

Reload Ridge Riders Poker Run a success



Great fun was had this past weekend as the local motorcycle club, the Reload Ridge Riders, hosted a family poker run at the Morrow County OHV Park. "We had a great turn-out, it was awesome!" a club spokesperson said. Two hundred, thirty-six riders paid their entry fees to ride in the 23-mile long trail run on Saturday. "All ages and bike types participated," continued the spokesperson. "Retirees on quads, younger riders on dirt bikes and children on small four-wheelers - everyone had a good time." The course was laid-out on trails over the 6,200 acre park, with four stuffed teddy bears to be found by the riders. Each bear was worth \$25 at the finish line. Poker cards were drawn at the end of the race. Several prizes were awarded to the various winners.

The O.H.V. Park was a busy place all weekend, with over 600 riders and campers staying the weekend, participating in the activities and just enjoying the mountain country and family camping. Lexington Polaris provided the canopy tent for the event headquarters, with several demo machines on display, and Pettyjohn Supply had several bike and camping supplies on hand for needy campers. "When you have a captured client of over six-hundred people, merchants can do real well here" noted a hun-

gry camper. Bob Allen's snack-shack provided many a cold drink and hot meal as the riders came in from their runs. The cabin rental concession was booked for the entire weekend. "We had every improved camping spot rented, and units filled the overflow areas," stated a County Parks employee. "The park did real well this weekend."

The new wash-down rack at the park was a great success, as bikers lined-up ten deep waiting to use the handy clean-up area. The former scale house has been modified to provide an easy-to-use, coin operated wash rack. "The Grain Growers allowed us to salvage the washing wands and coin equipment from the former car wash behind Green Feed," continued the Parks spokesperson, "and we have installed all that equipment here - it creates one more revenue stream for the Park, and it was busy the entire weekend!"

"We appreciate the local volunteer EMTs who were on hand all weekend," said John Wight, Reload Ridge club president. "Those folks are a real blessing to us, our events, and to the Park," he continued. "They have a good time, but more importantly, provide a great service to the riding public. They're super!"

The Poker Run event, hosted by the local motorcycle club, drew riders from a wide area, including Seattle, Spokane, Klamath Falls, Boise, and as far away as Nevada. "We had licenses plates from all over," said the club spokesperson.

The next major event scheduled for the park is a sanctioned North West Off-Road Racers Assoc. Motocross race on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20.

Mustangs sweep Huskies to clinch first place

By Rick Paullus

By sweeping the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, May 5, by scores of 8-0 and 9-1, the Heppner Mustang baseball team clinched first place in Special District 5. The Mustangs, 18-0 in SD5 and 19-3 overall including a forfeit by Weston-McEwen, will be at home on Saturday for a doubleheader against South Wasco and will finish out the regular season at home on Tuesday, May 15, against Pilot Rock.

The Mustangs got on the board early in the first game as Dennis Kenny and Quinn Peck singled and both scored on a double by Andre Rauch. They didn't score again until the fourth when Chance Day singled and scored on a Kenny double. They added five more in the fifth when Bryan Holland reached on an error; Wacy Coil singled; Holland scored on a throwing error while stealing third; Nathan Kennedy had an RBI double; Colton Hanson singled; Day scored Kennedy with a squeeze bunt; Peck had an RBI double and Rauch had an RBI single to make it 8-0.

Day made it stand up as he went the distance striking out 15 and gave up just one hit and no walks or hit batters.

Rauch went 3-4 with three RBI, Peck went 2-3 scoring twice, Kennedy went 2-3, and Kenny went 2-4.

In game two, Day got hit in the hand by a pitch and had to come out of the game with Drew Johnson coming in to run. Kenny singled and Peck had an RBI single to make it 1-0 after one.

They added four more in the third when Johnson walked; Kenny and

Peck singled; Rauch hit a sacrifice fly; Nacho Elguezabal walked; Sam King brought home a run on a fielder's choice; Wacy Coil walked to load the bases; Kennedy was hit by a pitch to score a run; and Hanson walked to force in another run.

In the fourth, the Mustangs made it 8-0 when Kenny singled; Peck reached on an error; Elguezabal reached on another error; King scored two with a single; Coil singled; and Kennedy had an RBI single.

The Huskies scored their only run of the day in the sixth but the Mustangs answered in the bottom half when Rauch walked, Elguezabal singled and Coil had an RBI single.

Kennedy had a strong showing on the mound going the distance to pick up the win striking out 10, giving up two hits, one walk, and one hit batter.

Kenny went 3-4, scoring twice; Peck went 2-4, scoring twice; Coil went 2-3; and King had three RBIs.

Game One
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Heppner 200 150 x-8 13 2

Kaseberg, Wood (5) and Stroud; Chance Day and Wacy Coil. W-Day, L-Kaseberg. 2b - Kaseberg (S); Dennis Kenny, Quinn Peck, Andre Rauch, Nathan Kennedy (H). 3B-none. HR-none.

Game Two
Sherman 000 001 0-1 2 3

Heppner 104 301 x-9 10 1

Bibby, Wood (3), Mobley (4) and Stroud, Wood (4); Nathan Kennedy and Coil. W-Kennedy. L-Bibby. 2B-none. 3B-none. HR-none.

Mustangs beat Knights

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs beat the Irrigon Knights 12-2 in six innings on Tuesday, May 1, in Irrigon in Special District 5 play. The Mustangs, 15-0 in SD5 and 16-3 overall, will be at home on Saturday, May 12, for a doubleheader against South Wasco and will finish the regular season at home against Pilot Rock on Tuesday, May 15.

They opened the game hot as Chance Day, Dennis Kenny, and Quinn Peck all singled and Andre Rauch cleared the bases with a triple. They cooled off though as they didn't score again until the third when Peck doubled, Rauch reached on a fielder's choice, Nacho Elguezabal singled and Bryan Holland scored two with a double.

The Knights scored a run in the bottom half but the Mustangs answered with two more in the fourth when Colton Hanson walked, Day singled, Kenny had an RBI single and Peck had an RBI single.

The Mustangs put the game away in the sixth with five more runs as Sam King singled, Day reached on an error, Kenny reached on another error to score two runs, Peck had an RBI double, Jared Huddleston walked, Drew Johnson reached on an error and Justin Archer scored two more with a double.

Kenny went four innings striking out six, giving up one hit and one run, with Nathan Kennedy going two innings in relief, striking out three and allowing one run.

Peck went 4-4 with two doubles, two RBIs and scored twice; Day went 3-4 and scored three times; Kenny went 2-4 with three RBIs, scoring twice; Rauch had three RBIs; and Holland and Archer each had two RBIs.

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Dennis Kenny, Nathan Kennedy (5) and Wacy Coil; White, Griffin (6) and Munkers. W-Kenny. L-White. 2B-Quinn Peck 2, Justin Archer, Bryan Holland (H). 3B-Andre Rauch (H). HR-none.

Red Hat Society to host Victorian High Tea

The Red Hat Society will host a Victorian High Tea at the United Methodist Church in Heppner on Saturday, May 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. The tea will be catered by Diann Nagel and the cost will be \$7 per person.

The theme will be Spring Garden. The menu will consist of scones, assorted sandwiches, desserts, and English tea.

Hats will be available for anyone who does not have one. Group seating is available. Reservations are recommended but not required.

For more information or reservations contact Diann Nagel at 676-5522.

Stripe rust found in Morrow County

Stripe rust has been discovered in a field of hard red winter wheat near the western edge of Morrow County on Tuesday, May 1. Fungal spores were prevalent on 2.5 percent to five percent of the plants growing in this particular area.

Symptoms: If caught early, a linear orientation (stripe) of rust can be observed on the topside of leaves. Stripes are less evident if environmental conditions allow the disease to spread - yellow to orange colored pustules may be widely distributed across the leaf surface. If left unchecked, leaves turn yellow and eventually die.

Effect on yield: Stripe rust affects yield by reducing green leaf area. This, in turn, reduces sugar and nutrient supply to developing kernels. The flag leaf (and the next lower leaf on the plant) do most of the "work" and should be protected from infection. Yield loss in infected areas can be significant.

When to spray: For this year's crop, a one-time application between boot and heading should be cost-effective if five percent of the field is showing signs of rust and if damage to the flag leaf is anticipated. Conditions that favor spread of the disease include: big, thick stands of wheat; temperatures that range from 50-65 degrees Fahrenheit; and intermittent rainfall or dew. Fungicides commonly used to control stripe rust have residual activity for two to three weeks. Spraying too early can be costly because a second application may be necessary. Read the label, pay attention to growth stage restrictions. Be careful not to apply fungicides at growth stages that are off-label.

The last time checked, Tilt could not be applied after flag-leaf emergence and Quilt (and some other products) could be applied up to Fecke's growth stage 10.5 - early heading. Check the label to see if these growth stage restrictions are still in effect.

2007 Meacham Poker Run set

The 2007 Meacham Poker Run is set for Saturday, June 2, at Emigrant State Park.

The poker run will benefit the Meacham Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a selection of raffle prizes and cash payout for the poker run. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

Pick up a registration form at your local ATV store or you can register the morning of the event. The registration fee is \$20.

This is a great family event and fun for all ages! If you wish to volunteer, contact Buck at 541-966-8814.

Hampstead players perform at HES



Once again the Hampstead players were wonderful, said a spokesperson. The kids enjoyed the play and did a good deal of laughing at Leah Stone, Kaden Clark, and Colton Neal who participated in the performance. The Hampstead Players travel from New Hampshire and tour the country. Two actors set up and perform the entire play with student assistants. "We are always pleased with how professional the performers are and their willingness to involve kids in drama."

Butterfly walk offered

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will offer a ranger-conducted butterfly walk at the historic James Cant Ranch, located on Highway 19, two miles north of the intersection with Highway 26. This 90-minute program will feature butterflies and other natural aspects of national monument.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 13. There is no fee. Participants should bring water, hiking shoes, and clothing suitable for the sun and field. Also, bring close range binoculars, if you have them.

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