

Mustangs put hex on Blue Devils 62-28



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Dwayne Dunaway dribbles ball for Mustangs

The Heppner Mustangs ran right through the visiting Condon Blue Devils, Tuesday, Dec. 7, with a dominating 62-28 victory.

Heppner started slow and led only 11-6 after one quarter. The second quarter was all Heppner as the Mustangs' defense stifled Condon and Heppner outscored Condon 22-7 in the quarter. Senior Rick Koffler led Heppner with nine of his game high 17 points in the quarter.

With Austin Coiner, Dwayne Dunaway and Leonard Britner

playing great inside defense and rebounding well, Heppner increased their lead to 43-18 after three quarters.

The Mustangs kept pounding the Blue Devils in the last quarter. Britner and junior Trent Hughes scored 11 and 12 points respectively on the night. Senior Joe Healy played in the last three minutes and picked up eight points. Healy, who has been recuperating from a severe ankle sprain, saw his first action of the season.

Heppner selected for tourism program

Heppner is among eight Oregon communities that have been selected to participate in the first phase of a new program aimed at developing the potential of the tourism industry in rural areas. The communities of Lebanon, Oakridge, North Santiam Canyon, Cave Junction, Lakeview, Upper John Day Valley and Sweet Home will also participate in The Oregon Rural Tourism Development Program sponsored by Rural Development Initiatives Inc. (RDI) and the Oregon Tourism Division (OTD).

The first part of the three-phase program, a tourism assessment of each community, is beginning in all of the participating communities. Community members, program staff, and tourism development professionals will work together to determine the particular dynamics of the industry in the community; identify and define potential tourism development strategies; and provide basic information about the economic potential, viability and potential environmental or social impacts of the strategies. The assessments are expected to take about three months to complete. On the basis of the assessment, the community with support from RDI and OTD, will decide whether and how tourism

development should be pursued.

In the second phase of the program, the information collected during the assessment process will be used to develop a detailed tourism strategy and action plan for three to four of the communities. The third phase will involve implementation of the strategies.

To be selected for the Oregon Rural Tourism Development Program communities had to have completed a strategic plan for economic development that included tourism as one of the community's strategies, and have in place a committee or organization made up of public and private development interests that was willing to devote time to the program.

Rural Development Initiatives, Inc., is a state-wide, non-profit corporation designed to help Oregon rural communities shape the development of their future economy by providing technical assistance, leadership training and access to resources. In addition to its new tourism development program, RDI provides training to local leaders and assists rural communities in the development of strategic plans for local economic development and then assists in the implementation of those plans. RDI is working with over 50 communities throughout the state.

Students compete in Geography Bee

Students in fourth through eighth grades competed in the preliminary round of the local Geography Bee during the week of Dec. 6-10. The students responded to questions of physical, political, cultural and economic geography on a written test developed by 7th and 8th grade social studies teacher Al Beck.

In the next stage, students will respond to oral questions to determine those eligible for the final round and the championship round. The school champion will take a written test to determine eligibility for the state championship April 8, 1994. The national finals will be held May 24-25, 1994 in Washington, D.C. The National Geographic Society, and its co-sponsors, Amtrak and National Geographic WORLD, provide local, state and national prizes, as well as all-expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C. for the state champions and their teacher-escorts. First prize for the national winner is a \$25,000 college scholarship. The local champion will receive a special edition world wall map.

Winning the preliminary round were fourth graders Jesse Gutierrez and Jody Maddern; fifth grade-Craig Scott; sixth graders-Eric Rollis and Ben Goodyear; seventh graders-Jamie Perez and Tim Dickenson; and eighth graders-Adam Doherty, Jonas Healy, Andy Sykes, Josh Roy, Travis Wilhelm and Caleb McDaniel.

The school finals will be held January 4, with Mr. Beck presenting the questions and serving as judge. Linda Shaw will function as scorekeeper and timekeeper. Preliminary tests were given in the social studies classes of Mr. Beck, Vicky Broden, Pam Dowdy, Bill Ewing and Pat Hentges.

Can you identify this 1910 Ione football team picture?



The above picture is of the 1910 Ione High School football team. Anyone with information about this old photograph is asked to call Dale Holland at 676-5514.



Members of Lea Calverts second grade class entertained the Heppner Chamber of Commerce with Christmas singing Tuesday.

Baptists plan living Nativity

The Willow Creek Baptist Church is planning a live Nativity scene Thursday and Friday, Dec. 16 and 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The nativity scene will be located between Morrow

County Abstract and Country Rose.

Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate and listen to Christmas music.

Norm Goetze elected Wheat Growers president

The Oregon Wheat Growers League elected Norm Goetze as its president.

Goetze, Corvallis, is a former Oregon State University Extension agronomist. Now he's a farmer, producing wheat, oats, hairy vetch, crimson clover and trees.

Mac Levy, Pendleton was elected vice president and Jim Stonebrink, Wallowa, was named secretary-treasurer. These

"The wheat industry faces so many opportunities where we can accomplish something," Goetze said.

"I'll encourage more interchange between OWGL committees and work to strengthen our coalitions with other commodities and other organizations," Goetze said.

three plus retiring president Bob Johns, Athena, will make up the OWGL executive committee for 1994.

Around the County

By Earl Woods

Marlene Gray is again spending her days seated in the foyer of the courthouse. Marlene is working for John and Rene Grace of Boardman who have hired her to photocopy title documents. The Graces plan to offer title services in the community within the near future.

Nicole Resare, Morrow County's ace child support officer is to be married February 12, 1994, to Michael Mahoney of Heppner. The newlyweds will be honeymooning on a cruise to the eastern Caribbean while the rest of freeze at home.

Local history buffs want to form a committee to plan for the care and display of antique machinery donated to the county by the Shorby Peck and the Al Osmin families. The "buffs" believe this to be one of the most interesting exhibits in the northwest. Anyone wishing to sit on the committee (or steal a peak at the collection) should contact Judge Louis Carlson by the end of December.

Reconstruction of the bombing range road is under discussion by the county with Tidewater, Inc. Tidewater has agreed to front the costs of providing an all-weather road from I-84 to the Finley Buttes landfill when reconstruction becomes "necessary". The county is currently involved in negotiations regarding the necessity. I'll keep you posted.

With a little luck, the St. Patrick's Senior Citizens bus may be under a new roof at the corner of Chase and Court Streets in Heppner by the end of January. The county's share of the cigarette and gas tax money which has been designated for senior transportation will pay for the construction of the two-bay shed if negotiations with the state are successful.

Larry Kennedy has commenced the relocation of fences on Wilson Road in the Boardman area.

The Fuller Canyon Bridge is in - however, it's gravel. Duck Lusher reports that the bridge has gone from 18 to 28 feet and has a walkway. Paving is scheduled for this spring.

Duck also tells me that the county crew will be working on Sand Hollow Road, Turners' to Evans' place, where they will be ripping, tearing and resurfacing as the weather permits. Likewise, the county has finished with the Pioneer Clinic access and parking lot for the season, as was required by the Heppner City Planning Commission as a condition for building the clinic addition. A lift will be added to the road in the spring and the parking lot will be paved then as well. Eight shopping days left until Christmas. Supporting local merchants keeps our whole community healthy.

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