

Heppner softball all-stars



Heppner softball all-stars (R-L) Micha Hintz, Cassie Day, Natalie Rausch and Bailey Bennett. —Contributed photo

Mustang golf state results

The Mustang golf team, comprised of athletes from Heppner and Ione schools, competed in the state championship finals last weekend.

The boys came in 9th with a final score of 709. The girls placed 11th with a score of 863. Individual results for the tournament are as follows:

Boys: Austin Gutierrez, 174; Kyle Harrison, 178; Zac Orem, 183; Adam Collin, 188; Luke Jobes, 188.

Girls: Blake Greenup, 192; Jordan Peterson, 216; Maddie Lindsay, 227; Paige Grieb, 235; Stacey Halvorsen, 236.

Complete tournament results are available at <http://www.osaa.org/golf/>.

Youth basketball clinic in Irrigon

A Columbia River youth basketball clinic will be held Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, in the Irrigon High School gymnasium.

Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade boys and girls will practice 9 a.m. to noon both days, with a scrimmage on June 9 from 5-6:30 p.m. Parents are welcome.

Seventh- and eighth-grade girls will practice 1-4 p.m. June 8-9, with a scrimmage Saturday from 6:30-8 p.m. Parents are welcome.

Cost to participate is \$25; scholarships are avail-

able. The clinic is open to all area youth. All proceeds go to the Lady Knight basketball program.

Registration for fourth through sixth grade is at 8 a.m., June 8 at the gym; seventh and eighth grades register at noon on June 8 at the IHS gym. Or, call 541-377-5451 to pre-register.

The event is sponsored by the Irrigon High School Lady Knight basketball team and Coach Gene Heiker of Blue Mountain High Five in concert with the Irrigon Youth Basketball program.

SIDS walk scheduled

Ione cheerleaders are organizing a SIDS walk to be held May 26 at 11 a.m. The walk route will start and finish at Ione Community Park.

The walk's theme will be "A Walk for Bailey." T-shirts will be available for \$20 for adults and \$11 for children. Donations will also be accepted.

Anyone who is not able to participate in the walk but who would like to buy a t-shirt or contribute may call Misti Stefani at 541-422-7142; an account has been set up at Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Lunch will be held in the park after the walk, with a bouncy house for kids and a special speaker.

Mustangs, Cardinals compete in state track finals

The 2012 OSAA 3A, 2A, 1A Track & Field State Championships took place Friday-Saturday, May 18-19 at McArthur Field at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR. Both Heppner and Ione had team members competing in the state finals.

Heppner athletes competed in the 2A classification in Monmouth. Mustang women came in 26th overall, tying with ever-present rival Irrigon for the spot. Individuals who stood out were Emma Osmin, who came in 9th in the girls 300M hurdles with a time of 52.99, and Carrie Haguewood, who competed in both the high jump and the long jump. Haguewood took 8th in the high jump with 4-06.00 and 6th in the long jump with 15-00.25.

Heppner men came in 15th overall, tying with Neah-Kah-Nie for the ranking. Conner Pappas and Andrew Bara both shone in their events. Pappas took 5th in the 100M dash pre-

liminaries with 11.58Q, shaving that down to 11.47 and 5th in the finals. He also shaved his preliminary time of 23.37Q in the 200M dash to 23.09 for 3rd place. Bara placed 7th in the 110M hurdles with a time of 17.13. He also shaved his preliminary time of 45.14Q in the 300M hurdles to 44.99 in the finals, taking 7th there.

The Heppner 4x400 relay team took 8th in the preliminaries with a time of 3:53.03Q, but lost ground in the finals to take 8th with a time of 3:54.01. The team consisted of Bryce Fowler, Jeff McConnell, Seth Palmer and Jacob Moses.

The Ione Cardinal track team had athletes competing in the 1A state finals. The men's team placed 31st overall, tying with North Clackamas Christian for the spot. The men's 4x100 Meter relay team, consisting of Evan Rietmann, Justin Estabrook, Luke Emmel and Steven Holland placed



Above: The Ione relay team with their sixth-place medals (L-R): Seniors Steven Holland and Luke Emmel and juniors Justin Estabrook and Evan Rietmann. Below: Senior Makenna Ramos finished strong in the 400M preliminary round. —Photos by Paula Emmel

8th in preliminaries with a PR time of 46.71Q; the team shaved that time down to 46.39a in the finals to come in 6th.

Ione girls also shone individually. Makenna Ramos placed 9th in the women's 400M dash preliminaries with an excellent time of 1:06.71. Charlette Burghard placed 9th in the 3000M run finals with a time of 12:30.08, which was a new PR for her, cutting nearly 13 seconds off her previous personal record.

Complete state results



are available at osaa.org/track/.

WCCC hosts CBSGA

On Monday, May 14, Willow Creek Country Club hosted 110 Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association golfers. The players came from Beacon Rock, N. Bonneville, Husum Hills/White Salmon, Goldendale, Arlington, Condon, Kinzua Hills/Fossil, Echo, Willow Run/Boardman, Big River/Umatilla, Milton-Freewater and Heppner/Lexington/Ione.

The weather was warm and sunny. Great food was provided by the WCCC Women's Association.

The next Columbia-Blue tournament will be played at Condon on June 11.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, May 24, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

Guest speakers will be Carla McLane from the County Planning Department and Amy Dunkak from Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center (NEOAHEC), who will give an update on their new programs.

Cost of the lunch is \$9; The Stable of Youth will cater. Participants are asked to RSVP no later than the Wednesday before.

Community lunch menu

Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, May 30, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include taco bar, refried

beans, rice, green salad, tomato juice, tortillas and flan. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Piano students tickle the ivories



Jordan Bemrose, music teacher at Ione Community School, held a recital for her private piano students at the Ione Community Church on Saturday, May 19. Pictured are (back L-R) Payton Miller, Larrisa Burright, Bemrose, Eva Martin, Madison Alldritt, Carson Eynetich, Jake Heideman (Front L-R), Hailey Heideman, Mackenzie Heideman, Cameron Proudfoot, Jill Rudolf and Calvin Rietmann. —Photo by Erin Heideman.

HHS holds fruit and vegetable sale

Heppner High School will hold an end-of-the-year fruit and vegetable sale this Thursday, May 24, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School greenhouse. Everything is on sale.

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—Continued from PAGE ONE today," quipped Rhea.

Blauer also brought up the impending implementation of coordinated care organizations (CCOs) which look to be the trend of the future of health care in terms of management and distribution of federal health care dollars. With CCOs, persons who are receiving Medicaid funds for their health care would each be designated a set amount of money, which would be used to pay for a wide spectrum of care, including medical, dental, and psychological care. A CCO would manage this care and ultimately determine where these funds are distributed, which is precisely why this is a concern to rural health care providers. This method would likely ultimately limit Medicaid expenses. The names of several organizations have surfaced with respect to the possibility of becoming CCOs, including Family Care (Oregon Health Plan-Medicaid) and GOBHI (Greater Oregon Behavioral Health) which currently covers 17 rural Oregon counties.

Blauer said that urban area health care facilities in Oregon, specifically the Portland area, are already forming CCOs and that he has been invited to meet with administrators of other rural hospitals in Eastern Oregon to discuss forming their own CCO.

"Honesty, I'm a little unclear as to how it will

all shake out," said Blauer. "But we don't have to make a decision for a few years. I just want to make sure it works out for our county, our county health district ..."

The board also discussed the critical importance of putting a serial levy before voters to meet health district expenses not covered by the district's base levy. The current five-year serial levy will expire in November 2013. Voters had initially approved a three-year serial levy, which expired before the current five-year levy was approved. "We know from experience that the year we didn't have a levy was not a pleasant one," commented board member Leann Rea.

Molly Rhea also reported that the last two MCHD doctors are being trained on the district's new telestroke machine, which will aid local physicians in treating stroke patients with the assistance of specialists via telemedicine. Rhea said that the nurses have already completed their training. She said that the first mock trial of the system is planned for June 1.

"That's pretty exciting," said Rhea.

In other business, the board: —received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had two acute admissions, one swing bed admission, five admitted for observation, 473 total outpatients, 63 emergency

room encounters, 1,462 lab tests, 96 x-ray procedures, 24 CT scans, 25 EKG tests, eight colonoscopy procedures, 11 respiratory therapy procedures; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 424 patient visits with 28 new patients, 20 seen by a nurse and 11 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 180 patient visits with 29 new patients, 56 seen by a nurse and 10 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 31 total page-outs with 19 transports for \$20,972 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 30 total page-outs with 16 transports for \$20,031 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 22 total page-outs with 16 transports for \$19,545 in revenue; there were three flights; Home Health had 97 patient visits; Hospice had one admission; pharmacy had 598 drug doses for \$36,701 in drug revenue.

—received the following financial report for April: \$529,508 in gross patient revenue, less \$16,748 for bad debt and less \$8,282 in contractual and other adjustments (Medicare/Medicaid settlements) for \$504,478 in net patient revenue, \$102,894 in tax revenue and \$12,618 in other operating revenue for \$619,991 in total operating revenue, \$632,079 in total operating expenses and a \$34,914 non-operating gain for a \$22,826 gain for the month and a \$12,712 average monthly year-to-date gain.

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