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## Alumni tournament brings in around \$2,000



Photo by Joyce Hughes

1990 Alumni champs 1972-75 left to right: Jerry Gentry, '75, Dave Eckman '73, Charlie Sumner '74, Dave McLeod '75, Kenny Eckman '75, John Myers '74, Gary Watkins '73 John Boyer '74, Rick Drake '72, Steve Rhea '72. Front row: future cheerleaders, Sara Eckman, Julie Watkins, Brooke Boyer, Macy Rhea, Jaclynn Hughes, fans-Tyler Boyer and Trevor Rhea.

This year's Heppner High School Alumni Basketball Tournament held Dec. 28-30, brought in around \$2,000 despite frigid temperatures and hazardous roads. Tournament chairman Stuart Dick said that profits, however, were down to around \$1,300 to \$1,400 because of expenses for cleanup and referees.

"It was a super tournament," said Dick. "It was great to have the lone community and the Condon team participating." Dick also said that the championship game was the "most exciting one the had. The score was tied with less than 30 seconds to go."

The Heppner High School

alumni team consisting of years 1972-75 won the tournament over the team of 1983-87, with a score of 78 to 74.

In other game action scores are as follows: 1988-90, 85 points '76-'79, 65; '83-87, 67 vs '76-'79, 57; '80-82, 81 vs '88-90 80; Ione, 78 vs. '80-82 55; '83-87, 64 vs '80-82, 55; '68-'71, 57 vs non lettering alums, 47; Pre-1968, 65 vs '68-'71, 55; '72-'75, 88 vs. non-lettering alums, 45; '72-'75, 65 vs pre-'68, 53; pre-'68, 67 vs Condon, 63; the Heppner women (1980s), 55 vs the lone women, 33; and women's even years, 74 vs odd

years, 31.

Russell Britt won the three-point contest, sinking six out of 10 shots in less than 30 seconds. Slater Mitchell, Dorian Forrar and Jeff Orr each sunk five.

Dana Reid won the women's free throw contest, sinking eight out of 10 shots.

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward scholarships, youth sports programs and other projects.

Dorian Forrar was in charge of equipment; Dick and Archie Ball-announcers; Steve Rhea-referees; Julie Dick-tickets and senior class-cleanup.

## Joyce Ward retires from PMH



Left: PMH Administrator Ernest Wick, Joyce Ward and medical board chairperson, Jackie Bergstrom.

A retirement party was held December 28 in honor of Joyce Ward, who retired December 31 after 17 years with Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Ward, who was hired at the hospital in August of 1973, has done "a little bit of everything" in the PMH office, including insurance billing, charges and working as a receptionist.

Mrs. Ward, 59, who was born and raised in Heppner, is the daughter of

Max and Grace Buschke. In 1957 she married Glen Ward in Heppner. They have two daughters, Sandra Hoffert, who is a teacher in Condon, and Judi Gabriel, a nurse in Hermiston, and a son, Ron, who is a service officer with First Interstate Bank at The Dalles.

Mrs. Ward says she has no special plans for retirement, but the family is awaiting the birth of their first grandchild, due January 5.

## Skows sell Northwestern Motel/RV Park

Partners Dolores Cooper and Tom LaRusso became the new owners of the Northwestern Motel and RV Park in Heppner on January 1.

Ann and John Skow, owners of the motel for the past 14 years, have retired from the motel business to be "vagabonds," said Ann.

Dolores Cooper comes to Heppner from Redmond, where she worked in real estate for the past two years. Before that she retired after working 20 years as a secretary with the Redmond school district. She learned of the motel through her real estate position and said she felt the motel would be an investment opportunity. Stating her age as "50 plus," Dolores has three grown children and three grandchildren in the Bend area.

Tom LaRusso, "50 something," moved to Central Oregon from the San Francisco Bay area only a year and a half ago. Semi-retired in Bend, Tom was a professional musician. He most recently played bass with the



Tom LaRusso and Dolores Cooper

San Francisco Symphony. Prior to that he played with the Cleveland Orchestra and the Philharmonic in Rochester, New York. He says he now plays the guitar for his own amusement. He has two daughters and two granddaughters in the Bay area.

Tom says that he wanted the ex-

perience of running a motel and living in a small town, and enjoys having projects to do. "We have some surprises in store for the RV park," he added.

"I like it here so far," commented Dolores. "The people we've met are really friendly. We're looking forward to getting to know a few more."

## Health clinic days changed

Beginning January 10 the Health Department will be holding blood pressure and immunization clinics on Thursdays instead of Fridays with new hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Raymond French to be installed

Raymond French will be installed as Morrow County Commissioner on Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner.

## City survey looks at cuts

The city of Heppner has included a survey with its water and sewer bills this month, asking for citizens' input concerning what should be cut from the city budget to meet Measure 5 requirements.

According to city officials, the city must cut its budget by \$95,000 to achieve a \$10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation shared by taxing entities mandated by Measure 5. The city currently taxes \$13.40 per \$1,000 assessed value for a total of \$211,000 in taxes.

Those responding to the questionnaire may check whether they feel "more" the "same" or "much less" should be spent on personnel, the city pool, new police car reserve, street lights (electricity), fire materials/supplies, fire equipment, library and library book purchases.

Sewer and water systems will not be affected because they are funded by user fees. The pool brought in approximately half of its required funds in the 1988-89 budget. Pool disbursements in the '88-89 budget were \$13,231 with \$7,936 in receipts, for a total of \$5,295 required in tax money. In 1989-90 pool disbursements were \$18,610 and receipts were \$6,623 for a total of \$11,978 required from taxes.

Heppner City Administrator Marshall Lovgren said that the city budget committee will meet later this month, but a date has not yet been set.

## Plan ahead for economic changes

With many predicting a downturn in the economy, now is the time to look at your family financial situation. What, if any, financial changes will you experience in 1991? Focus on what to do about the changes. The earlier you anticipate and plan for changes, the easier they are to deal with, points out Carol Bennett, Oregon State University Extension agent in Morrow County.

Economists predict pay raises will average about 5 percent. Review your 1990 income and estimate your 1991 income. Will income increase? Decrease? Stay the same?

It is predicted that the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the most widely used resource of inflation, will be about 4 1/2 percent higher in 1991 than the 1990 CPI. Some of your family expenses will increase more than the CPI and some less. In addition to inflation, some family expenses will increase or decrease because of family changes.

Now is the time to review 1990 expenses and predict 1991 expenses. If you anticipate expenses will increase more than income, you have two choices: increase income or decrease expenses.

Many families will increase income by working longer hours or adding additional workers. And many families will decrease expenses in certain areas. Either of these require family changes.

If some family members spend more time at work, family activities and work in the home will need to be reallocated. As family expenditures are decreased, family activities will change. Discuss changes with the family. To be successful, all family members need to cooperate, Bennett stresses.

Three Extension publications will help you analyze your current financial situation and predict your future financial situation. They are "Financial Planning: How to Prepare a Net Worth Statement," (EC 1230); and "Financial Planning: How to Prepare an Income/Expense Statement," (EC1229). The three publications are available for \$1 through the Morrow County Extension Office. The extension office is in the Pettyjohn Office Building, 430 Linden Way, Heppner.

## Farewell to 1990

The year 1990 brought the fall of the Berlin Wall, a reduction in tension between the U.S. and the USSR, but also the threat of war between the U.S. and Iraq. Following is a recap of local events that shaped our lives. Here's to peace and a Happy New Year to all of you from all of us at the Gazette-Times.

**January 1990**-One hundred forty play in second annual alumni tournament. Gail Hughes retires from First Interstate Bank. Dave Pranger and Tom Bennett are hired by Soil & Water Conservation District. Winds cause minor damage and power outage in area. Suit against school board dismissed. Power outage caused by vandal shooting pole. Claudia Hughes earns Hats Off award-installation tops of Town and Country. Lutheran Churches install pastor. Anne Morter is new Ione sports writer. Healy family to reign at St. Patrick's celebration. Dentists establish Heppner practice. Hobbs, Bristow named first citizens. Nancy Brownfield Heppner emissary to Washington, D.C.

**February**-Fire destroys three businesses; causes over \$900,000 in damage. Ione girls head to district tournament undefeated. Ione boys clinch district spot. Raymond French files for county commissioner. Fillies on to district. Ione girls make history with district win. Ione girls on to state tournament March 1-3 in Baker. Russell Britt named to Shrine game. Mustangs defeat Eagles 65-39 for second place berth at regionals. Mustangs, Fillies advance to regional playoffs. Neighborhood Center to close. Two hundred fifty attend scouts Blue and Gold banquet.

**March**-Ione girls bring home the gold-Cards prove they're best in the state. Harley Sager honored for 24 years at First Interstate. Cupps makes all state. Jeanie Stirewalt honored at 99th birthday party. Neighborhood center told to cut costs. Record crowd descends on Heppner for St. Patrick's celebration. County provides Neighborhood Center additional \$1,000. Neighborhood Center to stay open another year.

**April**-Doctors honored at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Filialy system causes false fire alarms at hotel. Woman struck by train in critical condition. Man says students beat on car. Teacher resigns in wake of incident. Dana Heideman named Class A/B coach of the year. Construction begins soon on Central Market.

**May**-Reas selected 1990 Conservation Farm. Trial set for cardlock foe. Mills joins Kuhn and Spicer law firm. Briggs suit against city settle for \$37,000. Accident injures two Heppner girls. Ione man charged in death. Blue Mountain Scenic byway dedicated. Hughes resigns from Extension to promote chamber. Patty Gentry retires after 23 years at Bank of Eastern Oregon. HHS student denies involvement in car beating incident. Mahoney resigns from school board. Mustangs advance to state baseball playoffs. HHS students honored-Eric Connor and Kevin Tucker. Daly resigns from fair board.

**June**-Ward retires 39 years with ODFW. Scott retires after 28 years with Kinzua. Sumner replaces Daly on county fair board. Bank of Eastern Oregon names Linda LaRue cashier. Casey Pedro selected 1990 Eastern Scholar. Edith Matthews named Fourth of July grand marshal. Ione-Lex. levies pass.

**July**-Mike Currin dies in plane crash. Wheat harvest underway. Cycle Oregon advance team meets with Heppner reps. Ione Fourth of July celebration a success. Little League All Stars selected. Christman trial date set. Mike Olson retires from Kinzua. Rea undergoes transplant. Britt, Andreason to play in East-West Shriners game.

**August**-Proctors purchase Green Feed store. New manager at Les Schwab. Fairgrounds master plan gets OK. Grand jury finds no card-lock violations. Heppner water main bursts. Lexington water pump breaks. Second generation of Murrays take over pharmacy. New signs welcome visitors. Central Market opens Friday. Record crowd attends PRCA Rodeo. Jack McGuire takes Morrow County All Around title. Fair and Rodeo gate receipts up. St. Anthony terminates PMH contract. Senator Hatfield speaks at luncheon. Merlyn Robinson resigns from fair board.

**September**-School begins in Morrow County. Town bands together to welcome Cycle III bicyclists. Time running out for city dump. Medical board receives recommendation to hire Wick. Swiss exchange student delights American hosts. Former Ione boy dies.

**October**-Preliminary work done on transfer station. Christman trial postponed. Health nurse plans busy retirement. Men in Civilian Conservation Camp 50 years ago rekindle memories. City garbage rates to increase 70 percent. Drugs, cash seized in Boardman. Jodee Ashbeck is 1990 Fair and Rodeo queen. Alma Green resigns from museum board. Greenup crowned queen of homecoming court. Three vie for one county commissioner spot.

**November**-Bank of America Heppner branch to close. Fillies travel to Vale for Class A tournament. Heppner meets Grant Union in Friday playoffs on home field. Prospectors end Mustang playoff hopes. Lady Cardinals named to all-conference team. Johnston named outstanding student leader among Class 2A schools. Finley Buttes Landfill accepting solid waste. Judy Jepsen to attend national 4-H congress. Ray French wins Morrow County Commissioner race. Morrow Co. tax base fails. Willow Creek Park tax base passes.

**December**-Burnside McElligott replaces Wright as county health nurse. Local students adopt serviceman. Ione Kindergarten class reaches out to serviceman. Wick hired as Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator. Cardinals take first place at Condon tournament. Volunteers show there is Christmas spirit in Heppner. Christmas cards to Saudi Arabia. Fire leaves family of six homeless. Wayne Papineau retires from Kinzua. Loren Unruh hired as district conservationist. Jennifer Currin chosen 1991 Round-Up Queen. Winter brings snow and cold. Christmas morning fire destroys home. Heppner Alumni Tournament to get underway.

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