

Ione boys' 'C' team loses to Umatilla

The Ione boys' 'C' team lost to the Umatilla JV team, 45-30, at Ione on November 29. Jeff Hunt and Til Tullis each made eight points for the Cardinals. Hunt had seven rebounds and made one assist and Tullis had five rebounds and one assist. Curtis Thompson made four points, had six rebounds and made one assist. John Collins and Cody Bergstrom each made three points with Collins getting four rebounds and Bergstrom making one assist and nabbing three steals. Taylor McElligott made two points and grabbed two rebounds and Arthur Ekstrom made two points. Tim Doherty

grabbed five rebounds and made one assist and Gene Ball made an assist. The team shot 14-52 for 27 percent, while Umatilla shot 18-70 for 26 percent. "For our first game, I was real pleased for their effort," commented coach Jim Swanson. "Playing Umatilla is always a hard contest for our kids, but we had very balanced scoring. They shot the ball a lot and that's what we want for now. We stayed with them until the last of the fourth quarter where they outscored us down the stretch, 14-2. I was real proud of the kids for their first game."

Ione varsity boys lose tight game

Ione Cardinal varsity men lost a tight game against Stanfield on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Ione trailed at the end of the first quarter by three points. While Ione dumped in eight points in the second quarter, Stanfield canned three attempts from the three point territory, making it difficult for Ione to keep up. Ione outscored Stanfield in the final quarter but still had a 46-53 deficit at the close of the game. Brad Burrigh did an outstanding job inside to lead the team with 25 points. Burrigh also delivered two assists, captured 11 rebounds, one steal and blocked one shot. Adam Neiffer was swift at getting to the ball and taking it to the hoop. Neiffer

scored 17 points, led the team on the boards with 12 rebounds, led the thievery with three steals, delivered two assists and blocked one shot. Ashley Roberts did a tremendous job of driving the ball into the paint and getting the pass to his teammates. Roberts scored four points, delivered two assists, seized seven rebounds, two steals and led the team with two blocked shots. Billy Gates led the team with assists and nabbed one Tiger possession. Andrew Rietmann grabbed four rebounds and one steal. Nick Christman and Adam McCabe came off the bench to contribute one rebound to the team effort.

Mustang JVs nip Hermiston Frosh

The Heppner Mustang JV boys basketball team moved to 3-0 on the year by beating the Hermiston Freshmen, 48-45, in Hermiston, on Thursday, Dec. 13. Josh Winters led a balanced scoring effort by the Mustangs with 11 points, followed by Donald

Adams with seven. Conor Kilkenny, Justin Botefuhr, Brian Haguewood and Brian Smith each had six points. Statistics: Heppner: Josh Winters 5 1-2 11, Donald Adams 3 1-2 7, Brian Smith 2 2-2 6, Conor Kilkenny 3 0-0 6, Brian Haguewood 3 0-0 6, Justin Botefuhr 2 2-4 6, Tanner Britt 2 0-0 4, Kyler Lovgren 0 2-2 2, Doug Orwick. 20 8-12 48. Three-pointers: none.

Black ice isn't nice

During the winter months, Oregon motorists deal with snow, wind, blowing snow, fog and reduced visibility. Another hazardous situation that travelers need to be aware of is black ice. Black ice on the roadways can be difficult to see. Motorists are advised to pay attention to a change in color or a change in the reflection of the pavement surface. If the road surface is wet and all of sudden it looks dry, it could be black ice. Also if motorists come across a sparkling road surface it could be either frost or black ice.

pavement before entering what could be a slippery area. If it's too late to properly slow down, do not make any sudden changes or maneuvers and gradually use the brakes. If motorists find themselves on black ice and losing control, steer into the direction of the skid. Do not use cruise control if there is even a remote possibility of encountering black ice, frost, or snow.

"The best way to deal with black ice is to anticipate where you have a likelihood of encountering it, such as on shady curves and bridges then slow down and to drive accordingly," said Dan Knoll, public information representative for ODOT Region 4.

Knoll also recommends that motorists should slow down on dry

4-H News

Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans 4-H Club

By Emily Bergstrom, reporter
Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans 4-H Club went to the Tri-Cities, WA., on Nov. 30. There they went to a fabric store and picked out material for their quilts that they are making. Sue Jones helped them pick material out so they got the right colors and the right amount. The people who drove them over were George Nairns and Rita Bergstrom. Members who went were Krystal Nairns, Kendra Rayburn, Laurie Murray and Emily Bergstrom. On Dec. 7, the group had a meeting. During that meeting, they worked on making their blocks for their quilts. They also agreed to pay back Rita Bergstrom for buying them lunch. The group also decided to make cookies for the Morrow County Grain Growers open house.

HHS plans service auction

The Heppner High School senior class is planning a service auction on Friday, Dec. 21, during the half times of the varsity basketball games. The seniors will be auctioned off to work for people in the community. Heppner hosts Ione High School in games that will begin with the junior varsity girls at 3 p.m. The varsity girls' game will begin around 6 p.m.; the senior boys will be auctioned off during the girls' half time. The varsity boys' game will follow; the senior girls will be auctioned off during their half time. Twenty-one seniors are participating in this fund raiser that will help the kids raise money for their senior trip to San Francisco. The minimum bid is \$50 and the maximum bid is \$100 for one eight-hour day of work.

The students participating include: Jesse Gutierrez, Paula Spicerkuhn, Julie Proctor, Shelley Rietmann, Ashley Collette, Meghan Bailey, Kelsey Greenup, Claire Anderson, Kelly Paullus, Leland Rill, Michael McCabe, Stefan Matheny, Kevin Drake, Dan Fortner, Sam VanLiew, Jon Bennett, David Norton, Brian Rust, Travis Bellamy, Jody Maddern and Brad Bowman.

Mustang 'C' team takes wins over Condon, Spray; loses to Ukiah

By Rick Paullus
After dropping their third game of the year in overtime to Ukiah, 60-58, the Heppner Mustang "C" team boys came back with a 37-25 win over Condon and a 50-33 win over Spray. All three games were played in Heppner.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, the Mustangs trailed 10-9 after one against Ukiah, with four points from Brandon Seitz and three from Adam Wight. The Mustangs trailed, 24-21, at halftime, despite six points from Josh Gutierrez and four from Kiel Nairns. Seitz and Gutierrez each scored six points in the third as the Mustang rallied to take a 37-34 lead after three, only to have Ukiah come back and tie the game at 52-52 to force overtime. Gutierrez hit two three-pointers in the extra period, but Ukiah scored in the final seconds to escape with the win.

Gutierrez finished with 20 points with Seitz adding 16. Nairns finished

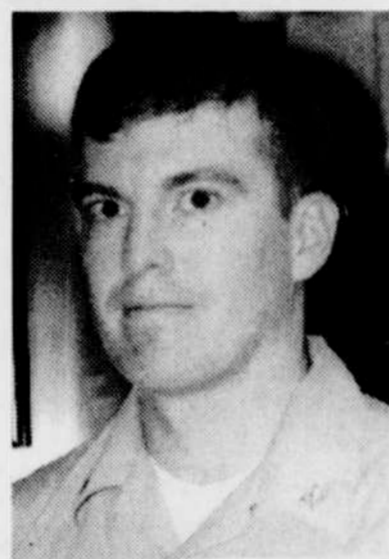
with eight points and Wight, seven. Statistics: Ukiah: 10 14 10 18 8 - 58. Heppner: 9 12 16 15 6 - 50. Ukiah: Arbogast 11 5-6 27, McBean 7 3-5 17, Rozyck 2-2 6, Zinkou 2-1 25, Cheng 2 1-2 5, 24 12-17 60. Heppner: Josh Gutierrez 9-0 20, Brandon Seitz 8 0-3 16, Kiel Nairns 4 0-2 8, Adam Wight 3 1-3 7, Aaron Delveaux 1 1-1 3, Matt Young 1 0-0 2, Tyler Boyer 1 0-0 2, Darin Skaggs, Zach Skaggs, Judd Lemmon, Kyle Huddleston, Robert McElligott. 27 2-9 58. Three-pointers: Gutierrez (2).

The Mustangs got into the win column against Condon on Thursday, Dec. 13, by jumping out to an 8-3 lead after one with the help of four points from Nairns. They led, 19-7, at halftime, getting seven points, including a three-pointer from Gutierrez. Seitz and Zach Skaggs each scored four points in the fourth to keep the lead and take the win.

Gutierrez again led the Mustangs with 11 points. Seitz added nine and Skaggs, five.

Statistics: Condon: 3 4 8 10 - 25. Heppner: 8 11 7 11 - 37.

Ione Naval officer continues mission during holidays



Navy Lt. j.g. Ryan Halvorsen
By Roland Ortiz

The holiday season is fast approaching--the time when twinkling lights and holiday decorations cover homes and neighborhoods. For many Americans it is also a time spent with friends and family, celebrating the time of year with traditional festivities.

But for some Americans, their friends and family will not be home this holiday. They are the few that have made a sacrifice, protecting freedom and defending the country. Naval officers like Navy Lt. j.g. Ryan D. Halvorsen, the 26-year-old son of Frank and Cathy Halvorsen of Ione, know all about the sacrifices that come with being in the military during the holidays. Stationed in Sasebo, Japan, on the amphibious transport dock ship USS Juneau (LPD 10) as the food service officer, Halvorsen is responsible for assisting with the ship's budget, as well as procurement and preparation of food and supplies for the ship.

"We are part of the only forward deployed amphibious group in the Navy. If Marines need to get on the shore on short notice, we are the ones to do it," said Halvorsen, a 1993 graduate of Ione High School.

Instead of being home for the holidays, Halvorsen will be one of approximately 24 naval officers and 396 sailors aboard Juneau who will instead continue the Navy's mission of establishing stability and presenting a forward presence abroad.

Juneau, one of the Navy's 11 Austin-class ships, is designed to conduct amphibious assaults by landing Marines with their equipment and supplies. The Marines are transported ashore by embarked landing craft, amphibious vehicles and helicopters. Weighing more than 17,000 tons and measuring 570 feet in length, the Juneau supports about 900 Marines.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses:

- Dec. 4-Juan Francisco Cambero, 19, Boardman; and Ileen Ramirez Espinoza, 20, Boardman.
- Dec. 11-Christopher Michael Elliott, 21, Irrigon; and Stacey Lynn McCorkle, 30, Irrigon.
- Dec. 11-Dennis Edwin Schnelle, Jr., 19, Umatilla; and Kristy Leann Schnelle, 23, Umatilla.
- Dec. 14-Eduardo Salas, Jr., 24, Irrigon; and Esther Arellano, 26, Irrigon.
- Dec. 14-Lazaro Rivera Rodriguez, 28, Irrigon; and Metodia Vazquez Contreras, 29, Irrigon.

These versatile ships are highly reliable, and equipped to defend against any potential enemy. These ships are armed with two 25 mm MK 38 guns, two Phalanx systems, and eight .50 caliber machine guns. They can also carry up to six CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters.

For sailors living on this formidable warship, being away from home during the holidays can be a challenge, but they understand the importance they play.

"I think everyone should serve some time in the military. It is my way of repaying those who have

Condon: Barnett 4 3-6 4, Fennem 2 0-9 4, Potter 1 1-2 3, Griffith 1 0-0 2, Henske 1 0-0 2, Roush 0 0-1 0, Kamerer 0 0-1 0, 9 4-19 25. Three-pointers: Barnett (3). Heppner: Gutierrez 5 0-0 11, Seitz 4 1-1 9, Z. Skaggs 1 3-4 5, Nairns 2 0-0 4, D. Skaggs 1 0-0 2, Wight 1 0-0 2, Young 1 0-0 2, Delveaux 1 0-0 2, Boyer, Lemmon, Huddleston, McElligott. 16 4-5 37. Three-pointers: Gutierrez.

Another big first half carried the Mustangs to their win over Spray on Monday, Dec. 17, as they got four points each from Boyer and Gutierrez to take a 10-4 lead after one. Gutierrez, Nairns and Lemmon each scored four points as the Mustangs cruised to a 30-9 lead at halftime.

Seitz and Zach Skaggs each scored four points in the third as Spray closed the gap a little to 38-19, but Skaggs scored six more in the fourth, getting some good passes from Gutierrez, as the Mustangs won going away.

Skaggs led the Mustangs with 12 points and Gutierrez added 10.

sacrificed so much more before me," said Halvorsen, a three-year Navy veteran.

Sailors find that serving away from home can also provide new opportunities in their lives. "There are very few jobs in the world that offer as much free travel and experience. It's a tough job but a great job," Halvorsen said.

Many sailors who are forward deployed know the importance their roles play in preserving the American way of life. By fulfilling their duty overseas, sailors give Americans the opportunity to live out their constitutional freedoms.

Ione JV girls handed defeat

The Ione junior varsity women were handed a defeat on Dec. 4, losing to the Dufur Rangers, 17-29.

Meaghan McCabe was the only lone team member to score during the first quarter for a score of 2-9 at the beginning of quarter two. Eva Chitty led the Cardinals on the scoreboard with a total of seven points. Chitty was the only lone member to score in the second quarter but also aided the team larceny with five steals. Barbara Holland scored two points in the third quarter and captured one rebound for the game.

Sara Peck scored two points, apprehended two rebounds, three steals and delivered one assist. Emily

Key led the team with six steals, two points, two rebounds and one assist. Kim Morris added four points in the fourth quarter and captured one rebound. Also aiding the team on steals were Jamie VandenBrink and Missy Baker, each with one steal. Helping the lone squad on the board were Katie Hams, Amanda Emery, Macarena Esposito and Missy Baker with one rebound each.

The junior varsity women were plagued with misguided shots, shooting 20 percent from the free throw line and 20 percent from the field.

Greenfield Grange installs officers

Greenfield Grange GWA's presented Donna Irons with the king-size winter design quilt she won at the annual grange bazaar raffle. Other raffle winners were: Odilia Perez-bake set, Shirley Donovan-dish set, Maximina Navaro- radio, Hope Phillips-large bath set basket, Laverne Partlow-Lily bath set basket, Edna Melby-gift bag set, Martha Baker-small bath set, Jane Dean-snowman light pole.

Installation of officers was held at Greenfield Grange on Dec. 2. Tom Serface and his team of installers performed the ceremony. Officers at Greenfield for the next year are: Bobbi Peck-Master, Hazel Miller-Overseer, Jason Imus-Lecturer, Otis Dean-Steward, Assistant Steward-Charles Garner, Lady Assistant Steward-Martha Baker, Julie Steinbruck-Chaplain, Jane Dean-Secretary/Treasurer, Russell Paulsen-Gatekeeper, Debbie Imus-Pomona, Connie Rodriguez-Ceres, Ruby Van

Seitz, Boyer and Lemmon each added six points while Nairns and Wight chipped in with four points each.

Statistics: Spray: 4 5 10 14 - 33. Heppner: 10 20 8 12 - 50. Spray: Miller 5 1-2 11, Bruce 3 0-0 9, Levoon 3 0-0 6, Kevin W. 1 0-0 3, Snell 1 0-0 2, Lerke 1 0-2 2, Winciod, 14 1-4 33. Three-pointers-Bruce (3), Kevin W. Heppner: Z. Skaggs 5 2-2 12, Gutierrez 5 0-0 10, Lemmon 3 0-0 6, Seitz 3 0-0 6, Boyer 3 0-0 6, Wight 2 0-2 4, Nairns 2 0-0 4, Young 1 0-0 2, Huddleston, McElligott, D. Skaggs 24 2-4 50. Three-pointers: none.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report:

-Lazard Rivera Rodriguez plead guilty to Criminal Mistreatment I, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 24 months formal probation. He was also ordered to have no offensive physical contact with the victim, enroll in a parenting program with Morrow County Behavioral Health and pay \$474 in fines, fees and assessments.


-Gilberto Crist Chapa-Hernandez plead guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 18 months formal probation and 80 hours community service. He was also ordered to complete a drug treatment program and pay \$974 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Philip Scott Hendricks plead guilty to Criminal Trespass I, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended on the condition that he successfully complete probation conditions, 40 hours community service and 24 months bench probation. He was also ordered to pay \$434 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Jorge Artura Ordaz-Vera plead guilty to False Swearing to Receive a License, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended on the condition that he successfully complete probation conditions and 40 hours community service. He was also ordered to pay \$434 in fines, fees and assessments.

Wheatland Pomona officers for the next two years are: Jane Dean-Master, Dorris Graves-Overseer, Dorothy Jackson-Lecturer, Wilbur Jackson-Steward, Otis Dean-Assistant Steward, Barbara Gilbert-Lady Assistant Steward, Zelma McDaniel-Chaplain, Clarence Buchanan-Treasurer, Charles Gerner-Secretary, Willard French-Gatekeeper, Margaret Stengel-Ceres, Nyna Knighten-Pomona, Aloha Medlock-Flora, Barbara Gilbert, Dot Halvorsen, Wilma Martin-Executive Committee.

A raffle for a food basket was held during Saturday morning's breakfast at Greenfield Grange. The winner was LaVerna Partlow. The winner of the free breakfast was Cloydene Swentik. The Grange youth will hold a breakfast the first Saturday of the month. The next one will be Jan. 5 from 7-10:30 am. The public is invited to come and enjoy breakfast.



Heppner DayCare will be closed December 24th through December 26th for Christmas and closed December 31st through January 1st for New Year's.

Happy Holidays!

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

- Anna Erazo, 30, Heppner-Maintaining a Dog as a Nuisance, \$79 fine;
- Kacy John Childers, 19, Ione-Non Operator's License, \$79 fine;
- David D. Dyer, 37, Heppner-In Possession of Another's Big Game Tag (antlerless elk), \$59 fine;
- Raymond L. Hendon, 45, Umatilla-Illegal Motorized Travel, \$59 fine;
- Kelly D. Hendon, 39, Umatilla-Illegal Motorized Travel, \$59 fine;
- Brian Earl Rystedt, 23, Heppner-Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, \$132 fine;
- Donald Roy Titterington, 48, Tualatin-No Upland Game Bird Validation, \$59 fine.

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