

Cold bats lead to Mustang loss *Heppner softball team begins season*

The Heppner Mustang baseball team could not get their bats going as they opened the 2007 season with a loss to Pendleton's J.V. Mustangs by a score of 5-3 on Tuesday, March 13. The Mustangs, coached again by Rick Johnston, jump right into league with a double-header at Stanfield on Saturday, March 24, and then will have a non-league game at home against Kennedy on Tuesday, March 27.

The Mustangs took an early 1-0 lead when junior Nacho Elguezabal singled and would eventually score on a wild pitch. They would add another run in the third when junior Andre Rauch reached on an error and eventually scored on another wild pitch.

The Bucks would tie it with two runs in the bottom of the fourth and added three more runs in the sixth to take a 5-2 lead. The Mustangs added a run in the seventh when senior Quinn Peck singled and scored on a passed ball and they had the tying runs on second and third but could not score them.

Peck pitched three shutout innings with Rauch taking the loss in relief.

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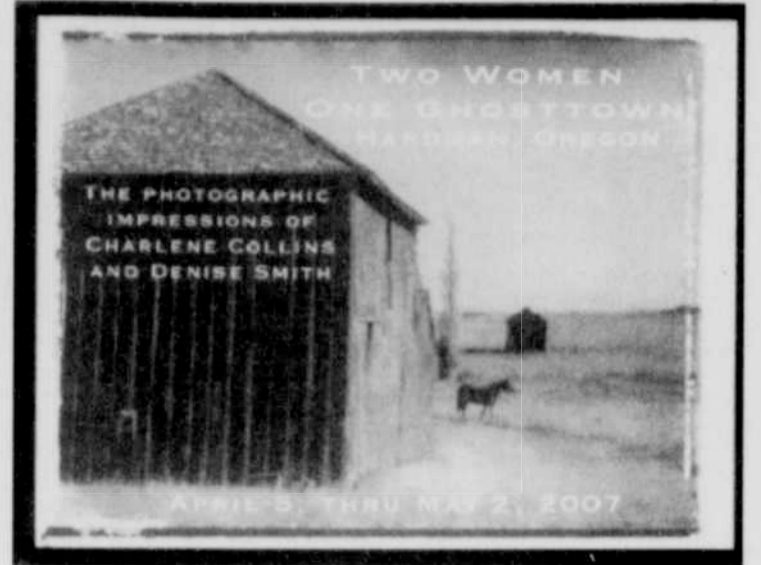
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Quinn Peck, Andre Rauch (4) and Robbie Smith; Hutch, Dietz (4), Stanley (6) and Schachstick. W-Stanley. L-Rauch. 2B-Schachstick, Whitten (P). 3B-none. HR-none.



The Heppner Mustang Softball team began their year playing against Heppner's Alumni Team. The Alumni took the win by one. — Photo by Sandy Matthews

Local photographer's work to be exhibited



An exhibit of photography by Denise Smith of Heppner and Charlene Collins of Seattle, WA, will be held at U&I Framing and Gallery at 214 W 1st Street in Kennewick, WA, on Thursday, April 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Hardman Community Center.

Denise Smith does computer-enhanced images. Smith says a lot of her information comes from the Morrow County Museum.

Charlene Collins is an artist who specializes in Polaroid transfers.

The exhibit is entitled "Two Women One Ghosttown."

Texas Hold'em Night a success



Harold Holtz presents winner of the raffle for the Marlin Rifle to Fred Shermam with Ione American Legion Commander Bob Baker, who was a donor for the purchase of the gun, looking on.

Murray's selling book about author who traveled 600 miles on a mule

"In the Company of Mules" a story by Jody Foss of Kimberly can now be purchased at Murray's Drug Inc.

The story takes readers from Clark Fork, ID 600 miles on a mule to Newport in 60 days. In her book, Foss writes about the towns she traveled through with her two mules, such as Pullman and Walla Walla, WA, Pendleton-Pilot Rock, Heppner, Antelope, Madras, and Corvallis.

She relates stories she would hear from people in the towns she stopped in, the history of the areas she

was in and her own travel experiences.

In Bill Balfrey's review of her book for Top of the State Unit he wrote "I was really pleased by her descriptions of the warm receptions and aid given her by ranchers, old mule skippers and the rural folks in general. The book is augmented by delightful drawings by the mule artist Bonny Shields. It was a book I found hard to put down and didn't want it to end."

Bill Balfrey is the president of Top of the State Unit.

MCGG donates to the Morrow County OHV Park



Justin Heller shows JC Putman (left) and brother Weston the new Predator donated to OHV park.

Polaris provided one OHV unit to every Polaris dealer in the Northwest, including Morrow County Grain Growers, for the business to donate for educational purposes. Justin Heller of MCGG Polaris chose the Morrow County OHV Park to be the recipient of a youth model Predator 50.

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