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Fillies take first place at District



Photo by Judy Barber

Heppner Fillies with their first place plaque and trophy

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Fillies avenged their only two losses of the season as they finally beat the Sherman Union Huskies 54-38 at the District 7-2A tournament this last weekend. The Fillies earned the top seed at the Regional Tournament this weekend in LaGrande. With the win the Fillies will play

the Vale Vikings for a spot in the state tournament March 11-13. The Fillies will play at Eastern Oregon State College on Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

The Heppner Mustangs lost to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots 66-62 in a shocker as the TigerScots escaped with a close win and the District 7-2A championship last Saturday, Feb. 27 at

the Pendleton Convention Center. The Mustangs will advance to the Regional tournament in LaGrande this weekend at the number two seed and play the Vale Vikings. The Mustangs are in a must win situation and must win two games in a row to advance to the state tournament. Heppner plays Vale at 3 p.m. at Eastern Oregon State College.

Resolution passed to disburse landfill monies

The Morrow County court Feb. 24 passed a resolution to disburse the monies generated from the Finley Buttes Landfill license fee. The fee is paid by Finley Buttes Landfill company to Morrow County for each ton of landfill received at the landfill site.

Fifty percent of the monies will be divided equally among the five communities in the county—Heppner, Boardman, Irrigon, Lexington and Ione. Another 40 percent will be divided among the communities according to the percent of registered voters. The remaining 10 percent will go into the county's discretionary fund for economic development.

Referring to criticism that the monies should be divided based on population, Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson said that the State of Oregon and the census bureau are unable to supply that information. He stressed that while the plan "is not perfect" it can be perfected in the future if the communities deem it necessary.

He added that while "it has been extremely difficult for the county to give away money, it will be equally as difficult for the communities to develop their plans and priorities and to invest these dollars in such a manner

that it presents an opportunity for the community as opposed to a divisive wedge."

The plan to disburse the monies will include provisions for a Morrow County Coordinating Committee, composed of the three county commissioners, and a representative of each of the five Morrow County communities. Also required is a community coordinating council from each community which will be comprised of five registered voters residing within the community, one of whom is a current member of the city council or a designee of the city council.

The resolution also calls for a community development plan, listing long and short-term goals.

Ballots to be mailed this week

Ballots for the March 23 election will be mailed to Morrow County voters this week, according to Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth. Ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on March 23. Bloodworth says that the return envelope may require more than one stamp.

In addition to a one-year \$3,388,550 Morrow County operating levy, voters will also decide the fate of a one-year \$526,316 medical fund operating levy.

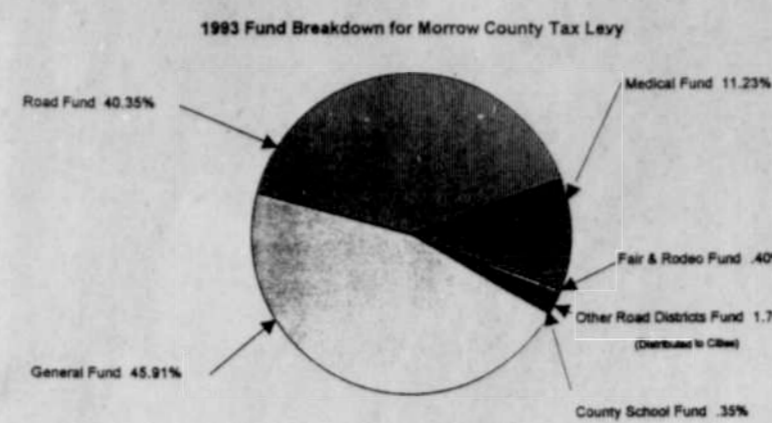
There will be a Feb. 1 deadline for submission of a plan to the community coordinating council. By May 1, the community council will review, select, and prioritize all grant applications submitted by the Feb. 1 deadline. By June 30, the county coordinating committee will allocate the monies. If no plan is submitted or approved, the monies may be retained by that community and used in subsequent years.

Because of delay in community input into the resolution the time frame as stated in the resolution will be extended by amendment to the resolution by the county court. The city council will have the amended resolution this week.

Incumbent William Sharkey, Boardman and challenger Jerry Anderson, Irrigon, will vie for the Port of Morrow position number one spot. The position number two spot will see a three-way race between incumbent Daniel Creamer, Irrigon, John Grace and Gene Allen, both Boardman. All of the other positions are unopposed.

County voters will also vote on an advisory issue recommending a one-senator-per-county method of electing Oregon State senators.

Morrow County tax levy shows one percent growth



(Editor's note: this is the first in a series of three articles submitted by Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson explaining the tax levies for Morrow County voters.)

Morrow County registered voters will be receiving a mail-in ballot from the county clerk's office this week. Voters will have until 8 p.m. March 23, to mark their ballots and get them back to the clerk's office.

At stake are funds for continued county services that for the most part will be identical to the last year. Morrow County operates on a fiscal year which begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following year.

Two operating levies will be voted on, the county one-year operating levy and the county one-year medical levy.

composed of the three commissioners, Matt Doherty, Bob Rietmann and Harley Sager, found that it was not prudent to cut further into services that the county should provide the citizens of Morrow County.

In addition to the roughly one percent gain in levies that the voters will be facing will be the 1993 tax base of \$784,892. According to Oregon law this amount may grow by six percent each year without approval of the voters.

Who Pays the Taxes in Morrow County



The combination of the two operating levies that the voters will give, thumbs up or thumbs down will be a \$39,277 increase over last year's levies or less than one percent increase over the past five years.

Judge Carlson said that instructions to all departments and taxing agencies were to have a no increase levy to submit to the voters, but the budget committee,

Included in the county one year levy are dollars that support such services as county administration, health department, museum, roads, parks, senior services, Extension service, predatory control, Soil and Water Conservation District, neighborhood centers, fair and rodeo and police protection.

Next week: the medical story.

Pep assembly for

Mustangs and

Fillies

A pep assembly will be held for the Heppner Mustangs and Fillies on Friday, March 5 at 8:35 a.m. at the Heppner High School gym. The assembly, open to the community, is to wish the teams good luck at the Regional Tournament in LaGrande.

Heppner teams play Vale in Regionals

The Heppner Fillie and Mustang basketball teams travel to LaGrande Friday to begin play in the 2A Regional basketball tournament.

The girls play first taking on Vale at 3 p.m. Friday. The girls also play Vale at 7 p.m. All games are played at Quinn Coliseum on the Eastern Oregon College campus.

If the girls win their game they

will advance to the state playoffs without playing another game. If they lose the girls will play Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

If the boys team wins they will play again at 3 p.m. Saturday. The boys must win both games to advance to state. A loss in either game eliminates them from the tournament.

Admission to the games is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

Find The Hidden Shamrock Win Silver Medallions

This week a new St. Patrick's Day activity begins. Each week until March 10 a clue for the St. Patrick's Day treasure hunt will be printed in the Gazette-Times. If followed these clues will guide treasure hunters to a green plastic shamrock, hidden somewhere in the city limits of Heppner.

The first person to find the hidden shamrock will win a set of pure silver Oregon Trail commemorative medallions, worth nearly \$90. The coins are donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and are on display at the bank.



Find this Shamrock...



and win These Silver Coins

RULES:

1. A new set of clues to guide you to the hidden shamrock will appear in each edition of the Heppner Gazette-times.
2. A total of five clues will be given up to March 10.
3. The hidden shamrock is not on private property, and no digging or moving of objects, dirt or other material is necessary to find the shamrock.
4. The first person to find the shamrock should bring it to the Heppner Gazette-Times office to claim the commemorative silver medallions.

Clue Number Four

If you're on the proper trail
A diverging path will entail
A big decision for you to make
Your successful hunt is at stake
Past a constable and a blue house too
but first decipher the bonus clue

Bonus Clue

To Harlan of virtuals you need to speak
He'll lead you oh so close, to what you seek

Follow the clues and may the luck of the Irish be with you. This contest is sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the Heppner Gazette-Times.

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