

## Mustang JVs pull away for win over Pirates

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV baseball team scored six runs over the last three innings to pull away for an 8-2 win over the Riverside Pirates on Thursday, March 17 in Boardman in their first game of the season. The Mustangs will be at Hermiston on Monday, March 28 at 4 p.m. and at Umatilla on Thursday, March 31 for a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

The Mustangs took an early 2-0 lead in the first when Cody Hollis walked, stole second and scored on a Matt McCabe single. Nacho Elguezabal then doubled to score McCabe.

The Pirates tied at 2-2 in the bottom of the fourth, but the Mustangs came back with two more in the top of the fifth. Hollis again walked, stole second and scored on a McCabe single. Then McCabe again scored on an Elguezabal double.

They added two more in the sixth when Sean Murray reached base after being hit by a pitch. Hollis reached on a fielder's choice and both scored on consecutive errors with two outs to make it 6-2.

## Heppner Legion and Auxiliary to celebrate 86 years

The American Legion and Auxiliary Heppner Post will be meeting at the Heppner Senior Center on March 28 to celebrate the Legion's 86th birthday. The celebration will

begin at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck, with birthday cake and ice cream being served in honor of the Legionnaires. Both groups will have meetings following. All members welcome.

Elguezabal singled, Colton Hanson and Nathan Kennedy walked, Elguezabal scored on a wild pitch and Hanson scored on an error to make it 8-2.

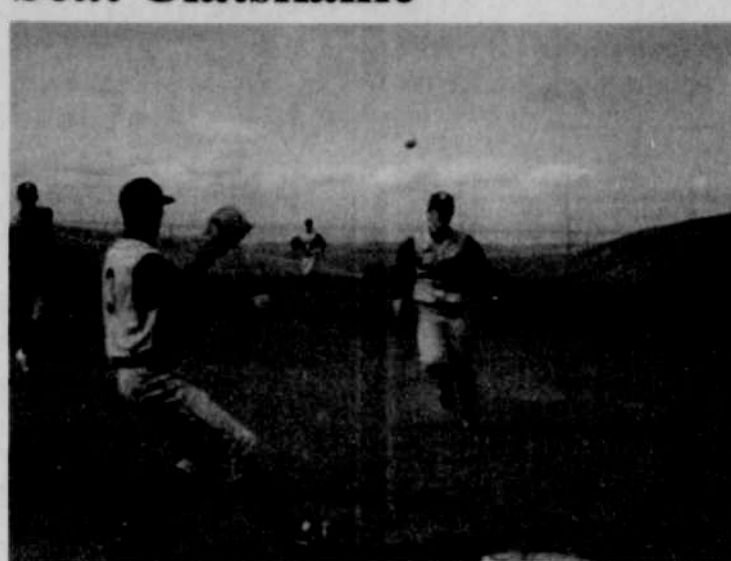
Andre Rauch went four for four with two doubles and two RBI. McCabe went two for four scoring twice, Hollis scored three times and Kennedy went one for three with a double.

Elguezabal went four for four with two doubles and two RBI. McCabe went two for four scoring twice, Hollis scored three times and Kennedy went one for three with a double.

Heppner 200 022 2-8 9 1  
Riverside 000 200 0-2 3 3  
Andre Rauch, Nathan Kennedy (5) and Robbie Smith; Doherty, Corpes (6) and Hancock. W-Kennedy. L-Doherty. 2B-Nacho Elguezabal 2 (H). 3B- none. HR-none.

The Mustangs were up 8-0 with one out in the top of the second inning in the second game when the game was called on account of darkness.

## Mustangs use big inning to beat Clatskanie



Jode Coil #3 and Josh Gutierrez get a player out at first base. Photo by Sandy Matthews.



The ball takes a bad bounce against Kory Paullus #13 at first base. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

An eight run sixth inning erased a 2-1 deficit and carried the Heppner Mustang baseball team to a 9-5 win over the visiting Clatskanie Tigers on Monday, March 21 in a non-league baseball game. It was the season opener for the Mustangs who will be at Colfax, WA on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26 for two more non-league games.

The Mustangs broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the third when Josh Gutierrez singled with one out, went to third on a Kory Paullus double and scored on a Nick Christman groundout.

It stayed that way until the Tigers came up with two runs in the top of the sixth to take a 2-1 lead, but that was short-lived.

With one out, Tony Bolin and Dan Basile singled, Cody Hollis was hit by a pitch, Bolin scored on a suicide squeeze bunt by Kyle Carlson that was fumbled by the Clatskanie pitcher, to tie it at 2-2. Gutierrez and Paullus walked to force in two runs, Christman scored

## HJHS track team to hold car wash

The Heppner Junior High School track team is holding a car wash on Thursday, March 24 to help raise funds for the track renovation project. The car wash will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Les Schwab parking lot. The price is \$10 per automobile and all donations all welcome.

The team will also be collecting pop can donations at the car wash.

Susan Hisler is returning for her 11th year as

head coach of the HJHS track team and will be assisted by Melissa McElligott-Coiner. The coaches are excited to have approximately 50 student athletes on the team this year.

Clatskanie 000 002 3-5 8 3  
Heppner 001 008 x-9 9 2

Brace, Doyle (3), Renolds (6) and Byrum; Josh Gutierrez, Jode Coil (3), Tony Bolin (5), Kyle Carlson (7), Gutierrez (7) and Coil, Quinn Peck (3). W- Bolin. L- Doyle. S- Gutierrez. 2B-Kory Paullus (H). 3B- none. HR- Byrum (C); Peck (H).

Clatskanie 000 002 3-5 8 3  
Heppner 001 008 x-9 9 2

Brace, Doyle (3), Renolds (6) and Byrum; Josh Gutierrez, Jode Coil (3), Tony Bolin (5), Kyle Carlson (7), Gutierrez (7) and Coil, Quinn Peck (3). W- Bolin. L- Doyle. S- Gutierrez. 2B-Kory Paullus (H). 3B- none. HR- Byrum (C); Peck (H).

Clatskanie 000 002 3-5 8 3  
Heppner 001 008 x-9 9 2

Clatskanie 000 002 3-5 8 3  
Heppner 001 008 x-9 9 2

## Baseball schedule change

The Heppner High School baseball game scheduled for Friday, April 1 in Heppner against Grant Union is now set for 12 p.m.

## Wranglers Riding Club

By Merlyn Robinson

For horse lovers of all ages, the Wrangler Riding Club will again hold a series of four playdays starting April 17. These Sunday afternoon meets will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds rodeo arena and will conclude on May 8. There are events for all ages, including stick horse riders.

This year the club is selling raffle tickets on a Traeger Lil' Tex pellet barbecue stove from Shirley and Kit George of Lott's Electric. The retail value of the stove is \$699; however, the club was given a reduced purchase price. Proceeds will provide prizes for playday year-end awards in the different age groups and help with annual taxes. More information may be obtained by calling Amy Kollman at 676-9407 or Darcy Robinson at 676-9014.

These annual horse games have been part of the club's history ever since it was organized in 1946. Charter member Howard Bryant recalls when these wild and woolly events were held in arenas built at various ranches. Those early events were appropriately named the Dougherty's Dilly Duster in Sandhollow, the Balm Fork Brawl at Ralph Beamer's ranch; the Rhea Creek Riot at Floyd Jones' and the Buttercreek Ambush at Randall Martin's (now part of the Hughes ranch.)

Back then pole bending and barrel racing were followed by more rugged games. For instance, the "scoop shovel" race required a contestant to stay aboard a bouncing shovel being pulled over humps and rocks with a rope by a partner on horseback. Young "wantabe" rodeo stars often bit the dust when riding the ranch owner's cows. Ropers would try their skills at catching and wrestling hefty ranch calves to the ground. Dan Brosnan was a youngster when he met his match when tossed and trampled by a Greenup bull.

At the Jones' ranch on Rhea Creek, teams attempted to rope and wrestle into woosacks some very cagey wild goats that had been captured for the occasion. It was the not "the luck of the draw" when a team managed to rope the herd's smelly, old billy goat. There were few horse trailers in those days so most horses were transported by truck. However many riders simply rode from Heppner to these ranches arriving in time for a huge potluck dinner before the afternoon games.

Members held monthly meetings in a former CCC building on the fairgrounds where the dormitory now stands. Lively parties and entertainment rocked that old wooden building. When

the piano was first moved into the building, a section of the floor gave way.

Other Wrangler events through the years include the organization in the early 1950s of the annual horse show held in conjunction with the fair. Fred Mankin, who owned some well-bred Tennessee Walking horses, is remembered for his years as show superintendent.

In 1949, the club began staging Sunday morning cowboy breakfasts during the annual Morrow County Rodeo. Through this event the club acquired enough funds to purchase, in 1956, a small parcel of land below Heppner from Harvey Harshman. The hillside property required a great deal of excavation to carve out a level area for an arena, so Don Evans spent many hours with a bulldozer. Members went to the mountains and cut poles with which they built the arena fences. A former bandstand at the fair grounds was moved and remodeled into a clubhouse on the property.

Different ranchers would truck roping stock and bucking cows for these events. Along with enjoying the playday roping events charter members Bryant and Cornett Green did a lion's share of repairs and maintenance on the club property for many years. They were also part of the crew that built bucking chutes at this arena.

For several years, the club participated in saddle club relay and baton races at both the Heppner Rodeo and the Pendleton Round-up. Former jockey Joe Yocom recalls the many thrills and spills. Other racing enthusiasts were the Greenup, Eubanks and Papineau families. The club also had a drill team that with lots of practice got the hang of "allemande left" and performed at Condon and other rodeos.

An annual overnight trail ride in June became a popular affair when Wrangler members and guests gathered at the former Winchester Lodge on Ditch Creek. Tents were pitched, yet the lively music of Lennie Lowden on the old pump organ and Harold Erwin's guitar music kept up a lively beat until the wee hours of the morning.

Current annual membership in the club is \$40 for family memberships and \$30 for singles. There are no entry fees at playday events.

**Magnetic Door Signs HERE**  
Heppner Gazette-Times 676-9228

**Wedding Bells in Your Future?**  
We offer distinctive designs & lovely ensembles. Come see the Stylart collection of elegant yet affordable wedding invitations.  
**stylart®**  
Heppner Gazette-Times 676-9228  
188 West Willow, Heppner

**Crosses Available in Sterling and Gold-filled**  
Member of American, Inc.  
**Peterson's Jewelers**  
Heppner 676-9200

**JOHN'S PLACE**  
**EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET**  
Sunday, March 27th from 12 - 6 p.m.  
The buffet will feature **BARON OF BEEF, BAKED CHICKEN, BAKED SALMON, BAKED HAM, SOUP, SALADS and GREAT DESSERTS!**  
Adults: \$13.95 / Seniors: \$12.95  
Kids: 6-12, \$7.95 / 5 and under, \$2.95  
**JOHN'S PLACE**  
Main Street, Heppner

**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main  
**Saturday, March 26th**  
EASTER EGG HUNT starting at 10 a.m.  
Preschool through Kindergarten at the Heppner City Park. First through second grades at the grade school lower field. Third through fourth grades at Hager Park. The Easter Bunny will be at the city park for the annual visit. Have your cameras ready!  
**Saturday, March 26th**  
Also on Saturday, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS starting at 4:30 p.m. A barbecue steak and oyster feed will begin at 6 p.m.