

## Mustangs lose to the Bulldogs, 77-53

By Rick Paulius

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Culver on Friday, Jan. 22, and lost to the Bulldogs, 77-53. The loss drops the Mustangs' Columbia Basin Conference record to 3-2 and fourth place. The Mustangs' overall record drops to 9-6.

The Bulldogs came out of the blocks on fire, outscoring Heppner, 23-10. The Bulldogs' Kenny Macy hit three three-pointers and Alex Carlson scored 10 points in the quarter.

The Mustangs were outscored by only one point in the second quarter, but still trailed 33-19 at halftime.

Culver came out of the intermission and put the game away, outscoring Heppner 19-8 to take a 52-27 lead. The Mustangs did outscore Culver in the fourth, 26-23, as Ryan Matteson scored nine of his team-high 15 points in the

quarter. Derek Gunderson hit a three-pointer in the quarter and finished the game with 11 points.

Tim Dickenson and Casey Evans led the Mustangs in rebounds with seven and five, respectively. Evans also had two steals. Matteson and Shane Matheny each had two assists.

The Mustangs will be back in action hosting Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 29, and Wahtonka on Saturday, Jan. 30.

**Statistics:**  
 Heppner: 10-9-8-26 53  
 Culver: 23-10-19-23 77  
 Heppner: Ryan Matteson 7 0-0 15, Derek Gunderson 5 0-0 11, Craig Scott 3 2-2 8, Shane Matheny 2 2-3 6, Casey Evans 2 1-2 5, Jared Eckman 1 0-2 2, Clint Bellamy 1 0-4 2, Riley Tingue 1 0-0 2, Blake Knowles 0 2-2 2, Tim Dickenson 0 0-1 0, Blas Elguezabal, Joe Papineau. 22 7-17 53. Three-pointers: Gunderson, Matteson.  
 Culver: Carlson 8 6-8 22, K. Macy 4 2-2 13, Bain 4 4-8 12, Boyer 3 5-6 11, Cruz 4 0-2 8, J. Macy 2 1-4 5, Montes 2 0-0 4, Cloud 0 1-2 1, Benningfield 0 1-2 1, Dix 0 0-1 0. 27 20-35 77. Three-pointers: K. Macy (3).

## Mustangs outlast Cougars

By Rick Paulius

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Echo on Tuesday, Jan. 19 and outlasted the Cougars, 54-48. The Mustangs tried to put the game away on numerous occasions, but the Cougars would claw their way back to keep it close.

A three-point play by Blake Knowles in the first quarter gave the Mustangs an 11-6 lead, but the Cougars closed it to 14-10 at the end of the quarter.

Baskets by Shane Matheny, Tim Dickenson and Ryan Matteson made the score 20-11, only to see the Cougars come back to make it 23-19. At the half, the Mustangs led 27-24.

Derek Gunderson hit two jump shots, Dickenson two free throws, Jared Eckman and Casey Evans each made short jumpers to increase the lead to 37-26 early in the third quarter. The Cougars came right back with a 7-1 run to close the gap to 38-33, but Matheny and Dickenson each made baskets to give the Mustangs a 42-35 lead after three.

Echo closed to within 46-43 midway through the fourth, but

consecutive baskets by Matheny and a rebound basket by Evans boosted the lead to 52-43. A three-point play by the Cougars made it a six point game, but Evans scored on a nice pass from Matheny to end the threat. An Echo basket at the end made the final a 54-48 Heppner win.

Dickenson led the Mustangs with 15 points, 10 rebounds and four steals. Eckman had 11 rebounds to go with three steals and two assists. Matheny had eight points, three steals and two assists. Gunderson had seven points, five steals and two assists; Matteson had six points, three assists and three steals. Knowles came off the bench to grab six rebounds.

**Statistics:**  
 Heppner: 14-13-15-12 54  
 Echo: 10-14-11-13 48  
 Heppner: Tim Dickenson 6 3-6 15, Shane Matheny 4 0-18, Derek Gunderson 2 3-4 7, Casey Evans 3 0-0 6, Ryan Matteson 3 0-2-6, Jared Eckman 1 3-6 5, Blas Elguezabal 1 1-2 3, Blake Knowles 1 1-2 3, Clint Bellamy 0 1-2 1, Riley Tingue 0 0-2 0, Craig Scott 0 0-0 0. 21 12-27 54. Three-pointers: none.  
 Echo: Seeger 5 4-8 16, D. Brown 3 2-2 8, James 1 4-6 6, A. Brown 2 2-3 6, Fife 3 2-2 8, Marcum 1 0-0 2, Munoz 1 0-0 2. 16 14-21 48. Three-pointers: Seeger (2).

## Blue Demons whip Ione Cardinals

By Mike Radle

Height was the key factor in the Demons' win over the Ione Cards on Friday, Jan. 15.

Shots and rebounds didn't fall for the Cards as the Demons blocked shots and out-rebounded Ione. Even Ione's "Red Defense" could not save them in this game as they lost, 27-19.

A short rally by Ione brought them within seven at one point, but it was no use as the Demons

answered back with more and wore the Cards down.

The Cards' offense went down in shambles with the Demons' powerful defense. The shorter Ione team could not stop the Demons' plays.

"We have what it takes. We've just got to want it bad enough," said Cardinal point man Andrew Reitman. This game put the Cardinals at 2-3 in the season.

## Ione Middle School beats Fossil

By Mike Radle

Ione dominated in their 25-20 win over Fossil on Saturday, Jan. 16.

It wasn't points, but defense that led the Cards. They used coach Holland's "incredible Red Defense." This technique is used to get quick steals and breakaway lay-ins.

Fossil was missing much of

their team to suspension, and the Fossil coach was forced to put fifth graders in starting positions. They put up a great fight, but the Ione team was much too strong for the less experienced players of the Fossil team. "To my surprise they were really good," stated Ione starter Cayle Krebs.

As for the Cardinals' season, they are three and three now.

## Junior high girls basketball underway

Heppner Junior High School (HJHS) have announced the junior high girls' basketball schedule:

**HJHS girls' basketball schedule:**  
 Saturday, Jan. 16-Stanfield at Stanfield, 10 a.m.;  
 Friday, Jan. 22-Umatilla at Heppner, 3 p.m.;  
 Saturday, Jan. 23-Athena-Weston at Athena, 11 p.m.;  
 Friday, Jan. 29-Columbia Middle School at Irrigon, 1 p.m.;  
 Saturday, Jan. 30-Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 10 a.m.;  
 Friday, Feb. 5-Athena-

Weston at Heppner, 3 p.m.;  
 Saturday, Feb. 6-Umatilla at Umatilla, 10 a.m.;  
 Friday, Feb. 12-Pilot Rock at Heppner, 3 p.m.;  
 Saturday, Feb. 13-Columbia Middle School at Heppner, 10 a.m.;  
 Friday, Feb. 19-Stanfield at Heppner, 3 p.m.;  
 Saturday, Feb. 20-Seventh Grade Tournament, site and time TBA;  
 Saturday, Feb. 20-Eighth Grade Tournament at Heppner, 10 a.m.

## 4-H News

North Lex Livestock  
 By Natalie McElligott and Emily Key

North Lex Livestock Club met on January 24 at 3 p.m. at the Ione Fire Hall.

The club is led by Shelby Krebs and Jeremiah McElligott. The elected officers are: President Adrienne Swanson; Vice President Nikki McElligott; Secretary/Treasurer Salli McElligott; and news reporters Natalie McElligott and Emily Key.

The club talked about community service projects. They are going to replant the flower boxes on Main Street of Ione. At the meeting they also talked about the parts of sheep, swine and steer. There were 15 members present.

The next meeting is on February 7 at 1 p.m. at the Ione Fire Hall. They will be discussing livestock judging and the kinds of breeds. There will also be presentations given. Emily and Abby Key will be bringing refreshments.

**MARTINGALE'S**  
 By Brent Parks

The Martingale 4-H Horse Club met at the Ione City Library at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday February 13. The meeting was called to order by the 1998 President Nonnie Walters. The club welcomed a new member Brent Parks, who introduced his guests.

Christie Crowell presented club correspondence regarding two upcoming clinics. They include a driving clinic on January 24 and a dressage clinic on February 21.

Club members brought blankets and coats, which will be donated to Night Watch in Portland for the homeless people.

Sybil Krebs instructed Brent Parks on the 4-H pledge.

Election of the 1999 officers resulted in the following: President Nonnie Walters; Vice-President Brent Parks, and Secretary Kristal Temple.

The club will be having an Easter Egg Hunt at Crowell's again this year.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were provided by Kristie Crowell and Penny Krebs.

The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

## Holly Rebekah Lodge meets

By Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge met for the regular meeting on Thursday evening. In the absence of the Noble Grand and Vice Grande, Past Noble Grand Dorothy Jackson conducted the meeting.

A letter was read from the assembly president asking for April 15 as the official day of her visit, which the lodge accepted.

Election of officers was held, with the following elected: Marlene Grey, Noble Grand; Maureen Howard, Vice Grand; Delpha Jones, secretary; and Kathy Clark, treasurer.

The February card party was discussed and the committees appointed.

February is the men's month to serve refreshments.

Cards were sent to ill members and friends. Thank you cards were read from those receiving Christmas packages sent to help cheer the shut-ins during the holidays.

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## Master Gardener class scheduled

Oregon State University's Umatilla County Extension Office is offering Master Gardening classes to Morrow County residents.

The classes are taught by OSU Extension agents and horticulture specialists. Once participants complete the course they earn the title, Master Gardener.

In exchange for classroom instruction, Master Gardeners help local Extension agents extend horticulture information to their communities. They are expected to return at least 30 hours of volunteer time. Volunteer duties include answering questions at clinics, giving public talks and other horticulture projects for the community.

The classes will be held on Thursdays beginning February 4 at the Hermiston Agricultural Research Center Conference Room at 2121 S. First St., Hermiston from 6 p.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m.

The fee for new Master Gardeners is \$50 per person. Space is limited. Call 541-567-8321 to register. Fees will be due at the first class.

For more information call the Morrow County Extension Office at 541-676-9642.

## Gun Club results listed

The Morrow County Gun Club held their weekly shoot on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Lexington, with another beautiful day bringing plenty of shooters out, said reporter Sandi Day.

Winners of the 16 yard event were: first, Mick Sharp with the first perfect score of the season, 25 of 25; second a tie between Curt Day and Harvey Childers, both 24 of 25; and third a tie between Bob Krein and Mark Schlichting, 23 of 25.

Winners of the 20 yard handicap event were: first, Harvey Childers, 23 of 25; second, Kelwayne Haguewood, 22 of 25; and third, a three-way tie between Curt Day, Mark Schlichting and Tom White, 21 of 25.

Three Annie Oakley shoots were held, with Deona Hodges, Tom White and Bob Krein each with one. Bob Krein also won the golf round.

The next shoot will be held Saturday, Jan. 30 at noon at the gun club in Lexington.

## In the Service

**Marine Lance Cpl. Mathew Mickel**, son of Starr Mickel of Irrigon, recently arrived on station in the Arabian Gulf with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

The 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit was sent to the Arabian Gulf to support the USS Enterprise Battle group and USS Belleau Wood ARG, which recently participated in Operation Desert Fox.

Prior to departing their home base of Camp Pendleton, CA., in December, Mickel participated in a Pacific Joint Task Force exercise with more than 15,000 sailors, marines, airmen and coastguardsmen in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

The 1997 graduate of Thurston High School of Springfield joined the Marine Corps in August 1997.

## County Court examines shift in regional connections

The Morrow County Court is in the process of examining a shift in regional partnerships from the current alignment with the North Central Region, which includes Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman and Wasco counties, to an alignment with a new Northeast Region to include Umatilla, Baker, Union and Wallowa counties.

Morrow County and the other four Northeast counties are currently in the process of soliciting requests for proposals with a grant from the state to fully explore the potential advantages and disadvantages of forming this larger geographic and economic development region.

The study of forming a new five-county configuration is consistent with the governor's new strategy for Community Solution Teams (state agencies)

with new regional groupings, according to a Morrow County Court news release.

Although the court is in the proposal request process, they still considers this a tentative exploration. "We do not know what partnerships will look like until the legislature has concluded and we do not know yet what the results of the study will reveal."

The first meetings with representatives from the other northeast counties have been promising, they said, but any ultimate changes which may occur will probably be approached in phases.

The goal of the Morrow County Court, they said, is to form a strong regional partnership with whichever geographic region affords the greatest economic and community development opportunities for its citizens.

## Spaghetti feed Friday at HHS

The Heppner High School senior class is sponsoring a spaghetti feed this Friday, January 29, from 4-7 p.m. in the HHS home ec room.

The feed will take place during the HHS basketball game versus Weston-McEwen. Junior varsity girls' action begins at 3 p.m., followed by boys' Jvs, girls' varsity and concluding with

boys' varsity. The meal, which includes spaghetti, salad, bread and beverage, is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 13 and \$15 for a family.

Proceeds from the spaghetti feed go toward the Class of 1999's graduation trip to Disneyland.

## Genealogy class slated

Learn how to climb your family tree at the BMCC Beginning Genealogy class at the Morrow County Museum on Friday, February 12, at 2 p.m.

This free class will get you started in research and

documentation and familiarize you with resources available locally. Aimed at beginners, this class will also serve as a refresher for more experienced researchers. A follow-up class will be scheduled.

## Fair committee honors Wilkinsons

The Morrow County Fair Committee meet in January and decided on two major issues.

The first of these was to dedicate this year's premium books to Dick and Virginia Wilkinson of Heppner in honor of their many

years of service to the Morrow County Fair.

The second item discussed was the theme for this year's fair. They decided that "a bootin' and a scootin'" to the Morrow County Fair" would be fun theme for this year.

## Symphony invites young artists

The Oregon East Symphony is now accepting applications for its annual Young Artists Competition to be held Sunday, March 7 at the Vert Clubroom in Pendleton.

The competition is open to all musicians from elementary age through young adults up to age 25.

During the event, each entrant will perform from memory a solo piece that has orchestral accompaniment available. Contestants will be adjudicated in divisions based on their age

and grade level. Cash prizes of \$100. will be awarded to the winners of each division and some young artists may also be selected to perform with the Oregon East Symphony in concert.

To enter, each individual must submit a completed application form and entry fee of \$20. All entries must be received no later than February 19.

For more information or to obtain entry materials, call Alice Massey, Young Artists Competition chairman, at 541-276-7340.

## AG scholarships announced

New and continuing students in Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences have been awarded \$160,000 in scholarships. The awards were made possible by gifts to the E.R. Jackman Foundation and the OSU Foundation.

Receiving awards are two former Morrow County 4-H club members. Kristi Mason, daughter of Dean and Joyce Mason of Boardman, received a \$1,000 Lawrence E. and Marguerite Kaseberg Memorial Agricultural Honors scholarship and a \$750 Walter J. and

Florence J. Jaeger undergraduate scholarship. The 1998 graduate of Riverside High School is enrolled in a pre-veterinary medicine program in animal sciences.

Ryan Evans, son of Kenn and Mary Evans of Irrigon, received a \$1,500 award given by A-B Technologies International and Harvest States Foundation and a \$750 Cenex Foundation scholarship. The 1992 Riverside High School graduate is a senior majoring in agricultural business management in the OSU program on the Eastern Oregon University campus.

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