open the border takes effect, the group said the economic viability of the United States cattle industry would be put at risk because the rule is contrary to the international disease standards set by the World Organization for Animal Health. The letter said this contradiction is already causing our beef export customers to raise unnecessary concerns about the safety of domestically produced beef.

OLPA hopes Congress will realize the serious implications of the USDA's proposed action and will take the necessary steps to protect the interests of United States consumers and cattle producers.

## Births

**Kylie Nicole Boor-** a daughter, Kylie Nicole, was born Feb. 18, 2004, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton to Shannon and Doug Boor of Heppner. Kylie was 7 pounds 9 ounces and 20-1/4 long. She joins siblings, Andrew, 10, and Lane, 8. Grandparents are Jim Boor of Arlington, Gail and Bob Picard of Cayuse and Donna and Jim Smith of Elma, WA. Great-grandmother is Kathryn Hoskins of Heppner.

**William Skyler Brasel-** a son, William Skyler, was born March 27, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Shannon Elaine and William Clyde Brasel of Irrigon.

## Marriage Licenses

**April 1:** Francisco Rodriguez Salinas, 40, Pasco and Carmelita Lopez, 43, Pasco.

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