Nelson running against incumbent French in bid for State Representative for District 59

Ray French

Two-term incumbent legislator Raymond French, a long-time resident and rancher in the Heppner area, says school funding is the most important issue for Eastern Oregon and the entire state. French wants the legislature to deal with school funding at the beginning of the session, "instead of as we get ready to adjourn, rushing to decide school funding." French says the state should pick up more of the cost of school funding, thus lowering the reliance on the property tax. "People can't afford to pay more property tax," he says.

On other issues French says economic development of Eastern Oregon can be accomplished with more emphasis on processing our agricultural and timber resources.

He is opposed to the mandatory seat belt law, in favor of the death penalty, and wants more jail space, especially maximum security, in Oregon.

Mike Nelson, a Baker real estate broker, says he is running against incumbent State Representative Ray French to improve economic conditions in Eastern Oregon.

The 40-year-old ex-policeman has lived in Baker for the past 18 years and points to his long list of community activities and work with ecomonic development as an asset in his campaign.

Nelson says jobs is the most important issue facing Eastern Oregon and says he is the best candidate to bring in more jobs. "I have the mental and physical energy to get the job done," says Nelson. "I have helped secure new business and new industry for my area." Nelson says his close ties with the timber industry will be of benefit in producing jobs and that Eastern Oregon needs more Lottery dollars.

Mike Nelson

On other issues Nelson says he is in favor of the death penalty, in favor of more prisons for Oregon and against the mandatory seat belt law.

On school financing, Nelson says the state has to find out why the cost of education is increasing two to three times faster than the rate of inflation, and "we need to study where education money is going. We have runaway school costs, and we need to find a solution."

Pirates beat Fillies

By Jill Conklin

In their final home game of the year, the Heppner Fillies lost to the Riverside Pirates. This was the last home appearance for six senior volleyball players.

In the first game, Riverside jumped out to an early 9-2 advantage. Heppner was unable to get their serving game going and therefore couldn't score. The Pirates then went up 13-5 and seemed to have complete control of the game. But then the Fillies managed a slight rally and held Riverside at 13 points while scoring three of their own to close within five points, 13-8. That was all for the Fillies, though, as Dawn Stanhope got the two points that Riverside needed to win 15-8.

The second game saw an improved Fillie team on the floor. Four Heppner players put together a string of 10 points to lead 10-7 after one complete rotation. The Pirates then mounted a successful rally of five points to the Filies' one to take the lead for the first time 12-11. Nikki Brisbois served Heppner's final point to give the Fillies 13 points. Kassie Westmoreland got Riverside's last point and the win 15-13.

Wasco Co. tromps Fillies

by Jill Conklin

Against the Wasco County Redsides the Heppner Fillies were once again denied the win.

After the long ride to Maupin, the Fillies came out a little flat and fell behind early 7-2. Then Jennifer Currin served three points for Heppner to narrow the margin to 9-5. The Fillies could never get any closer. Wasco County's Patti Johnson closed out the game with the final two points to give the Redsides a 15-7 decision.

The second game went for the Fillies. After Johnson's three opening points, Nance Wright matched her with three points of her own. After one rotation, the score was still fairly close, 5-4. Tracey Bond served the next three points for Heppner to tie the game once again. This time at 8-8. Unfortunately, Dionne Russell and Shelby Coles combined to score the remaining 7 points for Wasco County for the win 15-8.

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