

Lady Mustangs play where the pros play

On Sunday, July 8, 15 members of the Heppner girl's Mustang basketball team and their coaches traveled to Portland to play in a pre-Fire game at the Rose Garden.

Heppner overpowered the Regis Rams, 27-16. The Mustangs jumped out to an early lead with very intense defense and stayed in control the entire game. Regis couldn't handle Heppner's pressure defense and the Mustangs never let up and dominated every aspect of the game.

"The girls played awesome," said Coach Dana Reid. "They were relaxed and having fun and it showed."

The Portland Fire WNBA team is in its second season and the pre-game games are a way to bring more fans to the Rose Garden. "It was a great opportunity for the girls to play where the pros play. That's not something a lot of high school athletes get the chance to experience," said Reid.

Along with the players, over 50 Heppner fans made their way to Portland to show their support for the team.

"Playing in the Rose Garden was the coolest thing I've ever done in my life," said Meghan Bailey, senior. "We played the best we've played all throughout summer league and it was awesome to beat a good team like Regis." Teammate Shelley Rietmann, senior, also thought playing in the Rose Garden was "cool." "Playing where great players play gives you an awesome feeling," she added.

Following the Heppner/Regis game, the entire group watched the Portland Fire take on the Utah Jazz. After leading the entire game, Portland let Utah slip away in the final minute. Utah beat Portland, 65-63.

"It was a great opportunity and a great experience," said junior Marcy Miller. "We really learned a lot from watching them play and it was a lot of fun."

The Rose Garden was packed and full of excitement. The Heppner basketball team showed their support for Fire and in return received post game passes to meet two of the Portland players. Sylvia Crowley, post player with 16 points, 10 rebounds, signed autographs for the Mustangs to close out a fun-filled day at the Rose Garden.

Heppner players were Blake Allstott, Madison Bailey, Meghan Bailey, Brett Barber, Chelsey Britt, Stephanie Hanson, Blair Keithley, Lacey Matteson, Marcy Miller, Linsey Mitchell, Shanna Rietmann, Shelley Rietmann, Brooke Rust, Tylynn Smith and Nikki Sisk. Coaches were Dana Reid and Ron Brisbois.



Lady Mustangs and their coaches at the Rose Garden

BEO, Willow Creek Water Park join together to offer free Mondays at the pool through July



Bank of Eastern Oregon employees celebrate Free Mondays at the Willow Creek Water Park in Heppner. The bank donated funds to allow the water park to offer free swimming 1-5 p.m. on Mondays in July. Pictured (left to right) are: top row-BEO employees Mindy Sample and Dina Ruiz; center-WCWP assistant manager Stephanie Clough, WCWP manager Merry Brannon, BEO employees Darrell Raver, Nicole Coe, Vicki Rayburn, Dawna Dougherty; front-BEO employees Valerie Hasbrouck and Tobey Garrett.

Local grad receives award

Ann Shear, a 2001 graduate of Ione High School, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Allegra Equine Formulas scholarship.

Shear will receive a \$500 store credit at an Allegra feed dealership towards the purchase of Allegra feed and a \$500 check for entry fees in upcoming horse competitions.

She plans to use the scholarship while rodeoing at college.

Shear is the daughter of Ruby and Tom Shear, Ione.

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St. Patrick's Senior Center BULLETIN BOARD

By Velma Wight

We are grateful to the cooks for a good dinner of turkey, pork chops, potatoes, string beans, brown gravy, dressing, juice, milk, cookies and cinnamon apple for dessert last week.

We have another new lady volunteering in the office on Wednesday afternoons-Doris Brosnan. On Thursday mornings, Eleanor Gonty volunteers.

Judy Buschke is coordinator in the office and for RSVP.

On Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the dining room, we had beans, carrots, cookies and blueberry muffins for lunch. Barbara Struthers showed a movie on tape called "Our Gang" at 2 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. We also watched "The Wonderful Kangaroo."

On Friday morning, the bus left for a shopping trip to Hermiston. Six of us went shopping, had lunch at Shari's and had lots of fun. The bus driver was Ed Baker.

The card players had their fun on Friday at 1 p.m. also. One table was in play; the players were Daisy Collins, Marian Murchison, Donnie Reed and Doris Brosnan. Sylvia McDaniel and Floss Watkins had their fun working the puzzle.

Marian Murchison is the manager at the St. Pat's Senior Center and Doug Gunderson is her coordinator.

On Thursday, July 26, Ed Baker will drive the bus to Condon for dinner, leaving the senior center at 10:30 a.m.

The bus will go to the Old-Time Fiddlers Concert on Saturday, July 28, leaving the senior center at 5 p.m. They will have sandwiches and strawberry shortcake, or you can eat before you leave. The cost for the fiddlers' contest is \$3. Bus fare to Milton-Freewater can be a donation of \$1 for the bus driver. If you want to go, sign up at the senior center office and let us know where you want to be picked up at.

Wednesday's dinner at the senior center will be chef's salad with ham, turkey, cheese and eggs, garbanzo beans and tomatoes, fruit salad, muffins, dixie cup ice cream, coffee, milk, juice or tea.

My son Gary Wight is leaving on a trip to Alaska for a week.

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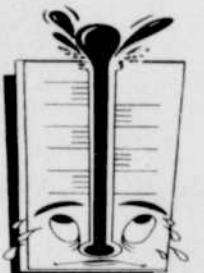
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Wheatland Pomona picnic planned

The Wheatland Pomona Grange picnic will be held this Sunday, July 22, beginning at 1 p.m. at Anson Wright Park.

The meat will be furnished. Those attending are asked to bring a potluck dish.