

HHS JVs crown Helix

Heppner's Mustang junior varsity added a pair of knoches to a growing pistol full of wins this week, knocking off Helix in back-to-back contests. The Mustangs ham-

mered Helix Friday, 56-25 then hosted the Grizzlies to the tune of 57-33 Tuesday.

The junior varsity didn't trail Tuesday, taking an 18-10 first period lead and a 34-21 intermission edge.

Heppner had three men in double figures and wouldn't allow Helix to break into the two figure department. Cousins Dave and Mark Piper each had 13 points to lead Heppner and Curtis Sweek added 11.

Mark Piper paced the squad with 10 rebounds in Heppner's board battle win, 35-32.

The Mustangs blanked Helix in the third quarter but managed to score just nine points. The 9-0 edge gave Heppner a 45-21 lead, however, and they were able to ride the points to victory.

Heppner hit 23 fielders to seven for Helix but were beat at the gift toss line, making 11 of 25 while the Grizzlies capitalized on 19 of 34 tries.

Friday was almost a carbon copy. Heppner built a 20-11 halftime edge, stopped Helix cold in the third quarter, then blasted them in the fourth, 20-10 for the win.

Four men saw the double figure mark Friday. Mark and Dave Piper each had 14, both hitting seven field goals, no free throws and each had three fouls.

Bob Miller added 12 points and Randy Worden tallied 11.

The Mustangs hit 24 fielders to nine for Helix and connected on one more gift toss, 8-7.

County has states second lowest taxes

Morrow County, with a drop of more than a dollar per \$1,000 assessed valuation, has the second lowest average property tax rate in the state.

The county has a rate of \$13.91, down from last year's \$15.01. Gilliam County has the lowest rate in the state at \$13.73 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Stanfield residents in Umatilla County paid the highest average for all property taxes, at \$41.47 per \$1,000. The highest city rate was in Helix, at

\$16.74 per \$1,000. The overall rate in Helix is lower than for Stanfield, which has a city rate of \$15.43 because the Helix school district tax rate is lower than in Stanfield.

The overall rate, including all property taxes for Helix, is \$31.38.

The most significant tax increase occurred in Wheeler County. There, the increase in property value was not high enough to offset levy increases and total property taxes in-

creased by 46 per cent. Wheeler increased from \$10.98 to \$15.59 per \$1,000 true cash value.

Property taxes in Oregon are up an average of 9.2 per cent over last year, a report by the Oregon Tax Research shows.

The research showed the average property tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the state is \$23.98.

Morrow County was among 16 counties whose tax rate dropped from last year.

Comparing last year with this year, (last year's rate is listed first), here's how Morrow County looks: Total levies certified excluding urban renewal: \$2,897,906 to \$3,286,777; county average: \$15.01 to \$13.91; school districts and IEDs: \$1,774,828 to \$2,084,471; community colleges: \$368,871 to \$415,949; total levies for education: \$2,143,699 to \$2,500,420.

By cities: \$166,042 to \$180,875; county: \$461,571 to \$477,396; special districts: \$126,594 to \$128,086.

Christmas dance

Square dancers from the area enjoyed a Christmas dance on Friday, Dec. 17.

More than seven squares participated in the dances, called by Darrel Wilson and guest callers Ron Davies of Rock Creek and Don Wood of Lexington.

Gifts of a "pound of any-

thing" were exchanged before a potluck, including home-made ice cream.

Guests from Hermiston and Pendleton clubs as well as couples from the current beginners group, all enjoyed the evening at the Willow's Grange Hall, arranged by the lone Grand Squares Club.

Frosh triumph

Shooting 450 from the field, Heppner's Mustang freshmen bounced visiting Condon last week for their first win of the season, 48-48.

Dale Holland led Heppner in the freshmen's first win, following two losses. Holland corralled 15 rebounds and blasted Condon defenders with 19 points to lead Heppner.

Calling his squad's achievements "progressive," Dale Holland, frosh coach, cited strong defense and the high shooting percentage as the keys to the win.

Heppner jumped out to a 17-7 first period lead and carried the lead to the final buzzer.

Led by M. McIntosh, Condon skimmed four points off the deficit by halftime. McIntosh, who led all scorers with 21 points, saw his Blue Devils trail 26-20 at halftime, but fall to 34-22 in the third period.

Jim Parker added 14 points to the Heppner cause, followed by Ron Young with six, Jody Marlatt with four, Steve Marlatt with three and Tim Hedman with two.

Jody Marlatt also had seven rebounds in the contest.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis, Lonerock, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn, to Chuck Holt, both of Heppner.

Ms. Davis is employed by the Morrow County Court as Juvenile Director and Mr. Holt is a city policeman in Heppner.

A March 5 wedding is planned.

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all day Friday, Dec. 24
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Kegler's Korner

The Weary Wives rolled the high team game and series last week to move into a three way tie for second place in Koffee Kup Kegler action at Fiesta Bowl in Heppner.

The Weary Wives are knotted with the Gutter Dusters and Three L's at 30-26. The leader by one game is the Dregs at 31-25.

Following those four squads, Three Holers are four games out of second at 26-29 and Happy Hookers are 21-35.

Iris Campbell was the individual standout last week, rolling high game of 192 and high series of 526. The Weary Wives bowled a 1544 series and 574 team high game.

Ann Melland, bowling as a substitute on the Koffee Kup Keglers, league, rolled a game of 245, entitling her to receive a Women's International Bowling Congress award for bowling 100 pins over her average.

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TEAM STANDINGS

Team	W-L
The Dregs	31-25
Gutter Dusters	30-26
Three L's	30-26
Weary Wives	30-26
Three Holers	26-29
Happy Hookers	21-35

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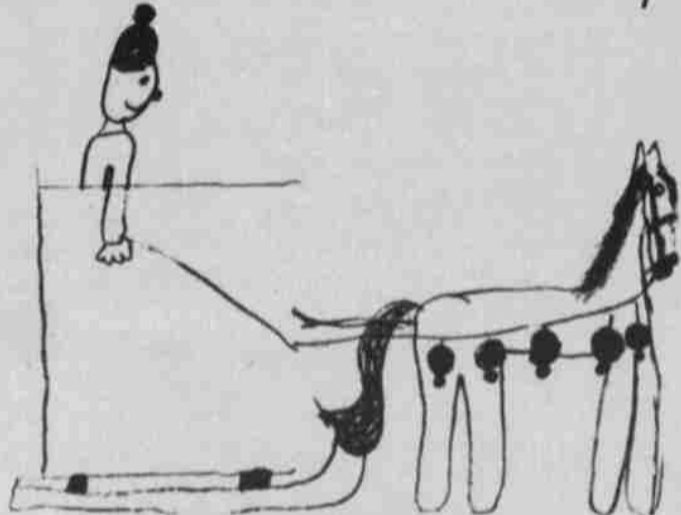
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