

## CJH students compete in contest

A team of 28 students from Columbia Junior High competed in the computerized Knowledge Master Open for middle schools and placed seventh in the state with a score of 1,277 points out of a possible 2,000. The average score of the 1,189 middle schools in the U.S. that took the test was 1,257, which puts CJH's top students right in the middle of the top students nationwide.

The test is based on speed of answers as the students apply their skills of knowledge, comprehension, application, and analysis in areas of American and world history, government, recent events, economics and law, geography, literature, English, math, physical and the earth sciences, biology, health and psychology, the fine arts, and even useless trivia, for two out of the 2,000 questions.

Seventh place in the state is the highest CJH has ever placed. As a comparison, CJH's score would have placed in fifth place among the Washington middle schools.

Team members were Emily Buck, Christena Butler, Caitly Daniels, Julie Daniels, Bret Files, Cody Gordanier, Stefani Gordanier, Jesse Hirai, Kristen Johnson, Patrick Kenney, Kory Killingbeck, Kristina King, Abby Lietke, Julie Mason, Jessica Moore, Jacob Neiffer, Joe Nightskye, Joe Peck, James Peterson, Jenny Prag, Marta Ramirez, Kelly Redinger, Cheryl Rodgers, Scott Russell, Marshall Sanders, Clint Shoemaker, Amber Smythe and April Vice. The team was coached by Sharon Sample and Gary Hunt, who teaches these students in an exploratory science class at CJH.

## Bishop to visit All St. Episcopal

The Right Reverend Rustin R. Kimsey, the Episcopal bishop of Eastern Oregon, will visit All Saints' Episcopal church this Sunday, January 15. Kimsey will celebrate Holy Communion and preach a sermon at the regular Eucharist beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The parishioners of All Sts. will also hold their annual meeting. The election of officers, budget consideration and the development of

ministry will be the focus of this meeting. While the church gathers for business there will be a potluck luncheon between the worship service and the meeting. "This will be a time to relax and enjoy one another's company," said Fr. Al Miller. "This is one of those very special times in the life of any congregation and all are invited to attend worship and to participate in the day's events."

## Off the Wall By Marilyn Robinson

It's perceived by some that farmers and ranchers are wasteful of resources and they aren't cognizant about recycling. Standing behind an operating manure spreader could inflict a different view point. Clanging chains turning revolving shafts grind up dried animal wastes. Nevertheless a speedball tractor driver pulling this smelly contraption can sometimes cast chunks further than a home run.

This fragrant way to enrich ground, particularly within smelling distance of a house, is perhaps why commercial fertilizers became popular, or maybe there just isn't enough animal production. Come late fall, the pasture surrounding our house often acquired the look of having hosted 2,000 milking cows busy recycling grass.

The popularity of biobased products is now emerging from a cocoon stage due to the pressure to clean up the environment. While the use of a manure spreader didn't enhance our environment for the short term, it did make gardens, weeds and grass grow. Sometimes hip waders became a necessity when uncured wastes were added to the playing field.

Pollution problems associated with petroleum-based products can now be averted due to the use of biofuelled vehicles, including tractors and airplanes. Biodegradable, nontoxic seed oil or waste plant life alternatives are just as powerful and give improved breathing quality.

Waste corn is now being turned into cutlery. If Indians could make implements from stone, someone figured out that wasted corn cobs could find acceptance at the table as well as the once popular use in the little house out back. Grain can be cooked into mash. Old-timers knew that fermented cereals not only gave animals a spiritual lift, but it produced a definite high for mankind. During prohibition, I'm told that some country cowbarns once sheltered homemade stills.

Agriculture continues to move beyond its traditional role of producing food and fiber. Versatile plantlife now becomes feedstock for plastics, textiles and even tires.

My recycling efforts include using flattened tin cans to block mouse holes and fix floor leaks as well as using water-filled jars to provide a last stop resting place for insects. Plastics with a longer lifespan now replace some wood and steel products. But it's not likely that a plastic post can become firewood like a wooden one that has rotted off for the third time.

Environmental zealots don't want cows taking footbaths or 'you know what' in creeks. Wildlife must leave sweeter calling cards. Some people don't hold with domestic animal confinement or making old betsy into a hamburger. Perhaps biodegradable animal diapers may be required or perhaps we'll be forced to grow beans for both staying and putting power.

Cloth flour sacks were once a necessity of every household. Besides tea towels and clothing they were used for carrying lunches and spare parts. A Swansdown flour label on the front of a shirt could be today's fashion hit.

Garbage disposals aren't necessary where there is a surplus of birds. Faltening birds is questionable when sparrows do their thing inside barns. If it weren't for newspaper, I wouldn't be able to burn down weed-infested fences. That is not a popular practice, but if it weren't for the reuse of baling wire and twine, there are other things that would fall down on this place.

Thanks to radiation, perishable food stuff now has a long shelf life. Some how dehydrated turnips are not on par with dried apples as I continue to try to extend the life of perishable foods.

Urbanites must realize that recycling is involved when storing water. Ponds are built to prevent erosion, store run-off water and build up ground water levels that benefit both humans and animals. Now we're told that developing a natural spring and installing a watering rough requires a water right that is as attainable as a lease on the White House. Perhaps stocking catfish and leasing out fishing rights will be the norm when water regulations are enforced. Of course, the fish will be thrown back to be recycled. However care will have to be taken not to overstock, as ponds are often reduced to tadpole capacity during summer months.

## Fillies beat Wahtonka



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Lori Moeller (30) fights with a Wahtonka player for the ball.

The Heppner Fillies made 11 of 13 free throws and earned their second league win in as many nights beating the Wahtonka Eagles 52-41 at home Saturday night Jan. 7.

At the line Jenny Krein and Char Coe were both 100 percent with 2-2 and 1-1 respectively while Kelsie Evans and Lori Moeller were 7-8 and 1-2. Evans put out a repeat performance scoring exactly 21 points, same as she did the night before against Pilot Rock.

Heppner led by eight going into the half 27-19.

Jennifer Caldwell, a six-foot center for Wathonka gave the Fillies a little bit of trouble as she had eight points going into the half and finished the game with 17.

The Fillies, leading by only three at the end of the third had

a bit of a tough time in the beginning of the fourth quarter falling behind by two points in the final period. A good performance by Evans, and seniors Krein and Coe held Caldwell to four points, in the fourth quarter and the Fillies pulled ahead for the win. Krein finished the game with nine points while Coe added 11.

The Fillies play at Umatilla Saturday, Jan. 14. JV action begins at 1 p.m. with JV boys and varsity to follow.

Heppner 10 17 8 17 52  
Wahtonka 7 12 13 9 41  
Heppner: K. Evans 7-8 21, Krein 3-2-9, Kemp 2-0-4, Moeller 2-1-2-5, Coe 5-1-1-11, J. Evans 1-0-0-2, Robinson, Sumner, Hill, Totals 20 11-13 52.  
Wahtonka: Caldwell 6 5-10 17, Chamberlain 3 0-0 6, Leon 1 4-6 6, Sprenger 1 2-2 4, Roberts 1 0-0 2, brice 0 2-2 2, Eagy 2 0-1 4, Harie, Sperry, Awmler. Totals 14 13-21-41.  
Three point goals Krein 1. Fouled out Leon. Total fouls Wahtonka 14, Heppner 18. Technical fouls none.

## Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--Dick Ruhl attended the Oregon State game at Pasadena, CA. where his son Rick was one of the players.

--Helen Krueger has returned home from a stay at Good Shepherd Community Hospital

in Hermiston.

--Jim Tellechea has returned to school at the University of Idaho. He was named to the dean's list last semester with a 4. average. He is the son of Kathy and John Tellechea.

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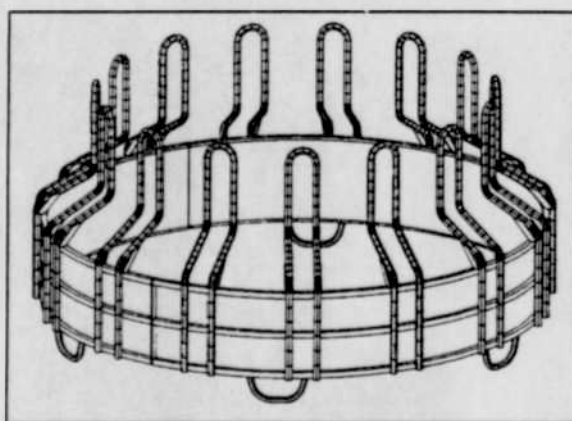
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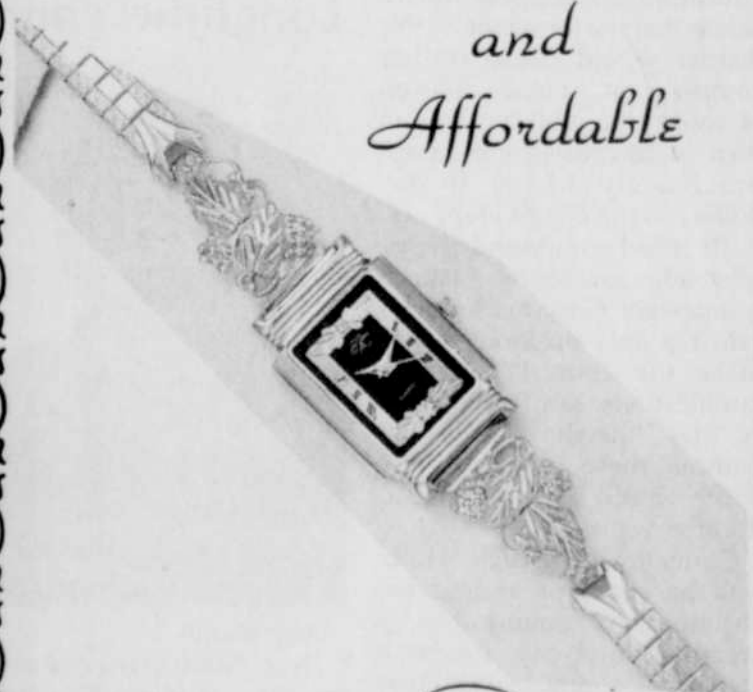
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