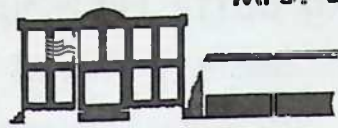


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JAMEE MCINTYRE: THIRD PLACE NIE!

Third Place in the NIE (Newspapers in Education)

Essay Contest Earns a \$75 United States Savings Bond

Our nation has been in turmoil for as long as I can remember, or anyone else for that matter. In the last year alone, we have suffered some of the worse cases of terrorism ever known. Though there are many troubles in today's society, I believe our main focus should be on ourselves as a country.

As Americans, we try to portray ourselves as the sophisticated, mature, or even "best" country. The best country, with the best people, the best opportunities, and the best government. I think that before we proclaim ourselves to be the best, we need to stop and really consider our actions. We need to take responsibility for them, as does every other country. No one is always right.

If we state that as Americans, we are always right, we are not being truthful. Every leader of every country tries to convince the rest of the world that they are always right, but if everyone is always right, and no one is wrong, then how can we differentiate between right and wrong?

Were the unthinkable acts of terrorism on September 11th wrong? Yes, they were, but honestly, America has made some mistakes too. I am definitely not saying that the terrorists' acts were justified, but as Americans what was our response? Most of us just wanted retaliation, to hurt them more than they hurt us. That is not the way to show we are the better country.

In conclusion, as America, we need to join together and truly become united. We don't need anymore blaming, we need to acknowledge that in this world there are problems. We should try to think of new ways, less destructive ways for solving them. That is what will make us the best, or at least the best we can be.

GIDDY-UP!!

By Sarah Matthews

The Butte Falls Equestrian team is back for the second year, and is ready for action. They started out the year by having a booth at this year's Christmas Bazaar. They sold cookies, brownies, banana bread, birdhouses, hand painted boxes, ornaments, wooden figurines, and barbwire wreathes.

They also did a 50/50 raffle, a turkey raffle and cord of wood raffle. In all, we made over \$300. Wow!!

The team practices every Friday at 10 am at the Rogue Equestrian Arena on Elk Creek Road. They spend at least two hours practicing complex drills and patterns. Occasionally, they may have small mishaps or their horses just aren't listening, but all in all, they have tons of fun and lots of bonding experiences! They are hopeful that someone on the team will make it to State again this year, which will be held in Central Point.

This year the BFHS Equestrian team is excited to announce that even after losing members Randi Pitts and Victoria Lawrence, they are now at an all time membership high of 6 members. These members include Jamie Nelson, Sarah Matthews, Ronnie Davis, Melody Carlisle, Roxanne Gieseke, Heather Shimer and Tamara Hunt, a student from Prospect. Each of these members has the task of earning \$250 which is needed to pay for insurance, stall fees, uniforms, and much needed tack. As you can see, the members not only get to have fun, but must work hard and be dedicated to both their horse and their team. The team is coached by Kathy Linville and Cathy Carlisle. Desiree Duval is the Drill Team Coach, while Cammy Moody and Jill Mialkovsky serve as advisors. BFHS Senior Jamie Nelson is the team's representative for the Oregon High School Equestrian Team Association.

So when you think about the old Westerns, remember your very own team representing the little ol' town of Butte Falls



GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATE

by Amanda Hamilton

Girls basketball season has started, and looking good for the Butte Falls Lady Loggers this year. The Ladies have had several games so far, including two against the Phoenix Pirates Junior Varsity team. Needless to say the ball was in their court that first game - the Lady Loggers won with a score of Phoenix - 28, Butte Falls - 46. Sadly to say, they lost their game against the South Medford Panthers with a close score of South Medford - 51, Butte Falls - 45. Their next game turned out to be successful. The Ladies had to fight all the way to the end. With hard defense and a little out scoring on the part of the Ladies in the fourth quarter, the Lady Loggers ended up victorious. Their second match up against Phoenix had the Ladies in the winning column again, with a score of 63 to 53.

The Butte Falls Christmas Tournament provided a lot of action for the teams. The girls are ready for their upcoming games with Days Creek, which is always a very important game for the Lady Loggers, as well as Cascade Christian. The Lady Loggers would like to thank you for all the positive support we have been receiving so far.

SHOOT OUT THE LIGHTS

by LuCynda Zartman

Fundraisers are common for school activities, but unheard of for sports. Well, the school budget crunch has gotten so bad that even athletes now have to participate in fundraising to meet their needs. Each player on the BFHS boy's basketball team has had to go out into the Butte Falls, Medford and Shady Cove community to gain \$3.00 dollars worth of sponsors. These sponsors have pledged to pay for each of the 3 point baskets the team makes. The team goal is to make \$6000.00, which is a lot of 3 point shots.

The team hopes to purchase new traveling uniforms, gear, and equipment, including a shoot-a-way machine, which can be set at different speeds and set to pass to different spots on the floor. Players can shoot about 800 times in 20 minutes.

For example, team members Jason Stevenson, Jimmer Grieves and David Hoel called people they knew, (they even called some people randomly) and their families to become sponsor pledgers for the 3 point Shoot Out the Lights fundraiser. Jimmer even got sponsors to pledge \$1 for each 3 pointer!

So, if you get approached by a BFHS Logger asking for support, be proud to become one of the first to help out in raising funds for sports!