

Heppner native is half of champion billiards duo



Sykes and Adams hold their prize check; they got to split the \$1,650 purse. —Contributed photos

Chris Sykes of Pendleton and Robin Adams from Vancouver, WA teamed up to win the Western BCA Eight Ball Championships Open Mixed Scotch Doubles in Lincoln City, OR recently.

The pair, who met the morning they were to play together, beat out 140 other teams for the championship spot. Sykes, the son of David and April Sykes of Heppner, said he and Adams gelled immediately.

“She is an awesome player, firing balls in left and right, and a fun partner to play with. We came back from the loser’s side of the bracket. We played really well and had a little luck on our side, too,” said Sykes.

“When the last ball went in, Robin looked at me and said, ‘I think we just won.’ We sat there for a second not realizing what just happened, then we jumped up and gave each other a high-five and a hug.”

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 25, at St. Patrick’s Senior Center.

The meal will include chicken enchiladas, rice and beans, green salad, tortillas, salsa and, possibly, virgin margarita Jell-O shots. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal.

Menu is subject to change.

Purge the spurge



Creeping spurge. —Contributed photo

An escaped landscape plant, Euphorbia myrsinites L., commonly known as creeping spurge, donkey

tail or myrtle spurge, is becoming a greater concern in our area according to the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

The plant’s origin is the Mediterranean region to Iran. It is a perennial succulent growing up to 15 inches tall with a 12-inch spread, and it propagates by seed or division of the

HHS Volleyball selling community calendars

The Heppner Junior and Senior High School volleyball team is once again selling community birthday calendars. A mere \$10 can purchase a personalized calendar with family birthdays, anniversaries, community events, school activities, local business information and more.

Sales are going on now and will conclude on April 23, so anyone interested is encouraged to get an order

in soon.

Student-athletes will be contacting previous customers. New customers can contact any volleyball player or Darcee Mitchell at 541-676-5717. The money raised will enable the program to purchase equipment, attend team camp, hire summer clinicians for skills camp and much more.

Calendars will be available for delivery and pickup in September.

ODFW invites families for a day of fishing

SALEM, Ore.—The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) invites Oregon families to come fishing at a free family fishing event locally this June.

The event is one of 33 free Family Fishing events scheduled throughout the state this spring and summer.

The local event will be held June 6 at Cutsforth Pond. Youth fishing will take place from 8:30-11 a.m. with family fishing beginning at noon.

Children under the age of 14 can fish for free, while kids 14 to 17 and adults will need an Oregon fishing license in order to fish.

The events are de-

signed to show families how easy and fun fishing can be, said Shahab Farzanegan, ODFW angler education coordinator. ODFW provides loaner rods and reels, tackle, instruction and freshly stocked fish—everything a family needs for a successful fishing trip.

“These events are fantastic and I enjoy taking my kids and their friends and teaching them different techniques,” said one recent participant. “The best part about it is that the kids catch fish and want to go again.”

For more information, visit the ODFW website, click on the Fishing tab at the top of the page, and select Where and How from the menu.

Timothy Emmel wins moto division championship



Top: Timothy Emmel takes the checkered flag. Bottom: Timothy Emmel and the youth he is mentoring, with their awards. Emmel (left) has been teaching riding skills and racing know-how to (L-R) Alyssa Winters, first-place seven-to-nine-year-old quad, Andrew Winters, first-place quad junior, and Derek Whittaker, second-place seven-to-nine-year-old quad. —Photos by Paula Emmel

On Saturday, March 14, Timothy Emmel finished his 2014 series at the Bike Pit with another win to earn the Quad Intermediate championship trophy. The trophy will be presented during the races on April 12.

On March 15, Emmel started the 2015 series racing as Quad Pro. He won his

divisions and both motos on both days.

Also on Saturday, Luke Emmel finished his 2014 series in Combined/Open Beginner Motocross to take the championship trophy, also to be awarded on April 12.

Luke also won both motos and his division that day.

Ione track team jumps into season

Ten members of the Ione Cardinal track team attended the Learn By Doing Clinic in Hood River Saturday, March 14. Participants learned skills and techniques in discus, shot put, javelin, sprints and high jump.

Participating were junior Rachel Holland, javelin; junior Jessie Flynn, high jump; junior/exchange student David Smidijajer,

discus; sophomore Chris Pryor, discus; sophomore Karsen Dumler, discus; sophomore Ashley Medina, discus; sophomore Henry Padberg, sprints; freshman Kaitlin Garrett, discus; freshman Sonia Medina, discus; and freshman Emily Taylor, sprints.

The team will travel to The Dalles for its first season track meet on Thursday, March 19.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be this Thursday, March 19, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room.

Speakers will be Ruth Miles, Small Business Advocate for Office of Small Business Assistance for the

State of Oregon, and Cade Burnett from Umatilla-Morrow Head Start.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Willow Creek Diner will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

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