

Park Commission tours OHV park



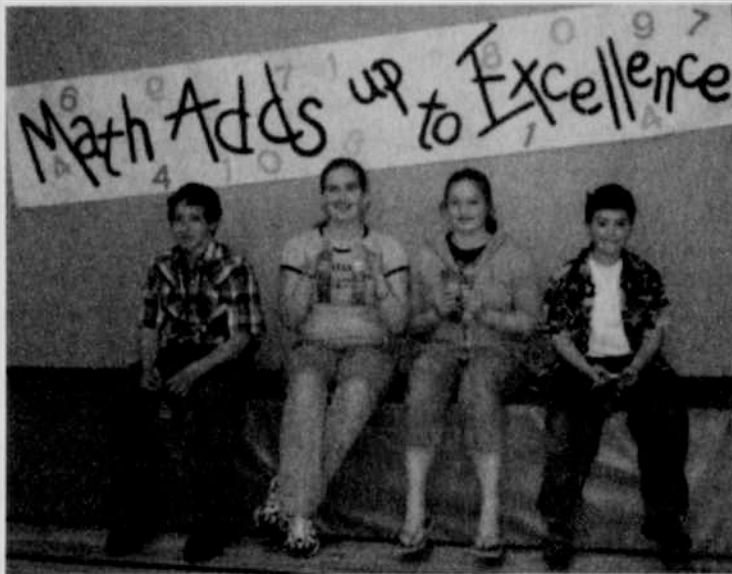
Members of the Oregon State Parks Commission, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, ATV Allocation Committee and Morrow County staff toured the OHV park last Thursday, April 21 after a meeting of the OSPSC held in Heppner.

Math Contest adds up to excellent evening

Students came from the North and South, of Morrow County that is, to compete in the annual Morrow County School District Math Contest. The competition for mathematicians in grades four through eight was held at Heppner Elementary on Thursday, April 21.

Six students per grade level were competing, having earned the right to do so on the basis of their RIT scores. RIT scores are generated by the state testing done on the computers two to three times each year. The math teams were announced several weeks ago and the big night of the competition saw students with sharpened pencils and sharpened math skills ready to do their best for their schools and themselves.

After an intense testing period, the participants enjoyed cookies and punch while the tests were corrected. Then students, family members, friends and staff members congregated in the gymnasium to hear the news everyone had been waiting for. Handing out the ribbons and plaques were MCSD Superintendent Mark



First prize winners (L-R): Brigham Hansen, 6th grade champ; Ashley Wolff, 7th grade; Maggie Armato, 8th grade; and Bryce Fowler, 4th grade. Not pictured: Fifth grade winners, Shane Smith and Zach Yocom.

Burrows and Heppner Principal Wade Smith. First through third place winners were:

Fourth grade: 1st- Bryce Fowler, HES; 2nd- Jake Huff, A.C. Houghton; and 3rd- Shawna Cheyne, Sam Boardman Elementary.
Fifth grade: tie for 1st- Zach Yocom, HES and Shane Smith, HES; 2nd- Kristine Tolle, Irrigon Elementary; and tie for 3rd- Stephanie Schuler, HES and Lance Bose, Windy River Elementary.

Sixth grade: 1st- Brigham Hansen, WRE; 2nd- Ian Murray, HES; and 3rd- Julia Meyer, HES.

Seventh grade: 1st- Ashley Wolff, Heppner Junior High; 2nd- Lane Wright, HJHS; and tie for 3rd- Gabrielle Cox, Riverside Junior High and Jason Hendricks, RJHS.

Eighth grade: 1st- Maggie Armato, HJHS; tie for 2nd- Joe Pranger, HJHS and Quinn Chick, HJHS; and tie for 3rd- Spencer Palmer, HJHS and Sherilyn Peck HJHS.

Seventh inning rally carries Mustang JVs over Rockets

By Rick Paullus

A 10-run outburst in the seventh inning rallied the Heppner Mustang JV baseball team from a 6-3 deficit to a 13-6 win over the Pilot Rock Rockets on Thursday, April 21 in Pilot Rock. The Mustangs, 6 and 0, will have a rematch with the Rockets at home on Thursday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. The Rockets took an early 1-0 lead until the Mustangs finally got on the board with a run in the fourth when Robbie Smith walked and came all the way around to score on a double by Andre Rauch.

The Mustangs took a 3-1 lead in the fifth when Kody Lovgren singled, Sean Murray walked, Nathan Kennedy had an RBI single and Murray scored as Kennedy was thrown out stealing.

The Rockets came right back with five runs in the bottom half to take a 6-3 lead and it stayed that way until the seventh.

Cody Hollis singled, Colton Hanson walked, Nacho Elguezabal scored both with a double, Smith was intentionally walked and Ricky Martin beat out a slow roller for an infield hit to lead the bases. Ben McCarl tied at six with an RBI single, then the Rockets had trouble throwing strikes as Lovgren, Murray, Hollis and Hanson each walked to force in runs before Elguezabal scored two with a double and

Smith had an RBI single to make it 13-6.

Kennedy went five innings in relief, striking out eight, walking two, two hits and no earned runs to pick up the win.

Elguezabal went two for five with five RBI, Kennedy went three for five, McCarl went two for four and Hollis, Hanson, Smith, Lovgren and Murray each scored twice. Eight of the 10 Mustangs had at least one hit in the game.

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Andre Rauch, Nathan Kennedy (3) and Robbie Smith; Hall, Hascall (7), Low (7) and Woods. W- Kennedy. L- Hall. 2B- Nacho Elguezabal 2, Rauch (H). 3B- none. HR- none.

Drama Club to present Anne of Green Gables

The Lone Community School Drama Club will be presenting the heartwarming play, Anne of Green Gables on Sunday, May 1, in the school's cafeteria. Performance time is 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and seniors.

Marriage License

April 22: Charlie James Hughes, 30, Pendleton and Teena Mullinda Shilling, 36, Pendleton.

Backcountry hike offered

On Sunday, May 1, John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will offer a ranger-led backcountry hike into the Painted Hills United of the monument, near Mitchell. This three-hour hike will begin at 11 a.m. at the Painted Hills Unit picnic area and traverse several backcountry miles over varied terrain.

Good hiking boots, a water bottle, walking stick, sun hat and bag lunch are recommended for the hike. Pets are not allowed backcountry in the monument.

This hike is offered rain or shine, advanced reservations are not needed to attend and there is no fee. For further information please call (541) 462-3961.

Babe Ruth baseball signups being held

Babe Ruth baseball signups have begun. Those, ages 13-15, interested in the program should contact Rick Johnston by Friday, May 6 to participate. Johnston can be reached at 676-5562.

Mustangs drop two to Tigers

By Rick Paullus

Everything looked good for the Heppner Mustang baseball team as they were leading the Stanfield Tigers 5-0 in the bottom of the seventh inning, but then the Tigers rallied to tie it and eventually won 6-5 in the bottom of eighth in the first game of a Columbia Basin Conference doubleheader on Friday, April 22. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, it carried over to the next game as they lost 5-3 to drop to 3-2 in the CBC and 10-4 overall.

The Mustangs will be at home against Weston-McEwen for a doubleheader on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 11 a.m. and will be at Umatilla on Tuesday, May 3 for a single game at 4:30 p.m.

The Mustangs jumped out early in the first inning of the first game as Jode Coil walked and went to second on a wild pitch and Kory Paullus was intentionally walked. After both had moved up on a wild pitch, they scored as Quinn Peck reached on an error.

The team added two more in the fifth when Sloan Keithley doubled, Kyle Carlson singled, Keithley ended up scoring on a wild pitch and Carlson scored when Josh Gutierrez reached on an error.

The Mustangs added one more in the seventh when Carlson walked, Coil singled and Gutierrez had an RBI single.

They couldn't hold on though as the Tigers rallied for the win.

Gutierrez went seven innings, striking out five and also had two RBI at the plate. Carlson was one for two and scored twice, Coil went one for two and Keithley, Paullus, Nick Christman and Matt McCabe each went one for three.

In the second game, the Tigers scored twice in the second, once in the fifth and twice more in the sixth to take a 5-0 lead into the seventh before the Mustangs finally woke up.

Nacho Elguezabal walked and Cody Hollis came in to pinch run for him. McCabe singled and Keithley walked to load the bases. Coil reached on an error to score two and Keithley scored as Gutierrez reached on a fielder's choice, but the rally ended there.

Coil went six innings, striking out seven and giving up three hits, two walks and three earned runs. Keithley went two for two, Peck went one for two and McCabe went one for three.

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Josh Gutierrez, Nick Christman (8) and Quinn Peck; Sam Taylor, Tyler Gabriel (8) and Derek Smith. W- Gabriel. L- Christman. 2B- Sloan Keithley (H); Taylor, Gabriel, Marc Mills, Nick McFarlane (S). 3B- none. HR- none.
Stanfield 5, Heppner 3

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Jode Coil and Peck; McFarlane and Smith. W- McFarlane. L- Coil. 2B- Jared Little (S). 3B- none. HR- none.

Obituaries

Joyce Dinkins, 78, of Heppner, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at her home.

At her request there will be no funeral service. Her ashes will be scattered with her husband's in the Brooks Range of Northern Alaska.



Joyce Dinkins

Dinkins was born Nov. 25, 1927, at Portland, to Carl and Ethel Jones Forkner. She grew up and attended schools in Portland, graduating from Lincoln High School. She went on to Oregon State University where she met her husband-to-be Harold "Hal" Dinkins. They were married May 4, 1947, at Multnomah.

After college, Mr. Dinkins joined the military and the couple traveled the world for the next 20 years while raising their two daughters. They had interesting assignments in Japan, West Point, New York and Mexico and throughout the United States.

In Mexico, Mrs. Dinkins developed what was to become a lifelong interest in archeology.

After retirement, the couple lived at Fairbanks, Alaska, for 25 years. They were avid outdoors people pursuing their mutual love of hunting, fishing, canoeing and hiking. They always had a freezer full of wild game and many harrowing tales of their backwoods adventures.

In 1993, the Dinkins moved to Heppner where Mrs. Dinkins mother's family, the Joneses, originated. During her years in Heppner she became involved with St. Patrick's Senior Center, golfing, the Bookworms and more hunting and fishing. She developed a beautiful garden around her home and was especially fond of flowers. She was an avid reader and did exquisite needlework, crocheting and delicate handcrafts.

Her husband, Hal, died in 1996.

Survivors include her daughters, Cynthia Brown of Eugene and Betty Gaylor of Alturas, CA; and five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Senior Center, P.O. Box 266, Heppner, OR 97836, or Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Andrea K. "Annie" Waelty

Andrea K. "Annie" Waelty, 36, of Irrigon, died April 20, 2005, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston as the result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Viewing and visitation was held April 25. A graveside funeral service was held April 25 at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

She was born Feb. 10, 1969, at Centralia, WA, to Marvin R. and Janiss Everson Carron. She had been a resident of the Hermiston area since 1980 and attended schools in Hermiston, Boardman and Umatilla.

On July 2, 1985, she married Kenneth Waelty at Coeur d'Alene, ID. They made their home at Irrigon.

She was employed as a cook at Mr. A's Drive Inn for 12 years, then worked at Last Chance Tavern in Hermiston in inventory control and later for Motor Cargo in data entry. She was currently employed by Hammell Transport, Hermiston, in accounts receivable.

She enjoyed, shopping, snowmobiling, music, concerts, and going to the river.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Waelty and children, Michael W. Waelty, Kristen M. Waelty and Anthony Waelty, all of Irrigon; her mother, Janiss Carron of Goldendale, WA; her grandmother, Cecelia Tyler of Longview, WA; her sister, Michelle Maine of Irrigon; brothers, Vincent Carron of Walla Walla, Robert Carron of Washougal, WA and Lee Carron of College Place; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin R. Carron.

Contributions may be made to a memorial fund in Waelty's name through Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

John Z. Zumstein

Word has been received that John Z. Zumstein, who owned and operated Operation Santa Claus for 30 years, died April 15, 2005, eight days shy of his 95th birthday.

A funeral was held April 20 at Niswonger-Reynolds Redmond Memorial Chapel. A graveside service followed at Deschutes Memorial Gardens in Bend.

Zumstein was born April 23, 1910, in Giswell, Switzerland, to Frank and Mary Halter Zumstein. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of the Skyline Trail Riders Association.

Zumstein, who owned "the reindeer ranch" west of Redmond for many years, enjoyed traveling the world with his reindeer and was a consultant to the Korean government on the subject of raising reindeer.

Survivors include two nephews, Ed and Joe and four nieces, Jane, Sharon, Theresa and Margaret. He was preceded in death by a brother, Frank and two sisters, Mary and Rose.

Memorial gifts may be made to The Sparrow Club, 906 N.E. Greenwood Ave., Bend, OR 97701.

Niswonger-Reynolds Redmond Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Plant exchange to be held

The Heppner Garden Club will be holding its annual plant exchange on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

People are invited to bring plants to exchange, but it is not required.

Soccer signup to be held

An A.Y.S.O. soccer signup will be held for children ages 4-11. Cost will be \$30 per child which includes a uniform. For more information, contact Jessica Lehman at 989-8571 by Wednesday, May 4.