Ione Thousand Yard Shoot winners announced



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Casey Jones of Heppner (left) is awarded his cash prize in the Thousand Yard Shoot.

IN BRIEF

Champions tour offers rodeo action

Some of the biggest and baddest bulls will be matched up against cowboys from across the Pacific Northwest during The Coastal Farm & Ranch Challenge of Champions

Presented by Bonney's Ag & Auto Repair, catch the action Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Farm-City Arena at the old Umatilla County Fairgrounds, 515 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Tickets are \$14 in advance or \$17 at the gate. Kids 5-and-under are free. The gates open at 6 p.m. The event features bull riding and freestyle bullfighting.

Also, earlier in the day, the Rascal Rodeo offers a chance for kids and adults with mental or physical disabilities to be a cowboy or cowgirl for the morning. Individuals with special needs are invited to experience rodeo fun Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the rodeo arena at the old fairgrounds. People should enter by the post

No horse or rodeo experience is required. Participants will receive a T-shirt and other free items. Register at www. rascalrodeo.org. Also, volunteers are still needed to help with the event from 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, contact 509-528-5947 or info@rascalrodeo.org.

The public is invited to meet some of the cowboys and a live bull Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bonney's Ag & Auto, 81600 Highway 395 North, Hermiston. Also, free hot dogs, refreshments and test drives are offered from 10 a.m. to 1

Then, head back to the fairgrounds at 5 p.m. for a peddle tractor pull off.

Kids ages 4-11 will be divided into four classes, with the top in each class winning a peddle tractor.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.aftontickets.com/ event/795. Tickets are also available in Hermiston at Bonney's, Tom Denchel Ford and Hermiston Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram.

Tournament gets ready to tee off for Meadowood

As of Monday morning, only 32 spots remain for the Camp Meadowood Springs Benefit Golf Tournament.

The popular golf tournament is sponsored by the Hermiston Elks and in honor of the late Raymond "Whitey" Schroth. It raises money for the summer camp experience for children and teenagers who have communication and/or learning challenges. Open to 140 men and women, ages 21-and-older, the event is in its 37th vear.

The golf play is June 2-4 at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla. The cost is \$170 per golfer. The fee includes two days of golf, a practice round, Friday night barbecue and cocktail party, Saturday banquet, on-course refreshments, tee prizes and a hole-in-one prize. Additional fees for a two-person best ball and skins play on Saturday are \$10 each. A non-golfer package is available for \$135, which includes the evening gatherings, Meadowood golf shirt, a tee sign and sponsor recognition.

For more information, call Bob Schroth, tournament co-chair, at 541-567-6367 or contact Megan Olsen at Big River at 541-922-3006 or megan@ golfbigriver.com.

Hunting and shooting enthusiasts traveled to Ione on May 6 to compete for bragging rights and a cash prize at the annual Ione Thousand Yard Heppner native, Ca-

sey Jones, took the grand prize after a shoot-off with several other participant who had hit the target. Casey was awarded \$200 cash, of which he donated \$100 back to the fundraiser.

The winner for the open-site 500 yard target was Jules Martino of Silverton for the second year in a row. Martino also received \$200 cash.

Randy St. Marie of Portland was the winner of the gun raffle for a Howa Caliber 204 Talon

Heavy Barrel, sponsored Garner's Sporting Goods in Pendleton.

The annual event is a fundraiser for kid's prizes at the fishpond and other games at the annual Ione Fourth of July celebra-

year's This event Blagg sponsors were: Rifles, Route 74 Restaurant, Snow-McElligott, Bob Hubbard, Magnum Opus, Cordova Coolers/ Steve's Outdoor Adventures, Halvorsen Farms, Mark Anderson Builder, Ione Market & Deli, Tacos Hometown, Garner's Sporting Goods and Ione Rural Fire Department. Tacos Hometown, the taco truck out of Ione, was on-site to provide lunch.



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Jules Martino of Silverton (left) is awarded his \$200 prize for winning the 500 yard shoot.

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A fly ball to center field off the bat of Joel Mendez should have been the Bulldogs' third out, but the wind kept pushing it further toward the fence which twisted Hood River's centerfielder around and caused him to drop the catch, giving Hermiston new life.

That brought Jordan Ramirez to the plate with two outs and runners on second and third with only one thing on his mind.

"If the pitcher throws me a fastball down the pipe, I'm hitting it to the outfield," Ramirez recalled with a smile.

And on a 1-0 count, Ramirez jumped on a fastball from Hood River (16-7, 8-2) pitcher Conner Coerper and smacked it into left field, scoring both runners and putting Hermiston on top 4-2. The sophomore finished with a team-best two hits on the day with three RBIs and one run scored.

Hermiston's final run came in the fifth inning, when Brylee Dufloth sprinted to home from third base on a passed ball and barely beat the tag at home to give Hermiston a 5-2 lead. That run proved to be huge insurance run for the Bulldogs, because the Eagles gave everything they had for a rally attempt in the seventh inning.

With two outs, Hood River scored one run on Ramirez, who came on in relief of Tolan, and then drew a walk to put the tying and go-ahead runs on base. After a passed

ball, those runs moved up to second and third with Hermiston still just needing the final out to claim victory. Ramirez said he didn't get too nervous on the mound in the situation, he just knew he needed to do his job.

"I told myself 'Just throw strikes' and I knew my infield and outfield had my back," Ramirez said. And it worked, as Ramirez

induced an easy groundball to shortstop where Caden Schwirse threw out the batter for the final out to earn the save. "It's a big win for us,"

Ramirez said. "That is a good team over there and we want to play our best here to finish the season."

The win mixed with a loss by The Dalles on Friday moves Hermiston into third place in the CRC, the final postseason spot for the conference. And with now two games left, Christy believes the best is yet to come for the Bulldogs.

"I think our upside is pretty huge," he said. "This is where we wanted to be by the end of the season in terms of playing well and hopefully we can continue doing it. We keep telling the kids, anything can happen in the playoffs and we're a scary team and I think a lot of teams can overlook us, but we have a lot of guys who can do positive things."

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HRV 200001 1 - 4 11 2 HHS 110210 X - 5 8 3 (HR) C. Coerper, I. Enriquez (5) and A. Cameron. (HHS) L. Tolan, J. Ramirez (7) and S. Gritz. W — Tolan, L — Coerper. Gritz (HHS)

continued from Page A9 Bow explained one of things he's looking at are percentage of student population engaged in athletics, since private schools tend to have a much higher number of participants than Umatilla despite their comparable total enroll-

Nearby, Irrigon and Riverside are near the cutoff for 2A and Irrigon Athlet-Director Steve Sheller said he cast his vote for the 5-class structure that would have dropped the Knights down a level.

'To be honest with you I like the looks — just I'm an Eastern Oregon guy and I like the looks of how the east part of the state looks in a 5A classification system," he said. "It returns, at least most schools to a regional league, and its better travel for most — Umatilla not so much."

Sheller said that while he's hopeful the OSAA will revisit the 5A idea in future years, he's not going to spend any time dwelling on the decision.

"Ultimately my thoughts on it are we will play whoever we're told to play and we're going to coach up our kids and be competitive either way," he said.

The committee won't make its final proposal until Oct. 16 at a Special Classification and Districting Meeting. Since it spent so much time deciding between a 6A and 5A model, the committee is seeking feedback on cutoff points, league alignments and school placements.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues, as well as other classification related subjects can be emailed to the OSAA at bradg@osaa.org to be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

The next public meeting of the Classification and Districting Committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Moner Shriners Headquarters in Wilsonville.

day, May 22, at the Al Kad-

Class 6A Inter County Conference School Students Bend Lava Bears 1,468 Gresham Gophers Hermiston Bulldogs Mountain View Cougars Summit Storm Class 5A Intermountain Conference

School Students
Crook County Cowboys 703
Hood River Valley Eagles 1,171
Pendleton Buckaroos 779

Redmond Panthers





1. Enrollment Growth

Proposed Solution: Expansion of Hermiston High School and addition of new elementary school on district owned Theater Lane property.

2. Safety & Security

Proposed Solution: Replace Highland Hills Elementary School on same site; improve emergency access and parking at HHS.

3. Old Buildings

Proposed Solution: Replace Rocky Heights Elementary School on same site; address deferred maintenance and obsolete, failing heating and cooling systems at Sandstone Middle School

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