

Baseball, softball teams celebrate seniors



The Mustang ball teams recently celebrated their graduating seniors. Top: Seniors of the Heppner Mustang Baseball team (front L-R) J.C. Putman, Andrew Hatfield, Jaden Orr, Jordan Bailey and Joel Stillman, with parents (back L-R) Sandra Putman and Jim Putman, Steve and Becky Cherry, Ken and Tammy Hatfield, Lana Eckman, Jeff and Christine Bailey, and Susana and Beryl Stillman. -Photo by Sandy Matthews Bottom (L-R) are softball players and parents Donna Sherman, player Nicole Kempkin, player Micha Hintz, Teresa VanDorn, Will Lemmon, player Samm Lemmon, Tonja Lemmon, Donna Dougherty, player Ryan Dougherty and Cliff Dougherty. Kempkin (center field), Hintz (short stop) and Lemmon (third base) are the only three remaining members of the 2012 championship softball team; Lemmon was also the only Mustang player to hit a home run this year, racking up two for the team during the season. -Contributed photo

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Juan Rodriguez, Jr., 18, was convicted of Robbery II, a Class B Felony, and was sentenced to 60 months in custody of Oregon Youth Authority, three years' post-prison supervision, and is subject to numerous conditions, including having no direct or indirect contact with the victim and no affiliation with gangs or known gang members, wearing of gang colors, use of gang symbols or other gang-associated activity, and ordered to pay \$1,100 in fines, fees and assessments and pay \$100 in restitution. He was also convicted of Robbery I, a Class A Felony, and was sentenced to 60 months in custody of Oregon Youth Authority, three years' post prison supervision, with numerous conditions and ordered to pay \$200 in fines, fees and assessments. Two counts of Robbery I-firearm, Assault IV, Theft II and Strangulation were dismissed.

-Amanda Grace Grigsby appeared before the court and was found not to be in violation of probation. All outstanding fines and fees were docketed as a civil judgment.

-Javier Gutierrez, 26,

was found guilty of one count of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C Felony, and sentenced to have his driver's license suspended for six months, as well as 18 months supervised probation subject to 90 sanction units with 30 jail units. Conditions of probation

included substance abuse evaluation, submission to random drug testing, enrollment and successful completion of Social Re-education/Life Skills Training Program, and 80 hours of community service. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$991.

4-H club spruces up Heppner library



Heppner Grow Em' & Show Em' 4-H club (formerly Heppner Hog Handlers) completed one of their planned community service projects at the library last Friday. The 4-H members had a great time planting flowers and shrubs to help spruce up the entrance. The FFA program gave the 4-Hers a great deal on all the plants. -Contributed photo

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report Thursday, June 4, at noon in the Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10; Alvin Liu of Cornerstone Gallery will cater. Lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Mustangs defeat Blue Devils for district tie; to play PR/Nixyaawii for playoff spot

The Heppner Mustangs defeated the Condon/Wheeler Blue Devils twice by the mercy rule Friday, May 16, in Special District 6 baseball. The Mustangs have an overall record of 10-10, with a league record of 6 wins and 8 losses.

Joel Stillman led the Mustangs, batting five for seven and driving in five runs. JC Putman was four for six with three RBIs. Putman and Brian Rill each earned wins in the circle.

Heppner tied with Irrigon for fifth place with a 10-0 win in five innings and a 13-2 win in six.

After the win, Mustang coach Jim Kindle said it was not yet clear on the procedure for determining which team, the Mustangs or the Knights, were to go against Pilot Rock in the first round of the district tournament. However, it was later determined that the Mustangs were to play against Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii on Tuesday, May 20, to determine which team was to go into the playoffs.



The Mustangs gave it their all to close the regular season with crushing wins against Condon/Wheeler. Top: Andrew Hatfield keep his eye on the target as he prepares to throw. Bottom: Jaden Orr gives a base passing touch as he flies by. -Contributed photos

Hornbecks awarded May Yard of the Month

By Kay Proctor

A neat, tidy place on the corner of 415 Gale is recognized as Yard of the Month for May.

Sam and Marie Hornbeck had been looking for a chance to move to Heppner with no luck. Impulsively stopping at a yard sale at 415 Gale Street, they noticed a small 'For Sale' sign in the window and inquired. That started the process of their purchasing what they jokingly call their "yard sale home." They moved in during March, 2005.

Working hard for over five years on remodeling the home and improving the yard, everything was going well with the 100-year-plus home, until a disastrous fire destroyed it and all their belongings in 2010. The optimistic couple humbly counted their blessings, than began plans to rebuild on the same spot.

What has risen from the ashes is a home full of natural light, vaulted ceilings and natural wood, showing love of the outdoors. Besides patios in back, a full front porch welcomes all.

New soil was hauled onto the lot after the fire. Sidewalks were shaped and poured. An apple tree and pink dogwood were planted. Sam made easy-to-access concrete troughs for plantings.

Every inch of their compact, corner lot is used.



Sam and Marie Hornbeck are the recipients of Heppner's Yard of the Month award for May. -Contributed photo

Sam planned everything with the goal of simple and low-maintenance. Besides rocked parking areas and a carport, Sam now has a shop. Close by is a combination outdoor cooking station that Sam designed, built and uses frequently as a smoker, underground pit, barbecue, char broiler and rotisserie.

Marie's favorite plants are, and have been since her childhood in Texas, roses. She has several healthy rose shrubs lining the porch to enjoy their color and fragrance. Her other favorite plant is honeysuckle vine, and she has one planted on each end of their front porch. The couple together enjoys their colorful tulips when in bloom.

The fenced vegetable garden is Sam's favorite. While raising their three sons, they all worked on large vegetable gardens for their own use. The family has grown and now includes nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

There are future plans: red patio blocks, an open fireplace and a water feature.

Married almost 55 years ago in Nevada, the Hornbecks have lived Henderson, NV, Albany,

Molalla and Central Oregon, moving here from Seneca. Officially retired as a fire training coordinator, Sam worked and volunteered with firefighting all his life. Fond memories of many other community involvements are recalled in every town they made home. He still makes time for fishing and hunting. Marie is a homemaker and says she "isn't retired yet." She loves swans, real or collectibles; in fact, they stopped by that long-ago yard sale hoping to find more to add to her collection.

Both Sam and Marie say they appreciate the hard work done by Heppner's Volunteer Fire Department, especially after experiencing it firsthand.

Yard of the Month is co-sponsored by MCGG Green Feed, the City of Heppner and the Heppner Volunteers.



This outdoor cooking station built and used by Sam Hornbeck is a yard highlight. -Contributed photo

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