

Cardinal teams advance to state



Photo by Wayne Hams

Lone lady Cardinals celebrate victory over Wasco with the championship bracket



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Lone Cards win championship bracket for third year in a row

By Anne Morter

Both lone basketball teams advanced to the State 1A Basketball Tournament as the Big Sky District champions after exciting wins last Friday, Feb. 18 in Hermiston.

The girls came from behind in the closing seconds, thanks to a three pointer by April Taylor and a basket at the buzzer by Kim Bedortha to take the 44-40 win over Wasco County.

The boys also defeated Wasco but trailed for most of the game before tying at the end of regulation, sending the game into overtime. Crucial free throws made the difference in the extra period as the Cardinals won the district championship for the third year in a row.

The lady Cardinals, ranked number two in the last coaches poll, will play the opening game of the State Tournament, which is held in Baker City March 2-5. The lone girls meet Pine Eagle at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2. This will be the girls' third trip to the state tournament under coach Dana Heideman.

The lone boys, will be making their third appearance in as many

years and will play the final game of the opening round against Powers on Thursday, March 3 at 8:45 p.m. The Cardinals were ranked fifth in the last coaches poll. The games will be broadcast

on KQFM 99.3 Hermiston. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 students or \$25 adults season pass, \$15 students pass. Championship games are \$5 adults and \$4 students.

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Wilkinsons receive ODFW award



Dick and Virginia Wilkinsons
Dick and Virginia Wilkinsons, Heppner, have been selected as the Oregon Department of Fish

and Wildlife First Annual Wildlife Landowner of the Year. The Wilkinsons will be honored at a banquet and an overnight stay

at the Portland Red Lion on February 25.

Bob Krein of the ODFW, who nominated the Wilkinsons for the honor, said "I couldn't think of anyone more deserving than Dick." Krein said that the Wilkinsons have been participants in the 'welcome to hunt' program since 1967 and have kept their lands open to hunters.

The Wilkinsons say that they have enjoyed working with Krein and Glenn Ward, who recently retired from ODFW, and try to cooperate with the game commissioners. They say that they provide habitat to maintain the elk herds and in return receive help in controlling weeds.

"We were really pleased (about the award)," said Virginia. "It's really kind of a nice honor."

Eugene based company reportedly involved in Kinzua purchase

The McDougal Brothers of Dexter near Eugene are reportedly involved in the pending purchase of Kinzua Mill in Heppner.

When contacted Tuesday, Feb. 22 by the Gazette-Times, Mel McDougal of McDougal Brothers, would neither deny nor confirm his company's involvement in the purchase.

He said only that it was too early to discuss any involvement on behalf of his company, but that when it became appropriate it would be discussed.

The McDougal Brothers are owners of a Dexter-area logging company, as well as mining interests and timberland in Montana and near Baker. The McDougal Bros. were last year involved in a land swap with the Forest Service. The swap saw 80,000 acres of timberland near Yellowstone Park, owned by the McDougals and Portland timber trader Tim Blixseth, traded for 70,000 acres of other federal timberland in Montana.

Blixseth and McDougal Bros. acquired the mostly roadless acreage adjacent to Yellowstone as part of a 174,000-acre purchase, which also included a Belgrade, Mont., lumber mill, from Plum Creek Timber Co. The mill later was sold to Louisiana-Pacific Corp.

The Plum Creek timberland was reportedly purchased for \$27 million. Blixseth and the McDougals then resold 25,000 acres to a Cleveland-based developer for \$6.5 million.

Kinzua announced the pending sale of the mill in Heppner to Pioneer Resources on February 1. At that time, in accordance with the plant closure law, all 125 employees were given layoff notices. Since the announcement, mill employees and Heppner townspeople have speculated over the fate of the sawmill which has operated continuously for the past 40 years.

The proposed sale involves all

the mill property and assets, as well as 180,000 acres of timberland.

The price of the proposed sale has not been disclosed, but the deal was expected to close in April.

McDougal Bros. are reportedly part of Pioneer Resources L.L.C., a Eugene-based corporation formed in January of this year.

Hospital staff completes pediatric care course

A two day training class was held in Heppner last December for the members of the medical communities of Lone, Lexington, Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon. The class, put on by the Oregon Research and Education Foundation, an outreach program of Emanuel Hospital of Portland, covered pediatric emergency care in the pre-hospital and emergency response setting. Along with lectures and practical stations, participants received hands-on training in emergency procedures.

The Oregon Pre-Hospital Pediatric Advanced Care Course was open to all the emergency medical technicians, nurses, doctors and physician assistants of Morrow County at no cost. The class was beneficial to the 22 EMT's, eight registered nurses, two physician assistants and two doctors who attended, enabling them to provide a higher quality

of care to the pediatric patients of Morrow County.

The class was paid for with a grant from North East Oregon Area Health Education Center (NEOAHEC). The grants for the course were made available to the area counties to assist in providing continuing education to volunteer EMT's. Donations from Columbia Basin Electric, Kinzua and Pioneer Memorial Hospital were also received. The facilities were provided by St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Mustangs/Fillies head to district

The Heppner Mustangs and Fillies made it to the district tournament as the number one and two teams respectively.

The Mustangs will play Sherman County in the district championships Friday, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The winner of that game will play on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 3:15 p.m. for the District 72A championship and will enter the regional tournament as the

number one seed the following weekend in Pendleton. If Heppner should lose Friday they would play the loser of Saturday's game on Monday at a sight to be announced, to determine the second team at regionals.

The Fillies will play Pilot Rock on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center with the loser out. The winner will play on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. for the number one Regional Tournament spot.

Find The Hidden Shamrock Win Silver Medallions

The St. Patrick's Day treasure hunt is back again. Each week until March 16 a clue for the treasure hunt will be printed in the Gazette-Times. If followed these clues will guide treasure hunters to 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...



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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 16.
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 Two

Down a street and park the same to the right always remain seven tenths of mile will lead unscramble this: nusaytrsb is where you'll be if you're lost don't be blue lea below starts next week's clue

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.

Good Luck Heppner & Lone

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