

Outlaw ladies shine, boys split at Winter Classic tournament

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Enterprise High School's Winter Classic basketball tournament Dec. 8-9 saw the ladies walk away with two wins and the championship while the boys lost in their championship game.

The Outlaw girls beat the Griswold Grizzlies, 62-38, in the Dec. 8 opener, led by senior Reece Christman's 11 points and 63 percent shooting from the floor. Christman also had seven each of rebounds, assists and steals.

Other scoring included Riley Gray with 12 points and junior Lexie Gasset's 11.

Saturday's championship game saw more of the same as the Outlaws walked off with an easy 63-40 win over the Elgin Huskies.

Senior Ashley Exon led the charge with 20 points and five rebounds. Other stalwarts included Karli Bedard's 12 points and massive defensive performance that included 15 rebounds and five steals. Sophomore Ashlyn Gray and junior Lexie Gasset each contributed

nine points to the EHS cause.

"They're playing pretty well right now," said coach Mike Crawford. "They're a veteran group with good team speed, and they're pretty fun to be around. We're tough; there's no doubt about it."

With the wins, the ladies jumped from 17 to five in the OSAA rankings and have a 4-1 record overall. They next play at the Rocket Invite at Pilot Rock on Dec. 15-16.

The Outlaws boys took second in the tournament, first annihilating Griswold, a 1A school 66-12 in Friday's opener. Saturday's game saw a near miss as the boys fell 51-48 to second-ranked Elgin in the championship bout.

The boys were led by Jimmy Wells' 23-point performance. Turnovers and a lack of play on the boards that saw the Outlaws repeatedly allow the Huskies second and third shots at the hoop led to the EHS demise, although the Outlaws sport three players who are at least six-and-a-half-foot tall while the Huskies have no one over six feet. Even then, the Outlaws led 48-46 near the final minute when an Outlaws player forced a turn-

over only to give the ball back, putting an end to an opportunity that would have effectively ended the game.

Coach Larry Wells said that the Griswold game allowed him to give his younger players court experience while allowing his starters to have fresh legs for Saturday's championship game.

"We broke their press, which wasn't so difficult," Wells said. "We had a lot of two-on-ones that we didn't convert on the back side. Those hurt at the end of the day. I'd like to have those four or five lay-ins."

He also mentioned a lack of consistency at the free-throw line that contributed to the loss.

The loss left the Outlaws with a 3-2 record overall. The Outlaws boys are also participating in the Rock Invite tournament in Pilot Rock.

Outlaws basketball star Jimmy Wells goes up for two of his 23 points during a heartbreaking 51-48 loss to Elgin in the title game of the Enterprise Winter Classic on Dec. 9.



Volunteer managers Marilyn Hulse and Anne Farmer examine the signed "Vera" scarf available at the Wallowa City Community Resale Shop.

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Thrift store offers help to shoppers, community

Wallowa Community Resale Store has bargains for you and Santa

By Kathleen Elynn
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The Wallowa Community Resale Store is ready for Christmas with winter clothes, Christmas decorations and lights and loads of Christmas gift ideas.

Up front in the window is a Christmas sweater for \$3. Nearby a baby's Christmas onesie for a dollar, a new leather wallet, Christmas Angels for the tree and a box of Christmas decorations.

The treasures continue: toys, mugs with cute sayings, Christmas bow earrings, an authentic signed "Vera" silk scarf.

Shopping second-hand is a popular idea because it means giving twice — once to the recipient and again when the money raised is donated to the food bank, Wallowa Senior Meals on Wheels, Wallowa Volunteer Fire Department, Wallowa Public Library, Elks Christmas Basket program, Tamkaliks, Lower Valley Farmers Market, Friends of the Library, Wallowa School Foundation and the Humane Society, among others.

The Wallowa nonprofit volunteer organization pays a modest rent to the city for the building on the corner of Highway 82 and Storie Street and nothing at all for the little annex where larger items are stored. They donate \$6,000 to \$8,000 annually to various organizations.

Anne Farmer, treasurer of the group, says she thinks that the store fills a niche in the community for both folks looking to donate and those looking for bargains. Few

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— Liz Wooten
Wallowa Community Resale Store volunteer

things in the store will cost more than \$3 and many cost only a quarter.

The Resale Store also puts \$10 coupons in the Elks Christmas Baskets — at 25 cents per item, that's a large present.

Furthermore, if a person in the community is in need, they can call Farmer and let her know. The individual will be met during off hours and allowed to shop (at no cost) for whatever they need.

The group is also part of the Coats for Kids Program and all coats for children are free.

Donation hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Often items left behind the store or on the sidewalk during off hours are damaged by the elements. The practice is discouraged.

Computers, baby car seats, television sets, mattresses and box springs and items that are not in good repair should be taken to the dump and not donated.

"Right now there is a really disgusting mattress that was left outside for us to take to the dump," said volunteer Luci Smart. Her husband Steve is the guy who loads and hauls those items, she said.

"When we have to take that to the dump, it costs us \$20," she said. "That's \$20 we won't have to give to those in need."

The work of giving keeps bringing the volunteers back to their "job" each week.

"I work here because I enjoy the people from around here," Christine Shaffer said. "We have a wonderful community."

It's also pretty fun to make people happy, said volunteer Liz Wooten.

"I enjoy all the people coming in and finding a special treasure," she said. "There are a lot of special treasures in here."

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Above, a crewelwork Christmas decoration available at the Wallowa Community Resale Shop.

At left, a great Christmas sweater is priced at \$3 at the Wallowa Community Resale Shop.



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