

## Mustangs, Fillies enter season with high expectations

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Mustangs and Fillies are back this year with high expectations and many important spots to fill.

The Fillies lost only three people from last year's successful team. With the loss of Nikki Brisbois and Amy Greenup, head coach Mark Dowdy has the task of filling some big shoes.

The Fillies have three returning starters with Holly and Heather Eckman and Nina Tucker back this year to provide experience. With a deep bench, Dowdy has the luxury of deciding on who to start from game to game. The Fillies, small in size with the tallest player on the roster measuring 5'10", are a scrappy team and should be a challenge for powerhouse Weston-McEwen for the top spot in the CBC conference. The Tiger Scots will be a tough team to beat.

The Fillies roster consists of Christy Corwin, Heather Eckman, Nina Tucker, Becky Norton, Chryis Schultz, Sara Greenup, Jody Johnston, Holly Eckman, Ruth Norton, Jenny Krein, Toni Cutsforth and Kelsie Evans.

The Junior Varsity this year is under a new coach with Pam Dowdy stepping in. The JV team is young and hungry to learn and Dowdy hopes to have a successful season. The JV roster includes Alisha Brownfield, Candis Marshall, Toni Cutsforth, Kelsie Evans, Rondi Robinson, Erin Fishburn, Gretchen Berretta, Char Coe and Dani Hill.

The Mustangs, on the other hand, have many new faces with the departure of eight seniors last year. The Mustangs are not very big either, but will rely on the up tempo type of offense and should score a lot of points. Senior Jason Britt is the only returning starter from last year's team. Ryan Currin, Rick Koffler and Charlie Rathbun were key bench players from last year's team and should step up and become quality starters. The bench is deep and talented. Head coach Lee Padberg will deal with the lack of size from the Mustangs roster, with speed and outside shooting. The Mustangs have heart but with so many spots to fill from last years team they will be a challenge. The Mustangs are looking forward to defending their CBC conference championship and will be a quality team. Along with Britt, Currin, Rathbun and Koffler the rest of the Mustang roster includes Richard Pettyjohn, Scott Coe, Shane Munkers, Tony Burt, Peter Pearson, Kevin Payne, Len Brittner and Austin Coiner.

The JV cagers have many new faces with almost all of last year's team moving up to the varsity level. Coach Greg Grant heads up the young talented JV team. The JV roster includes Jeremy Maddern, Peter Pearson, Mark Conklin, Ryan Pence, Dwayne Dunaway, Austin Coiner, Jim Tellechea, Sam Sumner, Joe Healy, Jered Wickland, Andy Ashbeck, Jake Bacon and Jeff Botefuhr.

## Artifacts found at Forest Service compound



Mary Keith, USFS archaeologist, shows glass medicine bottle with a screw cap, discovered at the Forest Service building site in Heppner.

Artifacts from the early 1900s were discovered by Forest Service personnel while digging a waterline at the Forest Service compound on Main Street in Heppner.

Discovered at the site were a blue glass bead, a piece of china

with gold leaf, a medicine bottle with a screw cap, a ceramic statue-incense burner dated around 1870-1900 that may have been a religious or pagan figure, spoons, plate shards, canning jars, square nails, Depression type glass, sawed animal bones and intact brick foundation.

"We're interested in the articles," said USFS archaeologist Mary Keith, "but we're also interested in the evidence of human activity, so we can begin to understand the community and what ties Heppner had to the outside world."

Keith said that the artifacts, such as a shard of china with gold leaf imprinted with W.M. Chindley & Co., England, illustrate ties to the world market.

Also discovered at the site, however, were plain ware that may have been made in the area and brick that was made in Heppner. Both show something of the Heppner community in the early 1900s.

Artifacts also show the financial status of the people to whom they belonged. Al Burt, USFS, surmises that the family that lived in the home had been fairly well off because of the presence of the gold leaf china. Some of the artifacts discovered had been burned in a fire.

Keith says that the USFS compound 3-C buildings are maintained as historic buildings since they were built in the thirties, so artifacts discovered underneath the compound were probably from the 20s or 30s or earlier.

"Underneath every house is a series of building history," said Keith. She said that even if a buildings foundation had been removed the site would leave a pattern, even if it were only darkened soil. In other cases, the artifacts themselves leave a pat-

tern. "Even if a building is razed and built over again, we still can find evidence of it."

Keith said that the Forest Service is concerned about protecting artifacts and archaeological sites. "A lot of artifacts walk off," she added. The forest services concern extends into recreation areas and timber sales sites. "It's easy to design timber sales and recreational projects around sites without impairing the sites. That was a concern of ours that we'd be so modifying the sites."

After the artifacts are gathered they are cleaned and inventoried and then sent to the supervisor's office for storage. Keith says they hope to have a display at the new Forest Service building now under construction in Heppner.

Keith, who has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Oakland University at Rochester, Michigan, has worked for the forest service since 1981 as a seasonal worker and since 1987 as a permanent employee. She has a special interest in ethno-archaeology, the study of living people or past cultures and is particularly interested in the Columbia River Indians.

Melodie Burton, also an archaeologist with the local Forest Service office is involved in a project concerning early days in Heppner. She is seeking people in the district who have stories, either personal or passed down, that they would share. Stop by the Forest Service office in the Coast to Coast Building or call 676-9187.

## Ione High School begins basketball season to begin

By Anne Morter

Basketball season at Ione High School is just around the corner. The varsity teams will kick off their season on Tuesday, December 3, with a jamboree in Helix. In a jamboree format, teams play each other for one quarter rather than a full game.

The season will start in earnest that weekend December 6 and 7

when Ione hosts the Morrow County Tournament. The field includes boys and girls teams from Ione, Heppner, Riverside and Canyonville Bible Academy, which is located near Roseburg. The first game of the touney will be Heppner Fillies against the Ione girls at 3 p.m. on Friday.

## DEQ offers free well water tests

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is offering free drinking water tests for private well owners and users on December 4. The tests will be offered during the 1991 Farm City Fair, Thompson Hall, Umatilla County Fairgrounds, Hermiston, between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The test takes 30 minutes, and participants can pick up results the same day. Scientists will be available to discuss test results and groundwater contamination in northern Morrow and Umatilla counties. To have water tested:


Supply six ounces (¾ cup) water in a clean, washed and rinsed glass jar.

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