

## JV struggle ends in loss to Eagles

By Ashley Conklin  
Heppner's junior varsity boys basketball team struggled in the first and third periods on Saturday, Feb. 15, but fell 61-51 to the Wahtonka Eagles. Heppner also fell to 3-8 on the season.

The Mustangs have struggled all season in the first quarter and this game was no exception, when they fell behind 15-6.

Behind the play of guards Ty Arbogast, Dick Devin, and Bryan Padberg, Heppner scored 22 second period points to pull within two points at intermission. The 28 first-half points were the most Heppner has scored in a first half all season.

The third period was all in the Eagles favor as they increased their lead to 43-33 with a 13-5 advantage in the period.

The Mustangs trailed by 10 points going into the fourth quarter and needed the help of a full-court press in order to win the game. The play worked for awhile, but Wahtonka matched Heppner basket for basket to go away with a 61-51 win.

Heppner had almost as many assists (17) as they did rebounds (22) against the taller Eagles. Padberg threw out eight assists and Devin handed out four more. Devin and David Pedro led the Mustangs by clearing five rebounds apiece.

One bright spot for Heppner was their 53 percent clip from the floor. s season high, making 19 of 36 tries. Heppner was also above 50 percent from the foul stripe, making 13 of 25 offerings for 52 percent. Wahtonka connected on 22 of 63 field goal attempts for 35 percent and 17 of 3 charity shots for 55 percent.

"I can't fault our effort, but we needed to eliminate our mental mistakes," said Heppner JV coach Lee Padberg.

The Mustangs end their season with two games against the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots.

On Friday, Feb. 21, Heppner travels to Athena. On Saturday, Feb. 22 Heppner hosts the Tiger-Scots in a game that was to be held on the previous Friday. Both games start at 4:30 p.m.

Heppner	PG	FT	F	R	A	T
Duncan	3.5	9-10	0	2	1	13
Padberg	3.7	3-4	4	3	8	8
J. Devin	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Arbogast	3-2	5-1	2	1	2	4
D. Devin	5-8	2-3	2	5	4	13
Martin	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Conklin	1-2	2-2	2	2	0	4
Fishburn	4-4	0-2	0	3	0	8
Hoelt	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Gray	1-2	0-0	3	0	2	2
Wornell	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0
Pedro	1-4	0-0	1	3	0	2
Totals	19-34	13-25	15	22	17	51

### STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	F
Heppner	6	22	5	18	51
Wahtonka	15	15	13	18	61



JVs work the ball in

## JVs drop two games to TigerScots

By DANA KAY REID

The Heppner junior varsity Fillies end the season with an overall record of 5-11 with two losses to the Weston McEwen Tiger-Scots on February 21 and 22.

Friday the Fillies traveled to Athena to meet with Weston-McEwen for the first time this season.

Heppner never could get their offense going and were slow on the boards.

As a result the Fillies ended up losing by 32 points.

The TigerScots did have an advantage of experience over the Fillies. Weston-McEwen has a separate freshmen team so Heppner was up against all sophomores and juniors.

Saturday, the Fillies sparked their home court for the last game of the season.

Heppner hustled and showed Weston-McEwen Friday was only a bad night.

The Fillies were able to break the TigerScots full-court press which had given them trouble with the preceding night.

Heppner was much more patient on offense and got into good position for the rebounds which they did not do on Friday.

A win did not come out of the Fillies determination but a comeback that brought Heppner to within five points of Weston-McEwen did.

Coch Les Payne felt that it shows real character to lose by 32 points

and turn around and come within 5 points.

Tami Lindsay was hot both Friday and Saturday leading Heppners score boards with 18 total points.

The Fillies ended the league with a much improved record of 5-5 over the pre-season record of 0-6.

Nance Wright is high point scorer over the season for the Fillies. Wright scored 89 points in 15 games which is 5.9 points per contest.

"The girls all improved a great amount over the season," he said. "They all gave 100 percent while on the court."

## Employment declined by 110

As was the case for many county economies in Eastern Oregon, wage and salary employment was lower in 1985 than it was in 1984, says a news release from the Oregon Employment Division. The largest decline occurred in the food products sector (-70). During the year annual average wage and salary employment declined by 110.

Nonmanufacturing shared in the loss with a decline of 50. These losses were mitigated by a drop of 10 each in several sectors. The lower yields and low agricultural prices means less county income and fewer consumer dollars for much of 1986.

December finished the year on a brighter note. Total employment was higher in December 1985 than it was in December 1984.

## Women vets slow to apply for benefits

According to Claudine Warren, Veterans Service Officer for Morrow County, female veterans are not making application for benefits at the same rate as their male counterparts. Statistics show that women veterans are applying for their benefits at only about one-half the rate that men veterans apply.

Under Federal laws, a person who meets the military requirements and whose service ended with an other than dishonorable discharge is a veteran for the purposes of claiming benefits, whether male or female.

One day or more of honorable war time active Federal service entitles a veteran to admission to a Veteran's Administration hospital for medical care. If the care is being sought for a nonservice-connected

condition, the veteran may have to show that she is financially unable to pay for such care in private facilities.

Women veterans are entitled to a wide range of benefits other than VA hospitalization. They have the same eligibility as male veterans for compensation and pension, educational assistance, GI home loans, veterans' employment preference, and all other programs.

Military service counts toward eligibility for all VA programs if a woman served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. Also counted is service during World War II in the WASPs and WAAC, and in World War I as a telephone operator, clerk, dietitian or reconstruction aide with the Army in Europe.

## Prune fruit trees to let sun reach all fruits

Sun and shade have a lot to do with tree fruit production. How much or little of either condition a fruit tree receives determines fruit quality, says Morrow County Ag. Agent Fred Lundin.

Although trees can be pruned anytime, now is the best time to prune deciduous ornamentals. Before the sap is up and the buds burst the effect on the tree is less severe, he continues.

On trees laden with thick foliage growing from a tangle of branches, fruit growing closer to the center of the tree will be shaded from the sun light almost all the time. This prevents the fruit from growing to full size and achieving the fully developed color of normally mature fruit.

Fruits growing at the outer end of the branches get more sunlight allowing better development in size and color.

The closer the tree's center an apple or pear is located on any particular limb, the smaller in size and the poorer in color the fruit is likely to be.

By opening up the tree through pruning, more sunlight can penetrate to the tree's center and to tree fruits growing closer to the tree trunk.

Fruit trees with a central leader framework have strong well positioned branches that receive maximum sunlight. This allows the fruit growing on branches throughout the tree to mature to large size and full color.

That's why it's important to maintain a balance on the fruit tree of shorter upper branches and longer lower branches throughout the life of the tree.

Tree shape influences self shading. Trees with large tops and small bottoms develop a shade canopy above. This restricts flower bud development and reduces fruit quality in the lower more easily managed portion of the tree.

As branch growth is controlled through pruning, the percentage of foliage exposed to adequate light increases because the tree's canopy is smaller and less dense. As tree size increases, the tree's canopy, and the amount of shading increases.

Lundin is scheduling pruning workshops with local garden clubs, for more information, call the Extension office, 676-9642.



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## Community band to form

Heppner High School band instructor Robert Isted has begun a search for members of the community whose high school band instruments are gathering dust in the attic. All musicians, especially

those who have been on sabbatical leave since high school, are invited to contact him at 676-5432 if they are interested in starting a community band.

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Fouled out - McAllister. Total fouls - Heppner 15, Wahtonka 22. Technical foul - Wahtonka coach Uhalde.

## Legion meeting postponed

The regular meeting of Heppner American Legion and Auxiliary, Post No. 87, has been postponed from Monday, March 3, to Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall. There will be a potluck dinner, with turkey furnished. The meeting will follow.

## Some WW11 vets may be entitled to Bronze Star

According to Claudine Warren, Veterans Service Officer for Morrow County, some Army veterans may be entitled to receive a Bronze Star Medal for service during World War II.

Army veterans whose service was during the period from December 7, 1941, through September 2, 1945, may be eligible for the Bronze Star Medal if they meet one of the following criteria:

Star Medal if they meet one of the following criteria: (a) Awarded Combat Infantryman Badge or Combat Medical Badge; (b) Cited in order for heroism; (c) Awarded a certificate of exemplary conduct in ground combat against enemy forces; (d) Given awards for meritor-

ious achievement issued after December 6, 1941, and before July 1, 1947, for actions between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945.

Veterans with World War II Army service who believe they might be eligible for the Bronze Star under this criteria, are invited to apply. Application may be made by contacting the County Veterans' Service Officer, or by writing to the following address: Headquarters RCPERCEN, ATTN: DARC-PSE-AW, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132.

Veterans who apply should enclose a copy of their discharge and evidence showing receipt of at least one of the awards shown above.

## School Lunch Menus

**Heppner High School**  
Monday, March 3 - macaroni & cheese, choice of vegetable, muffin, fruit, and milk; or salad bar and milk.

Tuesday, March 4 - pizza, corn, salad, dessert, and milk; or salad bar and milk.

Wednesday, March 5 - barbecued chicken, baked potatoes, French bread, fruit, and milk.

Thursday, March 6 - Tacos and milk.

Friday, March 7 - sandwiches, potato salad, fruit, cookie, and milk.

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