

# Mustangs beat Bobcats in Ione holds 2007 spring concert ODA inspections important as gas prices get higher



Senior Nathan Kennedy pitches at the end of the Mustangs 6-1 win during their first round playoff win against Nestucca on Tuesday, May 22, 2007. —Photo by Jaci Hughes

**By Rick Paullus**  
The Heppner Mustangs jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings and with the pitching of Chance Day and Nathan Kennedy they went on to take a 6-1 win over the visiting Nestucca Bobcats on Tuesday, May 22, in the first round of the OSAA US Bank/Les Schwab Class 2A state championships. The Mustangs, now 23-3 on the year, played the Riddle Irish in the semi-finals for the right to play for the championship at Keizer Stadium.

In the bottom of the first, Day got the Mustangs going by leading off with a single. He then stole second and scored on a Dennis Kenny single. Kenny stole second and scored as Quinn Peck reached on an error. Peck later scored on a wild pitch to make it 3-0.

In the second, Day again singled and scored on a throwing error as Kenny reached on a fielding error.

Peck followed with an RBI single to make it 5-0. The Bobcats scored their lone run in the fourth but the Mustangs answered when Kenny reached on an error, went to second on a wild pitch, and scored on a single by Andre Rauch.

Day went five innings, striking out 10 and allowing three hits, with Kennedy striking out three and allowing no hits in two innings.

Day went 3-4 scoring twice, Kenny scored three times, and Peck had two RBIs.

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Kellow, Richwine (3) and Landingham; Chance Day, Nathan Kennedy (6) and Wacy Coil. W - Day. L - Kellow. 2B - Colton Hanson, Bryan Holland (H). 3B - none. HR - none.

## Fair Board meeting scheduled

The next Fair Board meeting will be held Monday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the fair office.



**By Tiana Camarillo**  
The Ione music students welcomed the spring season with their spring concert on Monday, May 14. Students involved ranged from kindergarten through 10th grade. The different elementary and junior high classes sang songs including "Stars of the Heavens," "Blue Skies," "Move Along," "Shenandoah," and "I Remember You."

The show began with a song called "My Home's in Hawaii." Shadow Kendrick, a sixth grader in Ione, came up with that rendition based on the song "My Home's in Montana". High School students Katy Arnsperger and Ronnie Wilson played a violin-trumpet duo and Eric Jepsen played a violin duo with music teacher, Karl Blaeuer. The music classes definitely ushered the school year out with a fine tune.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

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- May 4:** -Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Jack Dale Castator, 23, for Driving while License Suspended Violation.
- Boardman Police Dept. officer cited a juvenile for No Operator's License and Driving Uninsured, and cited Carlos Ruiz Cataneda, 39, for Permitting the Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle.
- Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller on I-84 eastbound of a vehicle going at high rates of speed in and out of traffic and went into a ditch to pass.
- Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman that a male subject was "shooting people in the rear-end" with a BB gun.
- Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman that his daughter dragged a subject out of a car and took her to her residence.
- Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested a male subject for DUII. The subject would be lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.
- Boardman Police Dept. officer advised he was with a vehicle that was going about 35 mph on the freeway. The officer made the vehicle stop.
- Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman that a subject rang the doorbell "like crazy" and slammed on the door.
- May 5:** -MCSO received a report that the reporter's wife was breaking things and went out to his vehicle with a butcher knife to cut it up to prevent him from leaving.
- MCSO arrested Felipe Torres, 30, for a restraining order violation.
- MCSO received a report that someone graffiti the park and vandalized it.
- MCSO received a report that the reporter was receiving threatening phone messages from a known person.
- MCSO issued a citation to Michael Frandeseen, 41, for violating the basic rule by going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone and for driving while suspended and failing to renew registration.
- MCSO deputy was out with a possible disabled

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The job of inspectors from the Oregon Department of Agriculture takes on added importance this spring as gasoline prices continue to rise.

ODA inspection of motor fuel quantity and quality has been part of the agency's mission for years, but more Oregonians now realize that buying and receiving the correct amount of gasoline and the proper level of octane in motor fuel can either save or cost significant dollars and cents depending upon what the motorist gets at the pump.

"Every day our inspectors test gasoline pumps for quantity and quality to make sure the consumer receives the right amount of motor fuel for the dollars they spend as well as ensure the quality of that fuel," says Russ Wyckoff, administrator of ODA's Measurement Standards Division. "Right now, it's very important to motorists that they get what they pay for at these prices."

Not that long ago, asking the attendant to fill the tank of an average size car might cost up to \$20. That same pit stop can now run a motorist close to \$50. Minivans, SUVs, and trucks are substantially more. That's why Oregon motorists are wanting to look at the purchase of gasoline a little more closely.

"There are people out there who have been buying 89 or 92 octane for their vehicle that now ask for 87 octane because it is often more than 10 cents a gallon cheaper," says Wyckoff.

ODA's inspectors routinely conduct field screenings from approximately 31,000 fuel dispensers across the state, making sure that both gasoline and diesel meet national quality standards.

They also measure the amount of water in storage tanks to make sure it does not exceed state standards. Finally, those same inspectors continue to ensure motor fuel quantity by checking the pumps themselves to determine that the meters are accurately dispensing the fuel.

10 years ago, Oregon didn't even have a motor fuel quality program. Wyckoff says part of the value of the inspection program is deterrence. Gas stations are being more careful to be accurate in what they offer.

"When it comes to octane levels, Oregon motorists should generally feel good they are getting what they pay for," he says.

Statistics for 2006 show that ODA inspectors conducted 2,421 screenings of gasoline routinely sampled from Oregon fuel dispensers.

Using a hand-held octane meter, inspectors found only 32 screenings that failed the initial test of matching up with the octane level posted at the pump. Twenty-three official samples were drawn from those 32 for a closer analysis of the octane level.

Of the 23, only 13 proved to be below the actual octane rating standard listed at the pump. That's about 0.5 percent of the samples screened that failed to meet posted octane levels.

Even though problems are few in terms of correct octane levels being dispensed, motorists may be making the wrong decision about what to purchase.

"Some people buy a higher octane when they don't need to, which means they are paying anywhere from 10 to 20 cents a gallon more for a grade of gasoline they don't need," says Wyckoff. "Their automobile owner's manual will list what octane level is best. In most cases, 87 octane is fine."

Paying attention to the sound of the engine will help. If it starts pinging or rattling, it could be that the octane level needs to be increased. If that doesn't help, it may be time for a tune up of the engine.

Even though it is tempting to try and save some money on gas, pinging could end up being a symptom of a damaged engine.

When it comes to the accuracy of the pumps and their ability to deliver the correct amount of fuel to the motorist, ODA is finding a relatively small percentage of problems.

In 2006, less than five percent of all retail dispensers were found to be giving little or too much fuel. Those delivering too little fuel were immediately removed from service until corrections were made.

"The fuel dispensers being used in Oregon generally deliver the quantity they represent," says Wyckoff.

Everyone wants to save money at the gas pump, if possible. But motorists can take additional steps to lower fuel costs, including making efficient use of every gallon in the tank. Everything from a clean air filter to proper driving habits can make a big difference in how many miles per gallon a motor vehicle will deliver.

Wyckoff advises motorists to treat the fill up as any other business transaction and take an interest by ensuring the correct grade was selected and the dispenser started at zero.

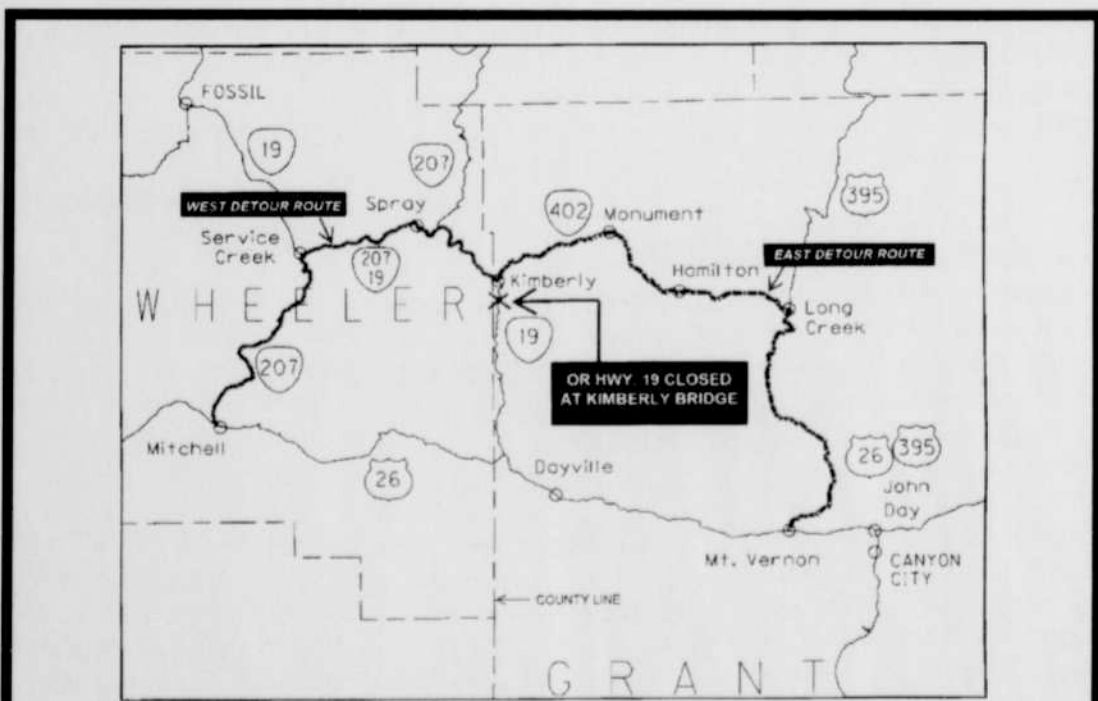
While a majority of operations correctly dispense gasoline, there is nothing wrong with watching closely.

"We do investigate any complaints we get in addition to our routine examinations," says Wyckoff. "We even have an undercover vehicle that goes out and makes sample purchases to make sure you are getting the right quality and quantity of your fuel."

Although there is no indication that the number of complaints will rise with the fuel prices, it is certain that many motorists are paying more attention to the gasoline and diesel they purchase.

For more information contact Clark Cooney at (503) 986-4670.

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## OREGON HIGHWAY 19 CLOSURE NOTICE ROUTE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC AT KIMBERLY BRIDGE JUNE 2 - 21

The Oregon Department of Transportation will be closing Oregon Highway 19 at the John Day River (Kimberly) Bridge to all traffic between June 2 and June 21. The bridge is located one mile south of Kimberly along the western border of Grant County. The closure is needed to accommodate bridge repair work. Detour signs will be posted directing travelers to use alternate routes during the 19-day highway and bridge closure. ODOT will maintain pedestrian-only access across the structure during the closure time.

Two main detour routes have been identified around the Kimberly Bridge closure.

**Eastbound traffic from Kimberly** will be detoured east on Oregon Route 402 to Long Creek, then south on U.S. Highway 395 to Mt. Vernon.

**Westbound traffic from Kimberly** will be detoured west on Oregon Highway 19 to Service Creek, then south on Oregon Highway 207 to Mitchell.

Depending on starting and ending destinations, travelers are encouraged to plan extra travel time and determine the alternate route that best suit their needs.

For additional information please contact ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at (541) 963-1330, or ODOT Project Manager Paul Woodworth at (541) 823-8320.

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