

## Mustangs split in Colfax

By Rick Paullus

Senior Jode Coil hit for the cycle and drove in six runs to help the Heppner Mustangs baseball team beat the Colfax Bulldogs 14-5 on Saturday, March 26 and earn a split of their weekend games. The Mustangs, 2 and 1 on the year, lost to the Freeman Bulldogs 7-4 on Friday, March 25, also in Colfax, WA. The Mustangs will be at home on Friday, April 1 against the Grant Union Prospectors at 12 p.m., then they will take a long trip to Warrenton on Saturday for a doubleheader beginning at noon.

Against Freeman, the Mustangs jumped out to an early 2-0 lead when Coil led off with a double and scored on a two-out Nick Christman single. Christman stole second and ended up at the third when Quinn Peck walked and scored when Peck stole second.

After the Bulldogs took a 3-2 lead in the third, the Mustangs came back with two more in the fourth when Tony Bolin doubled, Dan Basile walked, Christman walked with two out, Bolin scored on an error by the catcher and after Coil had reached base by getting hit by a pitch, Basile scored on a passed ball.

The Bulldogs came back with two runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to take a 7-4 lead and the Mustangs couldn't respond even though they had runners on base in the sixth and seventh innings.

Coil was one for three, with a double and scored a run. Kyle Carlson was one for two and Christman was one for four with an RBI and scored a run.

The Mustangs out hit the Bulldogs 6-4 but gave up 10 walks, hit four batters and committed three errors.

The Mustangs jumped out early against the Colfax Bulldogs when Coil singled and stole second. Kory Paullus had an RBI double, Christman had an RBI single, Peck reached on an error, Christman scored when Bolin reached on an

error and Basile had an RBI sacrifice fly to make it 4-0. In the second, Coil hit a homerun into the wind to right field, Josh Gutierrez singled, Paullus sacrificed him to second and scored on a Christman double to make it 6-0.

They added three more in the third when Basile doubled, Colton Hanson reached on an error, Matt Kenny moved them up with a sacrifice bunt and Coil scored both with a double. Gutierrez then singled home Coil to make it 9-0.

The Bulldogs didn't roll over though as they came back to get within 9-5, but the Mustangs came up with a five-run sixth to put the game away. Christman reached on an error, Peck and Bolin walked, Cody Hollis was hit by a pitch to force in a run, Sloan Keithley had an RBI single and Coil finished his cycle with a bases clearing triple and make the final 14-5.

Gutierrez went five innings to pick up the win and Carlson pitched two scoreless in relief.

Coil went four for five with six RBI and scored three times. Christman went two for five with two RBI and Gutierrez went two for four.

Freeman 7, Heppner 4

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Lewis, Altmeyer (4), Hedges (5), Szymanoski (7) and Horlem; Jode Coil, Tony Bolin (6) and Quinn Peck. W- Hedges. L-Coil. 2B-Lewis (F); Coil, Bolin (H). 3B- none. HR- none.

Heppner 14, Colfax 5

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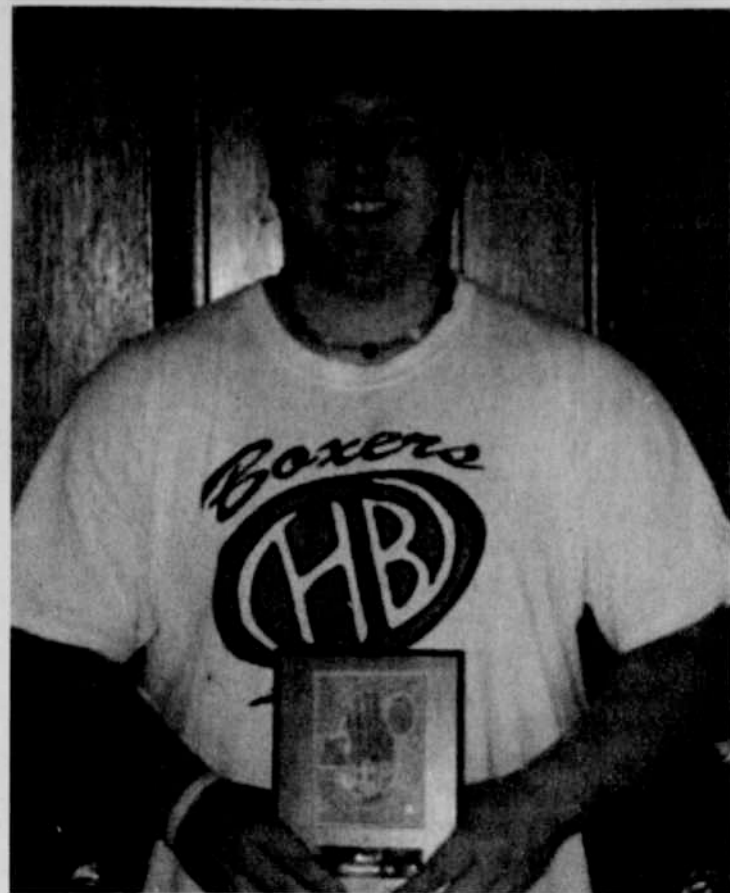
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Josh Gutierrez, Kyle Carlson (6) and Peck; Matt Johnson, Van Dreesen (5), Nathan Johnson (7) and Doering. W- Gutierrez. L- M. Johnson. 2B- Coil, Kory Paullus, Nick Christman, Dan Basile (H); Doering (C). 3B- Coil (H). HR- Coil (H).

## Gates joins Pacific University handball team



Billy Gates with his fourth place handball plaque.

Ione graduate Billy Gates has discovered a new outlet for his athletic ability. A standout athlete at Ione High School in football, basketball and baseball, Gates is now a freshman at Pacific University and a member of the college handball team. Gates took a handball class fall semester to round out his schedule and found he had a talent for it.

This winter he placed fourth at the Oregon

## Students attend youth leadership conference

Students from Heppner High School were invited to attend this year's Youth Leadership Conference, formerly known as the Hispanic Youth Leadership Conference. The conference was held on Tuesday, March 8.

The conference focuses primarily on helping students develop good attitudes for success. Some of the conference goals included helping the students develop leadership skills and helping students to see the importance of furthering their education, as well as setting individual goals to achieve what they want from life.

Overall, the conference was a success. Students from different schools around the area attended. It was an all-day conference, which included the speakers and three sessions. Lunch was provided, as well as a dance.

A number of students were hesitant at the opening of the conference about whether or not they were going to attend college. As the day progressed, they

realized the importance of taking that important step into their future. Gustavo (Gus) Torres, Fransisco (Paco) Escalante, Ignacio (Nacho) Elguezabal, Brenda Victorio and HHS Spanish teacher, Petra Elguezabal, represented HHS at the conference. Although it was a small group, they made their presence known.

"This year was my third year at the conference," said Victorio. "Every year it gets better and better. I would recommend it to everybody I know. If you walk in with an open mind, you will learn so much and maybe make some new friends. I look forward to going next year."

## WCCC to hold cleanup day

Willow Creek Country Club will hold a course cleanup day on Saturday, April 2 starting at 9 a.m. Members who can help are asked to bring shovels, rakes, etc.

The men's kickoff breakfast will be held Sunday, April 3 at 8 a.m.

## Local youth musicians to present recital

A recital is planned for Thursday, April 7 at the United Church of Christ in Ione. According to spokesperson, Sarah Carlson, "The recital will feature local youth who have prepared musical selections for adjudications or various competitions throughout the region this winter." The recital will include a variety of music performed on violin, piano and harp. The performers ages range from eight to 17.

"The pieces to be performed represent months

of practice. The young artists wanted to hold a recital so local family and friends could enjoy the music," said Carlson.

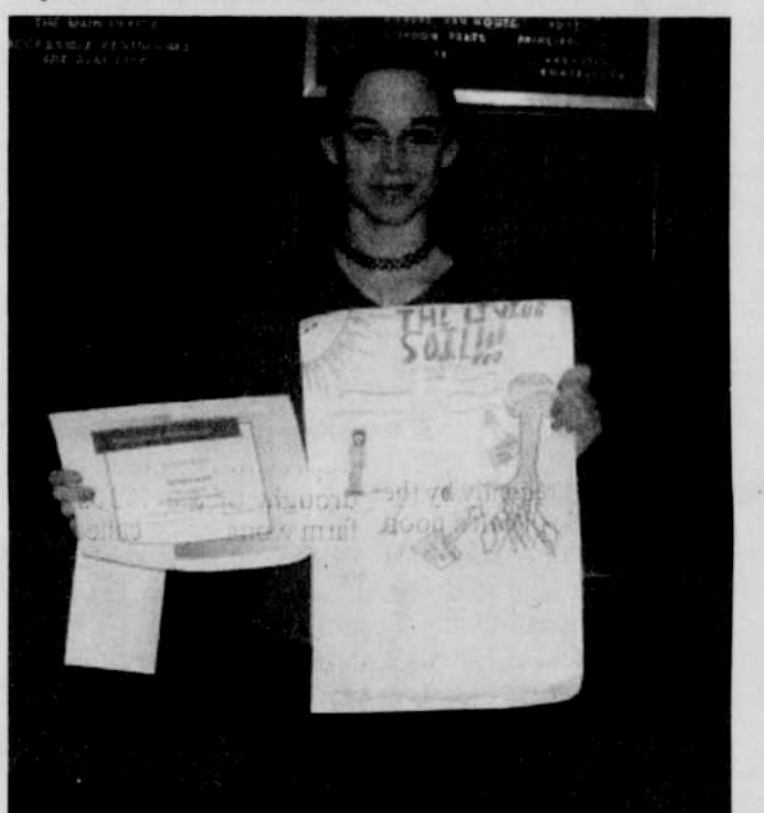
Many of the students performing in the recital are members of the Willow Creek Symphony whose concert is scheduled for Friday, April 15 in Heppner.

Donations will be accepted at the recital to benefit the local Willow Creek Symphony. All are invited to attend. The recital will begin at 7 p.m., and will be followed by a reception.

## SWCD to host 2005 Conservation Poster Contest



2004 Poster Contest Winners (L-R): Jordan Mittelsdorf, Luis Lopez, Shannon Callow and Janiva Lomas.



2004 Poster Contest winner (L-R): Elizabeth Bashaw.

The annual poster contest is a great way to "celebrate conservation" which is the theme for this year. Any Morrow County K-12 student may enter; home-schooled students are also encouraged to participate. Teachers may request educational materials to aid classroom participation in the contest.

Prizes will be awarded in five grade divisions (K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12). The grand-prize winner in each division will advance to the state contest in the fall of this year. State and national contest prizes include US Savings Bonds. The poster deadline is June 3, 2005.

## Prostate cancer support group schedules monthly meeting

Prostate cancer usually has no outward symptoms. That is why early detection and treatment is essential in defeating the disease.

For those diagnosed with prostate cancer, the American Cancer Society has developed its Man to Man program. The program gives men diagnosed with the disease, plus their families, the opportunity to meet with others undergoing the same experience.

The next ACS Man to Man Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support Group meeting is slated for Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Hospital's Cascade Room.

The program, which is free of charge to all participants, allows those in attendance to speak freely about their questions, concerns and fears, knowing that what is said in the meeting will remain in strictest confidence.

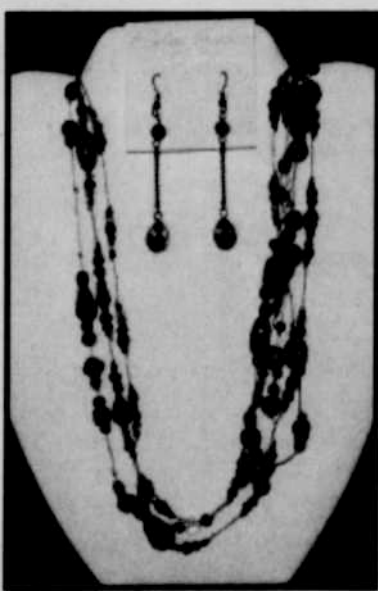
The topic for this month's meeting will be "Prostate Cancer Basics," presented by Laura Gordon, M.D., a Pendleton urologist.

For more information about the next Man to Man support group meeting, contact Pete Wells, support group secretary, at (541) 276-7943.

## OIT announces Winter 2005 President's List

The following students have been named to the 2005 winter term president's list at Oregon Institute of Technology. Inclusion requires a 3.7 gpa and above. Only full-time students (12 credit hours or more) are eligible for academic honors.

Local students include: Melissa Cutsforth, Heppner, Radiologic Science; Melany Hancock, Boardman, Dental Hygiene; Jeffrey Grigsby, Irrigon, Software Engineering Technology and Rebecca McNamee, Irrigon, Radiologic Science.



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The most common stipulation is that the offer is contingent upon the buyer receiving approval for a loan. If the buyer is turned down for the loan, then the offer becomes history.

The buyer may also want the offer to be subject to a number of inspections, ranging from structural, termite, radon gas, to home warranty. If an inspection discovers there is a prob-

lem, the buyer may decide not to buy the home.

In any case, real estate agents and sellers will usually require that contingencies be removed as soon as possible by giving a deadline when the contingency must be removed. This is to prevent the home from being off the market for too long in case the buyer decides not to go through with the transaction.

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