

## Heppner girls, boys' varsity head to district

Both the Heppner Mustang boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams will go to the district competition this Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Pendleton Convention Center. The girls will play at 7 p.m. and the boys at 8:30 p.m. The winners of those games will automatically advance to the state tournament, also to be held at the Pendleton Convention Center, March 2-6.

The girls will go into the District 7-2A contest in third place in the Columbia Basin Conference against Wahtonka, in second place. Heppner, Wahtonka, Pilot Rock and Weston McEwen were all tied for second place in the league, but a tie breaker resulted in Wahtonka taking second and Heppner, third. The Weston-McEwen TigerScots took the final berth in the CBC district tournament by defeating Pilot Rock, 51-48, in a playoff game Monday night. Sherman County, the number one girls' team in the league, will play Weston-McEwen at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The Mustang boys will also go into the District 7-2A tournament in third place against second-place Culver. Stanfield, the number-one ranked CBC boys' team, will play fourth-place Wahtonka at 3 p.m. Thursday.

If the Mustang girls' team beats Wahtonka Thursday, thereby qualifying for the state contest, they will play Friday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. to determine their seeding in the state tournament. If they go to state, the girls will either play Tuesday, March 2, at 11 a.m. or on Wednesday, March 3, at 11 a.m., depending on their seeding. Both games will be played at the Convention Center.

If the Mustang boys' team beats Culver Thursday, qualifying them for state, they will play at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, which will seed them in the state tournament. If they go to state,

they will either play Tuesday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m. or Wednesday, March 3, at 9:30 a.m., depending on their seeding. Both games will be played at the Convention Center.

Tickets for the district tournament will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, with a two-

game pass for \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. A two-day pass will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for students.

Because of the expanded 16-game format, some of the state tournament games will be at the Pendleton Convention Center and some at Pendleton High School.

Tickets for the state tournament will be \$60 for the season for adults and \$40 for students; individual sessions will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students; and admission to semi-finals and finals games will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

## Mustangs survive meeting with TigerScots, 65-60



Heppner Mustangs in action against TigerScots. L-R: Derek Gunderson, Jared Eckman (with ball), Riley Tingue and Tim Dickenson.

By Rick Paulus

A big fourth quarter helped the Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team survive the Weston-McEwen TigerScots' bid for an upset on Friday, Feb. 19, in Athena. The Mustangs scored 26 points in the fourth quarter to hold on for the 65-60 win.

It looked to be an easy game as the Mustangs' Shane Matheny and Tim Dickenson helped to get a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter. The TigerScots came back, however, to tie the score at 10-10 before Craig Scott scored on a lay-in on a nice pass from Derek Gunderson to make it 12-10 at the end of one. Dickenson finished with eight points in the quarter.

The Mustangs built the lead to 17-10 as Ryan Matteson hit two free throws and completed a three-point play. Gunderson hit a three-pointer and Casey Evans scored to make it 22-14, but the TigerScots wouldn't quit and came back to cut the lead to 25-22 at halftime.

Gunderson hit a basket and Dickenson scored on a tip-in to break a 29-all tie, but the TigerScots hit two three-pointers in a row to gain a 35-33 lead. Dickenson scored twice and Jared Eckman scored to help the Mustangs to a 39-37 lead. Dickenson also finished with eight points in the third quarter.

The TigerScots hit two three-pointers early in the fourth but Matheny and Eckman each scored and Matheny hit two free throws with 5:12 left to tie the score at 45-45. The TigerScots then took a 50-46 lead, but a Gunderson lay-in and a Matheny steal and lay-in tied the score again at 50-50 with 3:45 left.

Dickenson hit two free throws, Matheny scored and Gunderson and Dickenson each hit a free throw with 2:42 left to make it 56-50. Dickenson hit a lay-in to cap a 12-0 run to give the Mustangs their biggest lead at 58-50 with 2:10 left. The Mustangs made it a 10 point lead on two Matheny free throws and a lay-in on a pass from Gunderson. Gunderson hit three free throws down the stretch as the Mustangs escaped with the 65-60 win.

Dickenson had a good all-

around game, leading all scorers with 21 points. He also had 17 rebounds and six steals. Matheny had 14 points and two steals. Gunderson had 13 points and dished out six assists. Eckman had seven points and seven rebounds. Evans had 11 rebounds and two steals and Matteson grabbed eight rebounds and had three assists. The Mustangs hit 12 of 17 free throws in the fourth quarter and 22 of 35 for the game.

Statistics:  
Heppner: 12-13-14-26 65  
Weston-McEwen: 10-12-15-23 60  
Heppner: Tim Dickenson 8-5-10 21, Shane Matheny 4-6-8 14, Derek Gunderson 3-6-9 13, Jared Eckman 3-4-3 7, Ryan Matteson 1-3-3 5, Casey Evans 1-1-2 3, Craig Scott 1-0-1 2, Blas Elguezabal, Riley Tingue, Joe Papineau, Blake Knowles. 21 22-35 65. Three-pointers: Gunderson.  
Weston-McEwen: Peterson 4-4-5 15, Clark 3-6-8 13, Lieuellen 5-0-0 12, Fuller 4-0-0 8, Eastwood 1-5-7 7, Grimes 2-0-0 4, Perrine 0-1-5 1, Monaco, Tucker, Parsons. 19 16-25 60. Three-pointers: Peterson (3), Lieuellen (2), Clark.

## Blue & Gold Banquet planned Feb. 28

Cub Scout Pack 661's annual Blue and Gold Banquet will be held Saturday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club.

The evening will feature a cake auction with cakes baked by cub

scouts and their fathers. The dinner is potluck with attendees asked to bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Bowling League

### Koffee Kup Keglers Week of Jan. 14

	W	L
The BJs	9	3
MCGG	5	7
The Dregs	5	7
No Pin Hitters	5	7

High game: Joan Smith 191, Janet Beamer 185.

High series: LaJuana McKenzie 490, Joan Smith 489.

Splits: Betty McDonald 4-5-7, 2-7, Maude Hughes 3-9-10, Peggy Michel 3-10, Karen Wildman 3-10, Betty Brown 2-4-5-10, Iris Campbell 5-10.

### Week of Jan. 21

	W	L
The BJs	10	6
MCGG	8	8
No Pin Hitters	8	8
The Dregs	6	10

High game: Iris Campbell 187, Luvilla Sonstegard 184.

High series: Iris Campbell 483, Luvilla Sonstegard 458.

Splits: Maude Hughes 5-7, Karen Wildman 9-10.

### Week of Jan. 28

	W	L
The BJs	14	6
MCGG	11	9
No Pin Hitters	9	11
The Dregs	6	14

High game: Bunnie Lindsay and Joan Smith 188, Iris Campbell 181.

High series: Joan Smith 505, Bunnie Lindsay 495.

Congratulations to Joan Smith for an all-spate game.

### Week of Feb. 4

	W	L
The BJs	18	6
No Pin Hitters	13	11
MCGG	11	13
The Dregs	6	18

High game: Joan Smith 179, LaJuana McKenzie 173.

High series: Joan Smith 505, LaJuana McKenzie 471.

Splits: Betty Brown 3-10, Luvilla Sonstegard 3-10, Joan Smith 5-10, 5-10, Janet Beamer 3-10, Iris Campbell 5-7, 5-10, 3-10.

### Week of Feb. 11

	W	L
The BJs	22	6
No Pin Hitters	13	15
MCGG	12	16
The Dregs	9	19

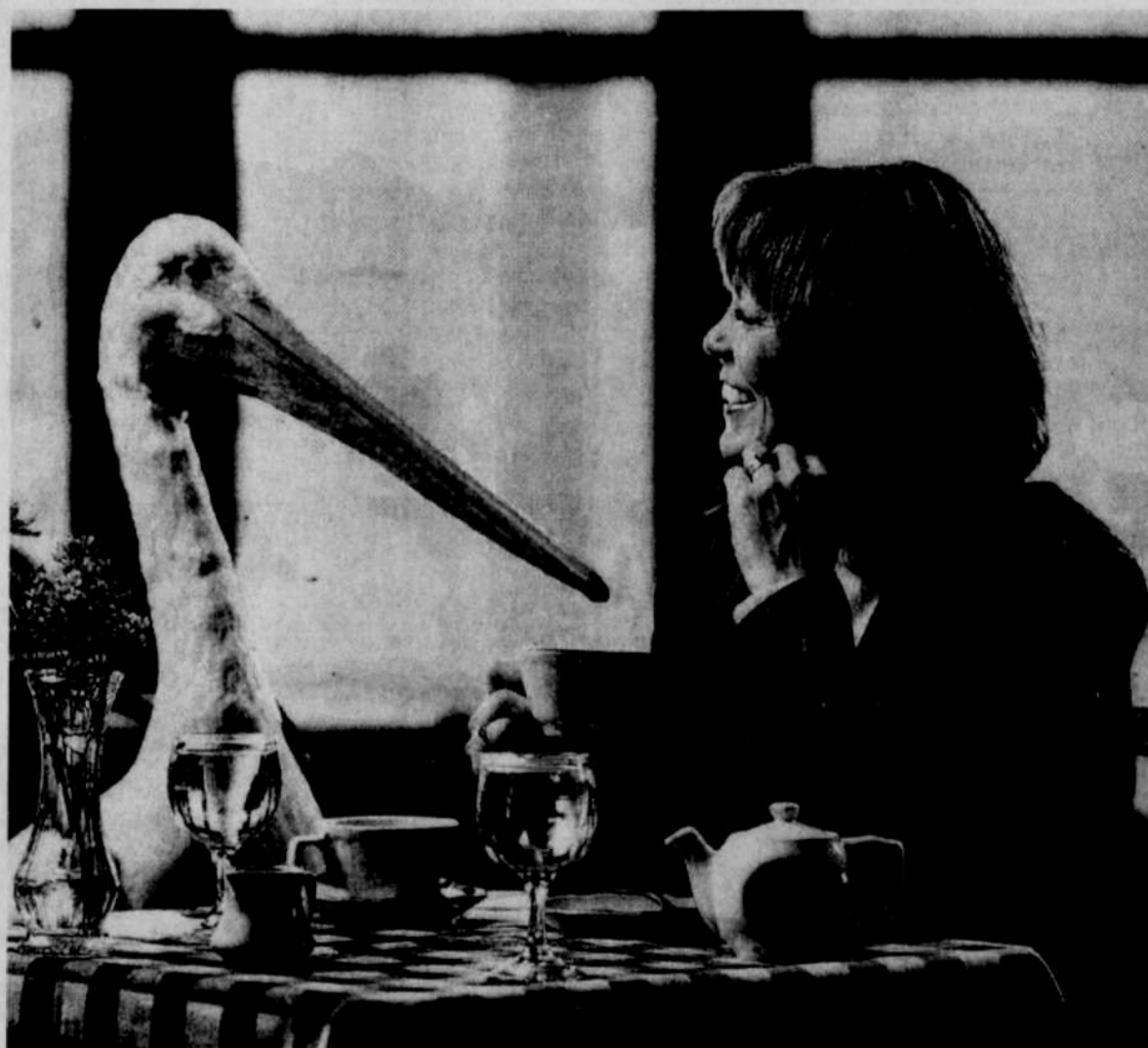
High game: Joan Smith 192, 186, 172.

High series: Joan Smith 550.

Splits: Peggy Michel 2-7.

## Ione winter sports dessert

The Ione winter sports dessert will be held Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the Ione High School cafeteria.



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**Pelican:** Uh, can we get back to those oysters?

**Sue:** Sorry, gotta fly. There's a chef in Seattle who's doing exciting things with pickled eel.

**Pelican:** Pickled eel? I'm right behind you, sister.

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