

Strictly— Off the Record



(Editor's note: "Off the Record" is a new column which will appear weekly in the Gazette-Times. The news bits published in this column are intended to be humorous anecdotes for our readers' enjoyment.)

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

Plans for Heppner's 1984 St. Patrick's Day celebration are being discussed throughout the town now, but we would like to commend one Heppner man for his unselfish devotion to the celebration. Overheard at a local auto dealership (no names please) the individual volunteered to have the St. Patrick's Day committee fly him to Dublin where he would place a personalized phone call from an authentic Irish pub, back to Heppner on the big day. (Well somebody has to do it).

ANOTHER ONE BYTES THE DUST

Yet another area business has succumbed to the lure of a high-tech computerized office space. Rietmann's Hardware in Ione has installed a brand new little silicone buddy named Kaypro II. Owner-bookkeeper Maxine Rietmann is reported by "getting to know the little fellow" at this time.

BRANDED

Most cattlemen brand their livestock, but there is at least one area rancher who has branded his very own rock... with the sign of the Thunderbird. At least, he claims it's his very own, even though it was branded on someone else's and.

Now a third party is involved and has hauled off the famous rock to add to his own landscaping.

A brand is a brand and a rock is a rock, claims the rancher, and he wants his branded rock back.

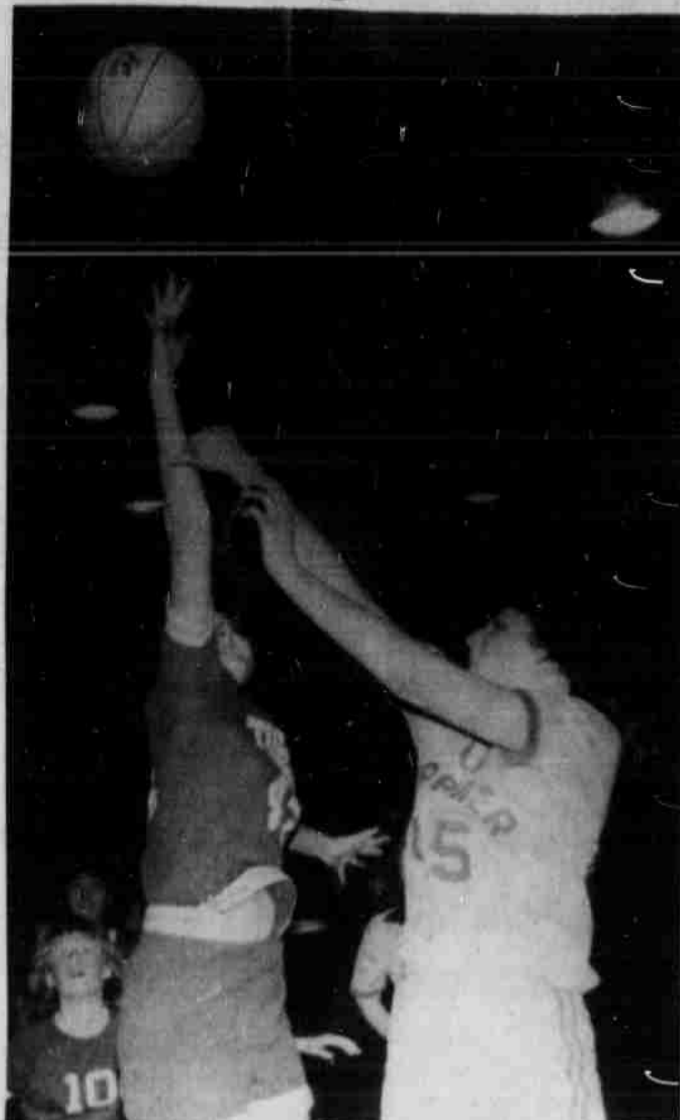
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN

Last week's "Where have you been, on a desert island?" award goes to Gazette-Times Editor Patti Allstott, who when asked which team would win the Super Bowl on Sunday, answered (as probably many other women did), "Who's playing"

Another 'Dallas'?

With a natural gas company moving into the area soon to drill exploratory gas and oil wells, could we have another "Dallas" on our hands? The drilling site is located on the Jerry Dougherty property north east of Heppner. Maybe in the future we'll be hearing J.D. say, "Darlin', get J.R. on the phone for me..." Or if not another "Dallas," maybe "Dougherty's Dynasty"?

Fillies bag close win



Penny Connor (45) shoots over Tiger player

By DANA REID

The Stanfield Tigers traveled to Heppner to meet the Heppner Varsity Fillies on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The Fillies came out on the court fired up and ready to start the game. Heppner was really hustling to get the defensive rebounds. Heppner's offense was a little slow. Stanfield was playing good defense, forcing the Fillies to take the outside shots. At the end of the first quarter Heppner was ahead.

The second quarter was started by the Fillies receiving the tip off. Heppner took the ball down court for two points. Towards the end of the second quarter the Tigers started using a full-court press. Heppner came through that pretty easy, and after a time out the Fillies also started to use a press. At the end of the first half Heppner was still ahead.

The second half of the game started with the Fillies receiving the tip off, but Heppner just fell apart. The Fillies weren't playing to their best ability at all but had enough lead in the first half of the game to pull through with their fifth league win. The final score was 31-36.

Jodi Padberg led the team with 12 points. Lana Reid had 10 rebounds, Steph Payne had seven assists and Pam Orr



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Jones selected as resident of month



Marvel Jones

Marvel Jones has been chosen as Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home's Resident of the Month for January.

Mrs. Jones was born September 5, 1889 in Ashland to Mr. and Mrs. Charley A. Miller. She grew up in the Willamette Valley, attending schools in Ashland and Cottage Grove. Her father was a railroad agent who worked in the shipping department.

On November 9, 1909, she married Charles N. Jones. Mr. Jones moved to Oregon from Clifton, North Carolina in 1903. He worked as a sheep herder for Anton Vey. The couple had six children: Paul Jones, Charles Jones, Floyd Jones, Lois Graybeal and Loma Chalfant and Vallis Washburn.

Mrs. Jones was a school teacher at the Eightmile School. She and Maude Pointer, another resident at the nursing home, took their teaching exams together 75 years ago.

During her years in Heppner she has been an active member of the Christian Church.

Elks Hoop Shoot winners receive trophies



Winners of the 12th annual Elks Hoop Shoot Contest received their trophies last Wednesday. The event was held Saturday, Jan. 14, at Heppner and Ione school gyms. A total of 70 kids participated in the event.

Front row from left to right: Alex Turley, Ione, winner of the boys' 10 and 11 age group, Shannon Elliott, Heppner, winner of the girls' eight and nine-year-old division, and Rick Koffler, Heppner, winner of the boys' eight and nine-year-old division.

Middle row from left to right: Jenny Martin,

Ione, winner of the 10 and 11 age group, Barney Lindsay, Heppner, winner for the 12 and 13-year-old boys' category, and Nance Wright, Heppner, winner of the girls' 12 and 13-year-old group.

Pictured in the back row are coordinators of the event, Jim Swanson, Ione (left) and Dale Holland of Heppner.

These local winners will compete at a district contest in Hermiston on Feb. 11. There they will compete against local winners from 10 other lodges.

P.M.H. seeks ambulance drivers

"A community service activity with a flair" is the way Pioneer Memorial Hospital Acting Administrator Byron Smith describes the hospital's volunteer ambulance service. Staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians from the hospital, the ambulance service relies on volunteer drivers from the community to mount a responsive ambulance service for the Heppner-Morrow

County area. Volunteer drivers are trained for ambulance service by the hospital, Smith says, and it is not necessary to have prior medical training. Instruction includes operation of the ambulance and familiarization with equipment so that the driver can assist the E.M.T.'s with accessing and setting up the stretchers and other special fittings.

Women and men are equally valuable as drivers, Smith says. Principal requirements are that volunteers have an Oregon driver's license and a good driving record.

The hospital owns a 1979 Ford box chassis emergency vehicle and a 1970 Oldsmobile hightop ambulance. Both units are equipped with automatic

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Heppner Athletes of the Month



Jodi
Padberg

Jodi Padberg, Junior, 5'7", forward, is the leading rebounder in the league with an average of 10.5. She is also leading the team in scoring with an average of 12 points a game.



Greg Orr

Gregg Orr, senior 5'10", ranks third in the league in scoring with a 14.3 average and eighth in assists with a 3.0 average. He also leads the team in rebounds.

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