

HHS JV girls win two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls beat the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots, 46-30, on Friday, Feb. 11 in Athena and followed that up with a 45-25 win at home over the Culver Bulldogs on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The wins improve their record to 14-4 with a game at Wahtonka on Saturday, Feb. 19, to wrap up the season.

The Mustangs got seven pints from Lacey Matteson and four from Sarah Eckman in the first quarter to take a 14-8 lead at Weston-McEwen.

Brett Barber scored seven and Jenni Patton, five, in the second quarter to help the Mustangs take a 26-15 lead at halftime.

Jesse Gutierrez hit two three-pointers in the third quarter as the Mustangs led 34-25 after three and broke open the game in the fourth quarter to get the win.

Barber scored 11 points, had six rebounds and five steal to pace the Mustangs. Patton finished with eight points, four rebounds and three steals and Eckman had six points and four steals. Cindy Gall led the Mustangs in rebounding with eight. Gutierrez had three steals and Jodie Carlson had four rebounds.

Meghan Bailey scored six points and Barber, five, as the Mustangs took an 11-4 lead after one against the Bulldogs. Shelley Rietmann had six second-quarter points as the Mustangs took a 20-16 lead at intermission.

The Bulldogs cut the lead to 25-23 going into the fourth, but the Mustangs outscored Culver, 20-2, to get the easy win.

Matteson, Gutierrez and Barber each scored four points in the quarter.

Barber again led the Mustangs with 11 points, had five steals and pulled down four rebounds. Gutierrez had seven points, four rebounds and one assist. Patton had two steals, three rebounds and an assist and Matteson, Rietmann, Jesse Kempas and Kelsey Greenup each had three rebounds.

The Mustangs shot 11-15 from the free throw line for the game.

Statistics

Heppner 14 12 8 12-46
Weston-McEwen 8 7 10 5-30
Heppner-Brett Barber 5 0-6 11, Jenni Patton 3 2-3 8, Lacey Matteson 2 2-2 7, Sarah Eckman 3 0-2 6, Jesse Gutierrez 2 0-0 8, Jodie Carlson 1 2-5 4, Shelley Rietmann 1 0-1 2, Cindy Gall 0 1-4 1, Meghan Bailey 0 1-2 1, Nikki Sisk 17 8-25 46.
3pt.-Gutierrez 2, Matteson, Barber.

Culver 4 12 7 2-25
Heppner 11 9 5 20-45
Heppner-Barber 4 2-4 11, Gutierrez 2 2-2 7, Bailey 2 2-2 6, Rietmann 2 2-2 6, Carlson 2 0-0 4, Matteson 1 2-2 4, Patton 1 1-2 3, Kelsey Greenup 1 0-1 2, Jesse Kempas 1 0-0 2, Eckman 15 11-15 45.
3pt.-Gutierrez, Barber.

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Ione Varsity defeat Cougars

Ione basketball teams traveled to Echo on Saturday, Feb. 12, defeating the Echo Cougars, 62-43.

Brad Burright led the Cardinals with 20 points, generating two baskets from the three-point territory. Burright also brought down 10 rebounds for the Ione squad. Allen Gribskov added 16 points to the Cardinal score. Senior Mark McElligott led on

the boards with 15 rebounds, scored eight points, shoveled out four assists and blocked one shot.

Cory Bennetto scored nine points, brought down five rebounds and earned two steals. David Mansfield contributed seven points, grabbed five rebounds and robbed one ball from the possession of the Wheeler team.

Ione men lose to Wheeler

The Ione varsity men lost a chance to gain their berth into the district tournament, losing to Wheeler, 53-44 on Friday, Feb. 11.

Ione had difficulty in the first quarter scoring only two points. The second quarter proved to be more successful with Ione scoring 16 points and ending the first half with the score tied at 18 points.

Ione outscored the Falcons 10-8 in the third quarter but Wheeler turned up the heat in the fourth quarter, scoring 27 points to

bring an end to the Cardinals' hope for a much needed victory.

Brad Burright scored 15 points, grabbed nine rebounds, handed out two assists and blocked one shot. Mark McElligott added 14 points, dished out four assists and brought down nine rebounds for the Cardinal cause. Cory Bennetto contributed eight points and had seven rebounds. Mark McElligott canned a three-point bucket in the second quarter and Allan Gribskov followed with a three-point basket in the third quarter.

Inland NW musicians to change concert dates

Inland Northwest Musicians announces a change in its February concert dates. The new dates are Saturday, Feb. 26, and Sunday, Feb. 27.

The Saturday performance will be in Joseph at the high school at 7 p.m. The Sunday concert will be at 3:15 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton.

The program for both concerts includes works by Mendelssohn, Haydn, a selection by Faure with Jane Bane as cello soloist and a piece by Hovhanness highlighted by multimedia special effects.

Bane, principal cellist of Inland Northwest Musicians, will be featured in Gabriel Faure's composition for solo cello and

orchestra, "Elegie". A special feature of the program is "And God Created Great Whales" by Alan Hovhanness, written in 1969 for a commission from conductor Andre Kostelanetz.

Tickets in Pendleton will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors. All students from Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Echo and Stanfield will be admitted free with ID. Because of sponsorship underwriting, tickets in Joseph will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for seniors. All students from Enterprise, Joseph, Lostine and Wallowa will be admitted free with ID. Call 541-938-0645 or 541-966-6649 for further information.

Ione FBLA places in district competition

Seven Future Business Leaders of America members from Ione High School traveled to LaGrande on Feb. 8 to join other schools in competition at Eastern Oregon University.

Over 400 students competed from high schools including Ione, Imbler, Elgin, Echo, La Grande, Pendleton, Vale, Weston-McEwen, Wallula, Union, Grant-Union, Burnt River, Enterprise and Condon.

Students competed in such events as accounting, business law, impromptu speaking and parliamentary procedures.

Two Ione students placed in their events, qualifying them to attend state competition to be held in Portland in April. The two students who qualified were Caitlin Orem, placing third in introduction to business, and Cameron Krebs, placing sixth in the same event.

Chamber greeters to welcome newcomers

The Heppner Community Greeter program has begun. This Heppner Chamber of Commerce-sponsored committee is now prepared to personally deliver a welcome basket to newcomers coming into the community to

greet and inform them about Heppner and its surrounding areas "in a way that makes them feel welcome and comfortable so they gain ownership in their new community".

Local merchants and agencies will participate in the program and fill the donated basket with appropriate newcomer information. According to chairperson Jerri Sly, "The mayor's letter of welcome and the smiling faces of these volunteer greeters will continue to extend Heppner's friendliness."

Greeters are Jerri Sly, Barbara Struthers, Bob Jepsen, Joanne Burleson, Margaret Flaherty, Irene Schroeder, Pam Schmidt, Ginger Keithley, Brent Waldrep and Carolyn Willey.

Businesses or agencies that have not yet provided material or gifts for inclusion in this basket, and want to be included, should contact one of the volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a greeter should contact Jerri Sly.

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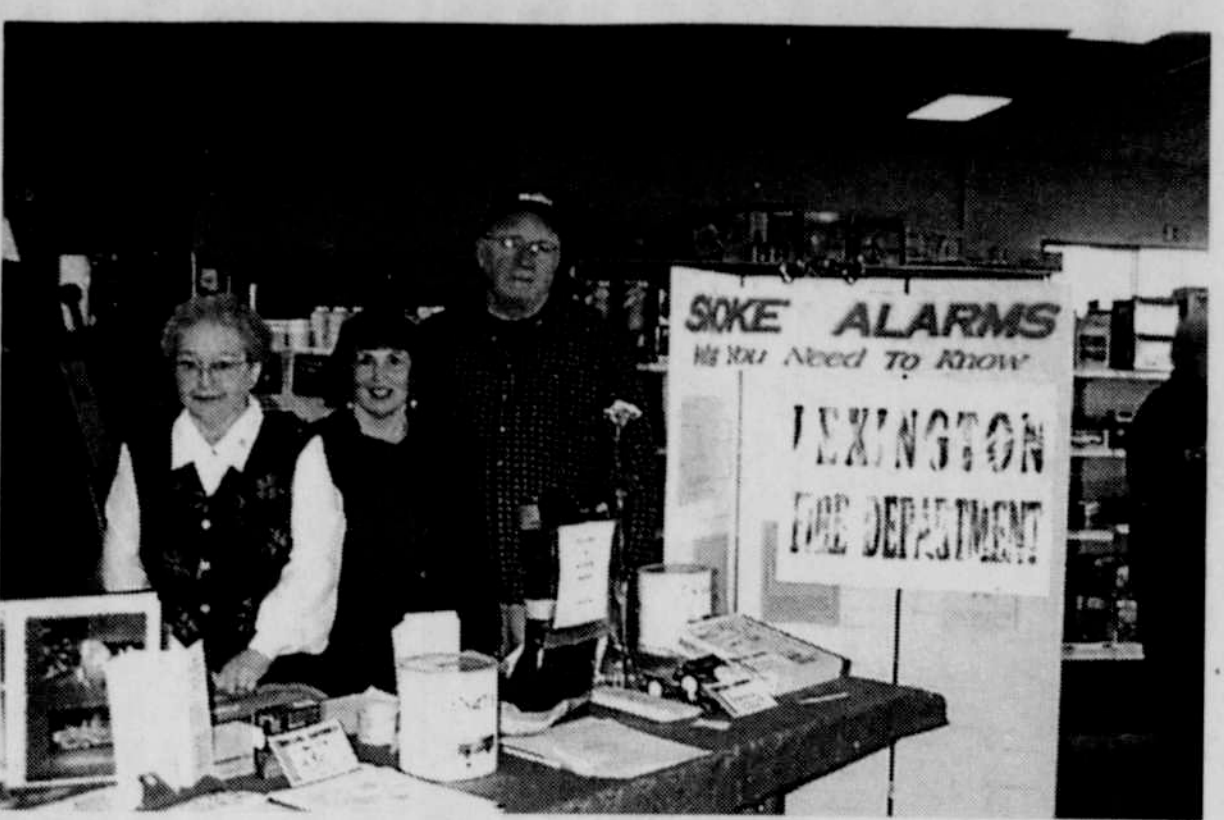
There is still time to submit your e-mail address and be included in the Willow Creek Valley e-mail directory.

The directory will be published in March by the Heppner Gazette-Times and will include e-mail addresses of businesses and individuals in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione area. Many people have already turned in their addresses both on written forms and over the Internet.

If you would like to have your business or individual e-mail address included in the directory please stop by the Gazette and pick up a form, or send an e-mail to the Gazette (gt@heppner.net) with directory in the subject line and your e-mail address in the body of the message, or do as many have done-log onto the Heppner web site (www.heppner.net) and fill out the quick and easy on-line form.

The directory is for the people of Heppner, Ione and Lexington to better communicate, and will not be published on the Internet or used for any advertising purposes. Deadline to submit your e-mail address is Feb. 29.

Lexington FD drawing winners announced



Marg Ball (left), along with Pam Renfro and her husband Lexington mayor John Renfro, man the Lexington Fire Department Auxiliary booth at the Grain Growers annual customer appreciation day. The auxiliary was taking donations for the fire department and handing out literature on fire prevention and smoke detectors.

The Lexington Fire Dept. Auxiliary held several drawings during the Morrow County Grain Growers' Appreciate Day breakfast on Feb. 12. Following are the people who won prizes:

Lori Anderson of Condon and Corrine Miles of Heppner won smoke alarms. Stephanie Holland and Jordan Graff, both of Ione, won children's games.

Cattlemen's meeting scheduled

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Spring Quarterly board meeting will be held Feb. 18-19 at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

The board meeting will convene at noon on Friday, Feb. 18, and end at noon the next day. One catered dinner will be available.

The agenda will include: consideration of changes to OCA's procedures and policies. Each county president has been mailed copies; an update from Brent Searle, Oregon Department of Agriculture, on a mediation program for permittees with the USFS; USFS changes for permittees concerning "implementation monitoring"; an Oregon Trail Beef update; a tour of the Port of Morrow by Director Greg Smith; duties and responsibilities of the board; and committee reports.

"Attending this quarterly OCA meeting is a great opportunity for Morrow County producers to learn of the pressing issues of Oregon cattlemen," said Bill Broderick, OSU Morrow County Extension agent.

Roger Britt to speak at Life Center

The Christian Life Center, 535 W. Morgan St., Heppner, will hold special meetings Sunday, Feb. 20 through Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Roger Britt will be the speaker. He will speak Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday evening's meeting will focus on youth. Youth are welcome to arrive at 4:30 p.m. for pizza and games prior to the service.

The services Monday through Wednesday will be held at 7 p.m. In addition to Roger's sermons, each service will include music and testimonies from individuals about how Jesus Christ has brought them through difficult circumstances.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Any Irish left in Morrow County?

By Claudia Hughes

Attention all ye Irishmen, women and children. Someone has challenged the existence of many Irish left in Morrow County. Are ye still here?

The St. Patrick's Committee plans to have a large map of Morrow County and of Ireland at the KUMA coffee hour on Saturday, March 18.

All Irish descendants are invited to come place a "wee" green flag with their name and the county from whence they or their ancestors came upon it. These flags will be provided. What area in Morrow County is the most populated with Irish descendants? We shall see.

Irish descendants are also asked to send the following information to: "You bet I'm Irish", P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836 right away. Give your name, when you came to Morrow County, area where you live (town, Hinton Creek, Willowcreek, Buttercreek, etc.); name of your first ancestor to arrive in Morrow County (and other places in the U.S. as well), the year and their home county in Ireland.

"As a result of this Irish survey, some fun will be had by one and all during this year 2000 celebration," says Claudia Hughes, St. Patrick's chairperson.

Gun Club holds shoot

By Sandi Day

The Morrow County Gun Club held their weekly shoot on a cold, foggy Sunday morning, but a hot pot of chili made by Cindy Greenup kept everybody warm for the day.

The 16-yard line winners were Harvey Childers and Rob Ashbeck in a tie for first, second went to Travis Greenup, and third to Barry Munkers and Mick Sharp. Rob Ashbeck also took first at

the 20-yard line, followed by Harvey Childers with second and Jeff Cutsforth with third. Bill Greenup won the Annie Oakley.

The ladies had another good weekend with Bonnie Grant taking first at the 16-yard line, Sandi Day was second and Lacey Davis was third.

The next shoot will be on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. at the club house in Lexington.

Food handler's class scheduled

A Food Handler's Class will be offered by Blue Mountain Community College and the State Health Division on Wednesday, March 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School Cafeteria.

A food handler's card is required by the State of Oregon for all employees who handle or prepare food in food service facilities in Oregon. This includes dishwashers, waiters, staff and business persons. Additionally, the card is also required now of all day care

workers. There is no charge for the class but a \$10 licensing fee is payable to the State Health Department after successful completion of the written test.

For more information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator for South Morrow County at 422-7040.

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