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**Mustang varsity basketball teams head to district**

Both of the Mustang varsity basketball teams will compete in the District 7 2A basketball tournament this weekend, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22, at the Pendleton Convention Center. The girls are seeded number one in the tourney as a result of

finishing their regular season atop the Columbia Basin Conference standings with an 11-1 record, 18-3 overall. Heppner will open the tournament Friday at 1:30 p.m. against the fourth place Umatilla Vikings.

The boys, third place finishers in the CBC at 8-4 and 15-6 overall, will meet the Weston-McEwen TigerScots in an evening contest at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Rounding out the tournament will be the Umatilla boys against Wahtonka and Weston-McEwen versus Sherman County in girls' action.

Friday winners will meet Saturday afternoon to determine the conference champions and the number-one seed to the first round regional tournament of the Oregon School Activities Association state playoffs. That tournament will be held in the Quinn Coliseum on the Eastern Oregon State College campus in La Grande, February 28 and March 1.

Ticket prices for the district tournament are: per session, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students; two-session pass, \$8 and \$5; and three-session pass, \$12 and \$7.

**Class of 1957 plans reunion**

The Heppner High School class of 1957 is planning their 40th reunion on July 19 in Heppner.

Organizers are seeking information on classmates Dick Applegate, Viola Duran, Christine Swaggart, Robert Parker, Alice Faye, Mary Jo Stewart, Jesse Smallwood, Marilyn Monagle and Phyllis Beddle.

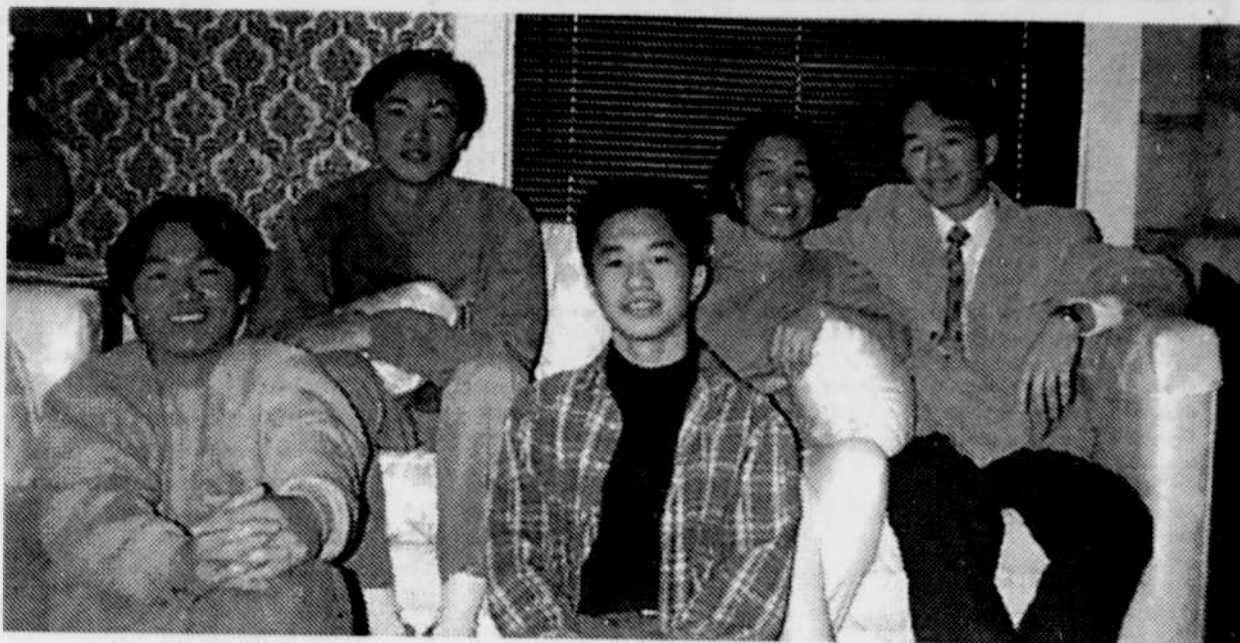
Anyone wishing more information or who has information about missing classmates may contact E.V. Blevins, 427-3842, of Jay Dee Hudson, 676-9774.

**Local genealogy group forming**

People interested in forming a Morrow County genealogical society are invited to attend an organizational meeting at the Morrow County Museum on Tuesday, February 25, at 4 p.m.

Beginners, as well as experienced researchers, are invited to attend.

**Faith brings Taiwanese family to Heppner**



Left to right back row-Eugene Liu, Nola Kang, Jim Kang, front-Alvin Liu, Darrel Kang.

Faith brought the Kang and Liu families to the U.S. and faith supports them and their extended family as they begin their new life in Heppner—a world away from their life in Taiwan.

Jim (Ting-Ling) Kang was in high school in Taiwan when his mother came to him and said that the family, which includes his brother, Darrel (Ching-Ling), would move to Belize, a country in Central America on the Caribbean. "We were born in a Christian family," said Jim, "and my mother said that God wanted us to move there."

His mother, Nola (Miao-Hsiang) Huang, had met another family in Taiwan, the Lius, who also planned to relocate to Belize. Jim anticipated meeting Alvin (Chung-Wen) and Eugene (Chung-Chin) Liu, the sons in the Liu family during a visit in Taiwan. Eugene, however, had other plans—sleep. He had been playing basketball and was so tired, he slept through Jim's visit and on into the next morning. The boys in the two families didn't meet until they were all in the airport in Taiwan en route to Belize in July of 1994.

"A group of Taiwanese in Belize had the same vision that God had called them to Belize," said Eugene. "We had only read about it. We were not certain what was going to happen, but when we moved to Belize, we saw part of the purpose of God's plan."

In Belize they met Lynda Crane, pastor of the Heppner Christian Missionary Fellowship in Heppner, who had traveled there on a crusade, along with her daughter, Kimberly Navarro of Texas, and Joan McDaniel, Catherine Sims, Mary Ella Johnson and Vie Oliver, all of Heppner, who invited them to visit Heppner. At the time, however, Heppner was only a vision for the Taiwanese families. The Kang and Liu families lived in Belize for a year and a half before the Kangs moved to Costa Rica.

After six months, Nola, Jim and Darrel went back to Belize. It was then that Eugene and Alvin's mother, Lucy (Li-Chao) Tsai suggested that the boys apply for a U.S. Visa. After applying, the Kangs went back to Costa Rica to get their belongings and prepare for the trip to LA.

Jim, Darrel and Nola then traveled to LA to visit the boys' aunt. Once in Los Angeles, the Kangs took an excursion to Disneyland and later, the two families decided to go on a sightseeing tour of LA. They walked downtown to buy some clothes and shoes and got lost, spending about a half a day walking. Finally, hungry, thirsty and tired, they ended up in Chinatown where they asked for and got directions to a bus in Chinese. They found that they didn't like the pollution or even the water in LA.

By that time, they had decided to move to Heppner. And once they arrived in Oregon, they knew they were home.

"After we were picked up from Portland, my mom saw a deer," said Jim. "She almost jumped out the window."

The boys had never seen snow before coming to this U.S., so this year, the weather obliged, bringing lots of the white stuff. On Christmas morning the first thing the boys did, after devotion, was build a snowman (perhaps the most peculiar snowman you've ever seen) and have a snowball fight. Since it was the first snow that they had seen, it just wasn't enough. So they rounded up a wheelbarrow and gathered some more together. While they like the snow, they discovered that they are



Left to right-Eugene Liu, Darrel Kang, Jim Kang, Timmy Morris with snowman friend.



Left to right-Mary Ella Johnson, Catherine Sims, Lynda Crane, Vie Oliver

not too crazy about freezing rain and Nola, unfortunately, took a fall on the ice.

While the families are happy here, they do miss Taiwan, and especially their fathers, who remained there. Jim and Darrel's father, Sui-Ming Kang, is the manager of a company with offices in Taiwan and China and Eugene and Alvin's father, Hsien-Chi Liu, is a dentist. Hsien-Chi wants to visit the U.S. eventually. Eugene and Alvin's family is even more separated, since their mother, Lucy, remained in Belize. Jim, who hopes to go back to Taiwan some day, says that one thing he misses is the Taiwanese food. Lynda, on the other hand says that she has enjoyed being treated to Taiwanese cooking since their arrival. They all agree that Alvin and Nola are the cooks and joke that Eugene can cook—eggs, scrambled eggs, fried eggs, hot water and hot chocolate.

Alvin and Eugene, who now have their driver's licenses, drive back and forth to Pendleton, accompanied by Nola, to attend Blue Mountain Community College. Alvin, 19, and a freshman, is taking art classes; Eugene, 20, is a sophomore studying business; and Nola is studying English. Jim, 17, is a sophomore at Heppner High School and Darrel, 16, is a freshman. Although Jim and Darrel should actually be upperclassmen, their mother advised them that this way they would have a better opportunity to learn English. It was difficult fitting in school in Heppner, says Jim. But, he adds that he spent a lot of time talking to people, working hard to get acquainted.

In their spare time, Jim enjoys playing badminton, tennis and basketball and was on the HHS JV team. He also plays guitar, drums and piano. Darrel likes basketball, tennis and skateboarding. He

played on the HHS C-team. Eugene and Alvin also enjoy basketball and tennis. Eugene plays piano and guitar, Alvin plays drums and is learning to play the autoharp. And they all have a good time visiting with their extended church family and living in Lynda's home. Besides Lynda, the Kang and Liu families, the household also includes Vie, Catherine and Bill and Becky Morris and their son, Timmy. The Morrises are living there temporarily since they were burned out of their home in Heppner.

"Every night we are so noisy," says Darrel. "They are great houseguests," counters Lynda. "And great Bible students. They've been a tremendous blessing."

The boys aren't worried about their future, trusting in God to give them direction. "I will see what God wants me to be," says Darrel. "We will have careers," adds Eugene. "But if our purpose was only to pursue our education, God wouldn't have put us here."

"When I was in Taiwan, I planned," said Alvin. "But guess what, we moved. Like Eugene says, God will know what to do." Jim says that if he goes to college, he will major in either computer science or electronics, with music or Spanish (which he also speaks in addition to Chinese and Taiwanese, a Chinese dialect) as his second major. Darrel says, "I think I will be a businessman like my father."

And their social life? That too, will work itself out. In Taiwan boys and girls don't date like they do in the U.S. "It's not so much accepted," says Eugene, who laughingly answers "no comment" to queries about his love life. "(Taiwanese) Society as a whole doesn't support boyfriends and girlfriends, but it's changing," he says.

**Find The Hidden Shamrock Win A Silver Eagle**

The popular St. Patrick's Day treasure hunt is back again. Each week until March 12 a clue for the treasure hunt will be printed in the Gazette-Times. If followed, these clues will guide treasure hunters to a green shamrock hidden somewhere in the city limits of Heppner.

The first person to find the hidden shamrock will win a .25 ounce silver American Eagle coin worth \$90. The coin is donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and is on display there.

**FIND THE SHAMROCK and win the coin!**

**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 four clues will be given up to March 12.
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 silver American Eagle.

**CLUE NUMBER ONE**

Maybe a costermonger, factotum or drudge, from each you'll obtain information to judge where you will look in our fair ville and claim a silver coin to get your thrill.

Beware the dissembler, you know how they lie. They'll steer you wrong, and your trail will die.

But the genuine person has something for you. Find out who they are to get your clue.

So with these words, go find your non-man, and Good Luck to you; get that prize if you can.

No once, not thrice, but how many times? Literally-not a lender, this person of mine. Seek them out now, for they have your first clue, and prove to us all just how smart are you?

Follow the clues, and may the Luck O' The Irish be with you. This contest is sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the Heppner Gazette-Times.

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