



The lone boys peewee basketball team

(left to right) front: Alex Rietmann, Zac Orem, Adam Collin, Trevor Graff. Back row: Justin Key, Stephen Holland, Mikey Raible, Kevin LaRue. Coach: Mark McElligott.



The lone girls peewee basketball team

(left to right) front: Salli McElligott (coach), Stephanie Schuler, Beth Morter, Mary Rietmann. Coach: Nikki McElligott. Back row: Kylie McElligott, Mary Gates, Stephanie Archer, Cassie Arbogast.

Drawing to help with medical expenses

A drawing for half a beef to help with the medical expenses for Faith Healy and Juan Elguezabal, who are both battling serious illness, will be held on April 30 at St. Patrick's Parish in Heppner.

Tickets for the raffle, which is sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish, will be available for \$1 each at Murray Drugs, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Kuhn, Spicer and Mills law office in Heppner.

The beef was donated by

Corrine and Larry Lindsay/Lindsay Feedlot.

Accounts for donations have also been set up for Healy and Elguezabal at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Correction

The Gazette-Times incorrectly reported the results of the second vote concerning the Morrow County School District budget at the district meeting on February 14.

Six members, not five approved \$992,000 in cuts to the district budget. Approving the cuts were Gary Frederickson, Dwayne Carroll, John Rietmann, Pat McNamee, Julie Weikel and Keith Lewis. Only Barney Lindsay voted against the cuts. The G-T story stated that Lewis also voted against the cuts.

In the first vote concerning the budget, Lewis and Lindsay voted in favor of an amended proposal which would have reduced the cuts to \$692,000 to retain teaching staff, targeted administration and administration's use of district vehicles to cut expenses. The proposal also recommended that the budget committee meet with board members and advisory members prior to a vote on the cuts.

Mustang girls, Heppner 7th graders tournament champs boys head to district

The Heppner Mustang girls lost a district playoff game against Pilot Rock by 10 points Monday, Feb. 22, in Hermiston.

The Heppner girls will now go to the District 7-AA basketball tournament in third place.

The Mustang girls will play Weston-McEwen on Friday, Feb. 25, at the Pendleton Convention Center. The winner of that contest will play on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 1:30 p.m. against the winner of the Pilot Rock vs. Wahtonka game which is to be played Friday at 1:30 p.m.

The Mustang boys will also play Weston-McEwen on Friday, at 8:30 p.m., immediately following the girls' game.

The winner of that game will either play Pilot Rock or Sherman County on Saturday at 3 p.m. Pilot Rock and Sherman County will play off on Friday at 3 p.m.

District ticket prices are as follows: per session-\$5 adults, \$3 students; per day-\$8 adults, \$5 students; all tournament, \$12 adults, \$7 students.

Morrow County Gun Club News

By Sandi Day

The sun finally decided to shine briefly for the weekly shoot of the Morrow County Gun Club on Sunday afternoon.

The warmer temperature brought out the best in several shooters, including a perfect 25 shot by Mick Sharp to take a first at the 16 yard line, followed by two 24 scores by Harvey Childers and Kelwayne Haguewood and a three-way tie with Barry Munkers, Mark Schlichting and Curt Day, each with 21.

There was also a three-way tie for first at the 20-yard line between Childers, Sharp and Matt Clark with 20. Munkers took second with 18 and third went to Schlichting and Jeff Cutsforth with 17.

The women shooters shot well with Deona Hodges taking first at the 16-yard line with an 18 and Bonnie Grant and Sandi Day each with 15.

In the 20 yard handicap shoot Sandi Day took first followed by Deona Hodges and Bonnie Grant third.

Two Annie Oakley's were shot with Sandi Day taking the first and Kelwayne Haguewood winning the second.

The next shoot will be held Sunday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse in Lexington.

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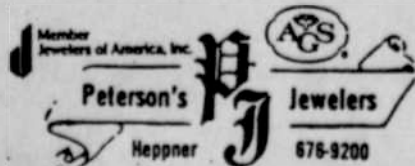
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(left to right) Back row: Blair Keithley, Linsey Mitchell, Emily Bergstrom, Tim Van Cleave, Kelly Straley, Chelsea Britt, Tara Wilson. Front row: Madison Bailey, Shanna Rietmann, Cara Kennedy, Liz Orwick, Jessica Wainwright.

The Heppner seventh-grade girls completed their season Saturday, Feb. 19, as tournament champions.

The girls finished the season at 11-2.

"They fought their way through a tough tournament bracket placement, playing the top three teams of their league," said coach Tim Van Cleave.

They started first by beating Stanfield, 12-6, playing again with tough defense. Linsey Mitchell led all scorers with six and shut out their top scorer, holding her scoreless for the game.

The second game was a rematch with Weston whom they split with during the season.

They started out with a great first half, leading 8-3 at halftime. After halftime Weston came back and got ahead 9-8 before Heppner responded, holding on for a 13-12 game. "Again, it was defense that brought them through," said Van Cleave.

Shannon Rietmann led all scorers with seven points.

The last game was against Columbia Junior High of Irrigon who had only lost one game all year, which was to Heppner. It was the time for a big showdown of two great teams. Columbia had beaten their first opponent by more than 20 points in their first game, with the starters sitting out the entire second half. Despite that, plus the disadvantage of having played a very emotional second game and playing one more game than Columbia, Heppner came out on top, winning 10-6.

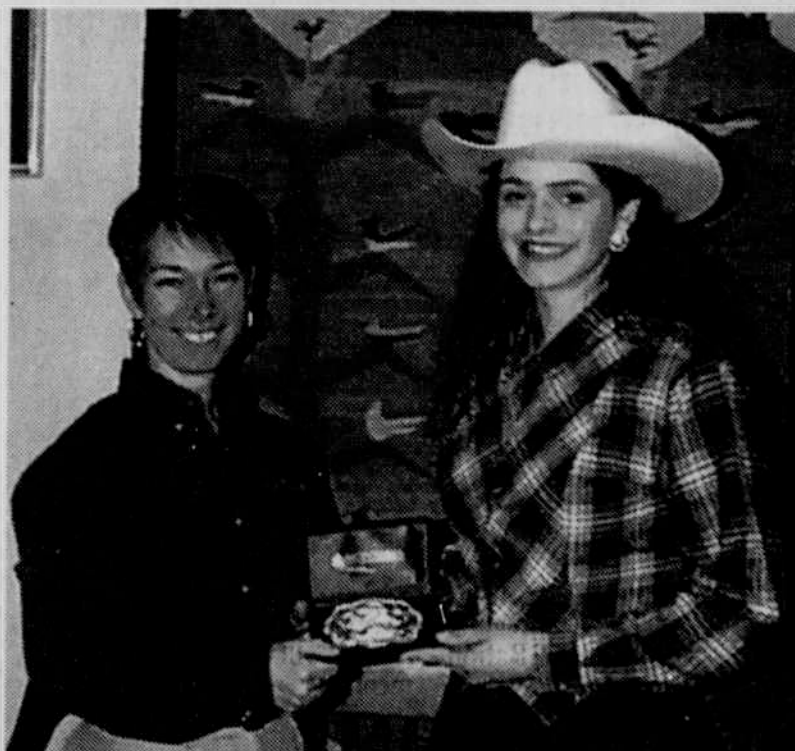
Columbia came out in the second half of their game with Heppner scoring only two points, their lowest point total for that period of time against any team for the season. With a great defensive effort from Shanna Rietmann and Linsey Mitchell and the rest of the team, Heppner shut down Columbia's scorers.

Linsey Mitchell again held her person scoreless. Chelsea Britt tied in top scoring honors with four points.

Coach Tim Van Cleave said,

"It was the strong play of our bench in the first two games that got us to the championship round. Everyone made a great contribution to the team today."

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