

Pancake dinner at Stokes Center

A pancake dinner will be served at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26. Residents of Irrigon and neighboring communities are welcome. The cost of the dinner is \$2.50 for adults and will be less for

children. Game night will follow the dinner with prizes for the winners of card and table games, and refreshments for all. The center is located on the old highway at Opal St.

IHS annual staff sets lasagna feed

The lone High School annual staff will sponsor a lasagna feed this Saturday, Jan. 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Cost for the dinner of lasagna, bread and salad is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children in grades one through six and \$1 for pre-school children. Tickets are on sale at the door. Proceeds from the fund raiser will go towards annual costs.

Pirates beat Tiger-Scots

By Marty Suter

Eleven Pirates saw playing time Saturday at Dan Daltoso gymnasium. Coach Ray Tracy went to his bench in the second quarter after outscoring the Tiger-Scots by 14 points in the first quarter of play. Scott Timms led all scorers with 23 points.

Riverside (62) Tallman 0 2-3 2; Byrd 4 1-2 9; McDonough 3 0-0 6; Meyers 2 2-5 6; Larsen 1 0-0 2; Timms 10 3-4 23; Anderson 3 0-1 6; Dike 3 0-0 6; Hill 1 0-0 2; Hyder, Hobbs.

Weston-McEwen (51) Butler 5 1-2 12; Pickard 4 4-4 12; Hearn 0 1-5 1; Farrow 1 1-2 4; Barley 1 2-2 4; Walters 6 6-8 18; Bjorkland.

Riverside 21 9 22 10 62
Weston-McEwen 7 9 10 25 51

Pirate girls lose to Weston-McEwen

By Marty Suter

The Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots proved to the Riverside Pirates that they deserve to be number one. Riverside fell 33-51, Jan. 20 at home.

Foul shooting was the only equal part of the lopsided game. Both teams shot 50 percent.

"Weston-McEwen played as well as they are ranked," commented coach Dirk Dirksen. "At times we played real well, but there were lapses when they controlled the score 5-0."

Rebounding was fairly equal. Weston pulled down 36 while Riverside yanked 31. Marty Suter topped the rebounds with nine. Dawn Shepard and Colby Cummings contributed 14 points apiece for the Tiger-Scots' balance attack. Shanna Evans and Marty Suter led the Pirates with 11 points each.

Weston-McEwen (51) Albert 2 0-0 4; Kirk 0 1-4 1; Hansell 0 1-2 1; Cummings 6 2-4 14; Ljueallen 2 0-0 4; Brody 0 2-2 2; Shepard 6 1-3 14; Glidewell 4 3-5 11; Joan. Total 20 10-20 51.

Riverside (33) Trader; Ammons 1 0-0 2; Short; Hillberg 1 0-0 2; Olson 1 0-0 2; Suter 3 5-10 11; Evans 5 1-2 11; Secl 1 0-0 2; Morgan 1 1-2 3; Vandeventer. Totals 13 7-14 33.

3-point goals Shepard 1. Total fouls Riverside 16 Weston 13. Fouled out none. Turnovers Riverside 32 Weston 29.

Pomona Grange to meet Saturday

By Delpha Jones

Wheatland Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday Jan. 27 at Willows Grange for the first meeting of 1990. Committees will be announced and plans for the coming year made. The program will be a talk by Stan Foster, on "CAPECO" community programs in Eastern Oregon, especially the tri-county area. This program concerns low income individuals and food assistance.

The public is invited to attend. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The program and cake walk are scheduled after lunch and before the business of the afternoon.

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Riverside girls beat Rockets

By Marty Suter

The Riverside girls beat the winless Pilot Rock Rockets Jan. 19 30-25 to move up into a tie for second place in CBC standings.

The Pirates came out strong in the first quarter, but scored only six points in the second quarter. Good free-throw shooting by the Rockets brought them within five points at

the half.

Riverside pulled away from the cold shooting Rockets in the second half. "We played good defense," said coach Dirk Dirksen.

April Morgan was the leading scorer for the Pirates with 11 points, followed by Marty Suter who converted on 8-10 free-throws and finished with 10 points. Rocket Katie

McCall finished with 15 points.

Riverside 16 6 7 10 39
Pilot Rock 6 11 3 5 25

Riverside (39) Trader 0 1-2 1; Short 2 0-0 4; Hillberg 2 0-0 4; Evans 3 0-0 6; Secl 1 1-2 3; Suter 1 8-10 10; Morgan 4 3-7 11. Totals 13 13-21 39.

Pilot Rock (25) McCall 3 9-12 15; Waite 0 0-1 0; Carnes 0 1-2 1; Lyon 1 1-2 3; Winnett 0 0-2 0; Buffington 2 2-2 6; Bracher, Gilham.

3-point goals-none. Fouled out-none. Total fouls Pilot Rock 18, Riverside 17.

Riverside slates slave auction

By Marty Suter

The Riverside FFA Chapter has scheduled their annual slave auction for Friday, February 2, during the half time of the Pirate-Mustang game.

All members of the Riverside chapter will be sold to the highest bidder. Proceeds of the slave auction will defray the cost of the parent-member banquet held at the end of the school year.

For further information, call Rick Danielson at 481-2525 or Marty Suter 481-2901.

Pirates blast Pilot Rock

By Marty Suter

The Riverside Pirates blasted Pilot Rock, 76-55, in their fifth straight league victory Jan. 19 at Pilot Rock.

The Rockets came out shooting, and managed to stay even, going into the locker room at the half, down by three points.

Riverside out-scored the impotent Rockets, 24-13 in the third quarter, as their fast break hit full gear. The Rockets contained Bill Byrd and Pat McDonough, but were unable to slow down the guards.

Scott Timms and Andy Mentzer

lead their respective teams with 23 points apiece. Mike Tallman added 17, including a three-pointer from half court, and Matt Andreason put in 15.

Pilot Rock 15 14 13 13 55
Riverside 13 19 24 20 76

Riverside (76) Tallman 6 3-5 17; Dike 0 2-2 2; Byrd 3 3-4 9; Andreason 6 3-3 15; Larson 1 2-3 3; Timms 9 5-5 23; McDonough 3 1-3 7; Hill; Meyers; Hobbs. Pilot Rock (55) Thacker 1 0-0 2; Hodgen 6 0-0 13; Lembert 3 2-2 8; Mentzer 11 1-5 23; Tresham 3 3-4 9; Ellis.

3-point goals-Tallman 2, Hodgen 1, Fouled out, Lembert. Total fouls Riverside 12 Pilot Rock 21.

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett



Non-game Wildlife Program Suffers as Funding Declines

Oregon's non-game wildlife program, which supports habitat and population enhancements for many of the state's non-hunted wildlife species, could be in serious jeopardy if the downward trend in the program's major funding source continues, claims the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Ten years ago, Oregon became only the second state in the union to adopt a resourceful plan that offered the state's taxpayers the option of donating

all or part of their state income tax refund to the non-game wildlife program—a move which netted nearly \$360,000 that year, more than doubling that program's budget. So successful was the "tax checkoff" program that other states soon began following suit; presently, 33 states offer non-game tax checkoff options.

But as popularity of this funding system grew, other programs began adopting the tax checkoff method to increase donations. Wildlife officials now claim that too many other options on the form (five donation choices this year) is crippling the non-game fund, which could prove detrimental to the wildlife for which the program was initially designed.

"We're feeling quite a bit of competition from the new checkoffs," ODFW non-game program coordinator Bill Haight said last year about the future stability of the non-game fund. "There's a history across the nation of other checkoffs coming on board and undermining the wildlife checkoffs."

Haight's fears proved correct: after the addition of three new donation options in 1987, contributions to the non-game fund fell from more than \$225,000 for that tax year to an all-time low of only \$109,300 for the tax year of 1988.

"The total funds contributed to all checkoffs has remained fairly constant over the years," Haight said recently. "Adding new options has just meant cutting thinner slices from the same pie. All of the checkoffs are worthy programs that need money, but people who donate are either spreading their contribution among several checkoffs, or just picking one."

The situation is much the same among other states, Haight said, citing a national study which determined that checkoff contributions "...dropped an average of 16.4 percent when a second choice was added, and it just goes on down from there."

Much of the monies from Oregon's non-game program are directed toward positive (yet expensive) recovery efforts for threatened and endangered species, such as the Peregrine falcon and bald eagle. Peregrines, for example, cost approximately \$2000 each, Haight has said. He credits the non-game fund as responsible for the continued recovery of these fast-flying raptors from a statewide population of almost zero before the program began. Other priorities include working with those species which could face future problems if habitat and other components for survival are not improved.

"What we have done since the beginning of the checkoff program is, I think, outstanding," Haight said in an earlier interview. "We've managed to cover a lot of ground, get a lot of research done, and a lot of habitat work done."

Oregon taxpayers directing \$10 or more of their refund to the non-game checkoff will receive a subscription to a quarterly newsletter about the non-game program and activities thereof.

"We know that the added checkoffs are not the only reason for declining contributions," Haight said. "Some people have been giving for ten years without any good feedback on what their contributions have accomplished. We hope to change that with the newsletter. People need to know how their money is being used."

Persons checking off \$10 or more to the non-game fund do not automatically receive the publication; they must request it by writing Nongame Newsletter, PO Box 59, Portland, OR 97207.

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