

County Court news

Carol Michael of the Boardman Pharmacy appeared at the County Court Feb. 20 to advise the commissioners that the Oregon Legislature cut reimbursements to pharmacies for clients enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan, leaving a proposed reimbursement far below the pharmacy's actual costs. She requested that the Court submit written comments on the proposed co-pay rule, as it is a countywide issue. Judge Terry Tallman agreed to a letter and noted having previously conversed with the Heppner pharmacy owner. Commissioner Dan Brosnan said that Representative Greg Smith has proposed a method of fixing the problem, but Michael added that the governor could veto that. Brosnan agreed to a letter and said that he had previously called almost everyone on his legislative list to comment on the inequity of the plan. Michael encouraged letters as the most effective tool.

Boardman Fire Chief, Marc Rogelstad, appeared for the public hearing on the proposed annexation of property into the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District. He recommended approval of annexation requested by the owners of two parcels. The hearing was closed, and the Court approved the annexation.

Rogelstad also reported that the county's call-forward number seems not to be working, and the Court agreed that a single circuit is insufficient. He expressed his support of the additional radio repeater promoted by Sheriff Vernon Denton.

Judge Tallman reported that the Boardman bridge to the marina is now closed to traffic. An engineer is examining the bridge to determine advisability of any temporary repairs. ODOT reports, Tallman said, that a new bridge would require an environmental (NEPA) study, which would take eighteen months. Tallman added that if the Corps of Engineers transferred the bridge to the Park District, a study would not be required.

Commissioner Brosnan reported that the planning director has been advised that the county cannot include a request for an Ione-Boardman Road easement in the Boeing land-sale land partition. Morrow County Planning director Tamra Mabbott was told, however, that the county could include a requirement to participate in the building of a road from Tower Road to Cecil as a condition of approval of the sale.

Sheriff Verlin Denton advised the Court of his department's ideas for improving its radio system, using funds remaining in the department's vehicle-purchase budget and funds from CSEPP. He reported that "pockets" in which deputies are not able to call out with their portable radios pose a danger to the deputies. Denton suggested a radio repeater in Irrigon and one in Boardman to improve communications. The Court approved purchase of the repeaters.

The Court reviewed the order directing the sale of real property recently acquired through a tax foreclosure. County assessor, Greg Sweek, relayed a request from the City of Heppner for any revenue from the sale above the county's costs, in exchange for continued cleaning of the property until it sells. The Court discussed the request and agreed not to enter a formal agreement with the city but to offer an amount above the county's costs, should any result.

Commission to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, March 12, in the conference room of the Department of Human Services Building, 103 S. W. Kinkade, Boardman, from 7-9 p.m. Agenda items will include discussion of child care, the Emergency Food and Shelter program, requests for proposals, Comprehensive Plan, Section 8, and other business as necessary.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. For further information or for special accommodations, call 676-9675.

Justice Court Report

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

-Steven Patrick Donnelly, 33, Pendleton-Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$111 fine;

-Duane Doyle Daniel, 38, Heppner-Failure to Use Seat Belt, Driving while License Suspended, Driving Uninsured, \$583 fine;

-Caleb Wayne McDaniel, 21, Heppner-Failure to Use Seat Belt, \$59 fine;

-Gerald Watson Condon, 74, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$132 fine;

-Kathy Hamner, 32, Heppner-Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance (chasing livestock), \$111 fine;

-John M. Montero, 45, West Richland, WA.-Criminal Trespass II (violation), \$307 fine;

-David K. McGinley, 48, Portland-Illegal U-turn, \$77 fine;

-Rondi Marie Ober, 40, Heppner-Dog at Large, Failure to Buy License, \$79 fine.

Holly Rebekah Lodge elects officers

Lexington Holly Rebekah Lodge elected new officers for 2002-2003 on Feb. 21. Elected were Dorothy Jackson as Noble Grand, Marilyn Allison as vice Grand, Luella Taylor as secretary and Marlene Gray as treasurer.

Also selected by the men's branch of the IOOF were Wilber Jackson as Noble Grand, Clarence Buchanan as vice Grand, Lyle Peck as secretary and Cecil Jones as treasurer.

A bake-less fund raiser is planned in the near future to benefit Dave Matheny. Donations will also be accepted from the public.

In keeping with tradition - February being the men's month to provide refreshments - cake, cookies and ice cream were served to those present.

The monthly card party at the IOOF Hall will be held Saturday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. This month's proceeds will be donated to the IOOF Friendship Fund, which is used to provide emergency assistance such as rent, medications, etc., for members of the order. The card party is open to the public and everyone is invited for an evening of fun and refreshments.

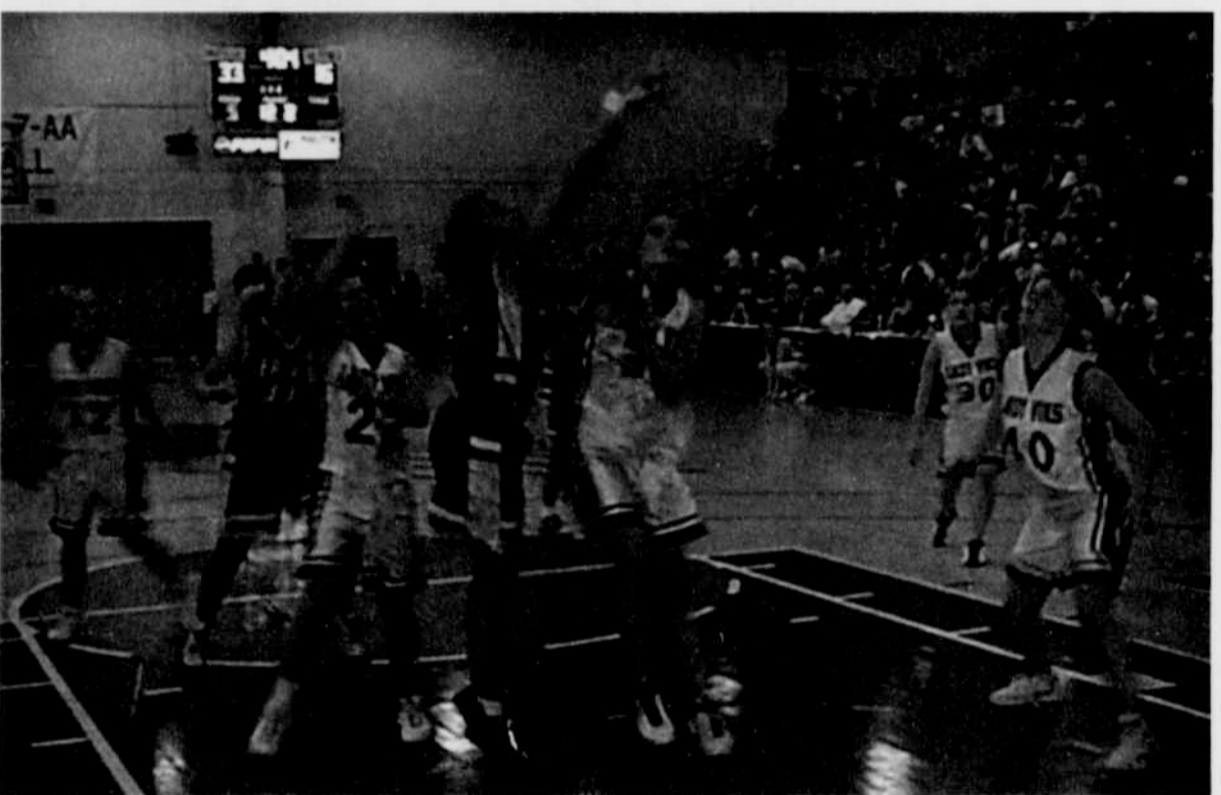


Photo of class of 1924 identified

Lois Winchester of Heppner has provided most of the names of the members of the Heppner freshman class of 1924 pictured in a previous Gazette-Times. (Spellings may not be correct.)

Pictured (left to right): back-"Dick" Marvin Wightman, Vic Groshens, Ruth Furlong, _____ Edwards, Velma Fell, Lois Livingston, Stanley Minor, _____ Barlow, Tom Wells, Christal Roberts, Jim Stout, Grace Buschke, Clarence Moore, Hazel McDaid, Lawrence Becket, Reita Crawford, Esther Bergstrom, Shirley Profit, Audrey Beamer, "Happy" Anna Graham, Lela Crowell, teacher Miss Mellick; seated-Arrin Bisbee, Howard McDuffee, Mary Ritchie, Velma Houston, Kathleen Monahan, Mary Farley, Marjorie Clark, Aura Gentry, Louise Thompson, Lois Reid, Ethel Moore; seated on the walk-Jerry Brosnan, Paul Hisler, Delvin Adkins, Merle Becket.

Mustang girls fall short against Umatilla



Tylynn Smith goes up for shot against Umatilla at District tournament.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity girls dug themselves into too big a hole in the first half against the Umatilla Vikings as they lost 51-44 in the District 7 2A Basketball Tournament on Friday, Feb. 22, at the Pendleton Convention Center. With the loss, Heppner was eliminated from the tournament. The Mustangs trailed by as many as 16 points in the first half and 19 early in the third before rallying to within six points late in the fourth.

The Mustangs, coached by Dana Reid, finished the season with a 13-11 record after losing senior Shelley Rietmann and first-team CBC junior Lacey Matteson to torn ACLs in their knees. Seniors Meghan Bailey, Kelsey Greenup, Jodie Carlson and Brett Barber played their final game in a Mustang uniform.

The Mustangs took an early lead on a Bailey three-pointer, but the Vikings came back to take a 10-3 lead before Tylynn Smith scored off a pass from Shanna Rietmann and Barber hit a short jumper. The Vikings went on a 9-0 run before Jesse Kempas hit a short jumper to end the first half with the Mustangs trailing 19-9.

Smith hit a lay-in to open the second, but the Vikings came back with six straight points before Brooke Rust made one of two free throws and Barber hit a short jumper to make it 25-14. The

Mustangs managed just a free throw each from Rust and Greenup the rest of the quarter as they fell behind 31-16 at halftime.

The Mustangs trailed 35-16 before making a run, as Smith made one of two free throws, Rietmann hit a jumper and Bailey made back-to-back three-pointers to get within 35-25. Bailey hit a free throw to end the third, with the Vikings leading, 37-26.

Barber and Smith each made one of two free throws, Barber had a steal and a lay-in, Carlson hit a free throw and Bailey hit another three-pointer, but the Mustangs still trailed 50-34 before making their final run of the game. Rust hit two free throws, Barber made a lay-in, Bailey made a steal and lay-in and a short jumper to make it 50-44, but the clock ran out to end the season for the Mustangs.

Bailey hit four of eight three-pointers and finished with 15 points, and grabbed six rebounds. Barber scored 13 points, had four steals, three assists and three rebounds. Smith had six points, three steals and three rebounds. Carlson and Rust each had five rebounds, Rietmann had seven rebounds and three assists and Kempas had five steals. Greenup had five rebounds.

Statistics

Heppner: 9 7 10 18 - 44
Umatilla: 19 12 6 14 - 51

Heppner-Meghan Bailey 5-14 1-2 15, Brett Barber 6-20 1-4 13, Tylynn Smith 2-5 2-4 6, Campos 2-2 0-0 5, Ruiz 0 1-1 1, Brown 0-3 0-0 0, Harvey 0 0-2 0, Mc. Strong, Henry, Dahlin, Bollinger. 21-44 6-15 51. Three-pointers: Baumgart, Campos.

Umatilla-Mi. Strong 9-15 2-6 20, Cleaver 5-15 2-4 12, Borden 3-6 2-3 8, Baumgart 2-4 0-0 5, Campos 2-2 0-0 5, Ruiz 0 1-1 1, Brown 0-3 0-0 0, Harvey 0 0-2 0, Mc. Strong, Henry, Dahlin, Bollinger. 21-44 6-15 51. Three-pointers: Baumgart, Campos.

Dogs invited to participate in fun trial

Power Puppies 4-H club will hold a CGC (Canine Good Citizen) Fun Trial on April 13 at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Fairgrounds. The trial is an AKC-sanction match open to all dogs regardless of breeding or registration (or lack of registration). Morrow County resident Bonnie Clow will judge the fun trial.

The proceeds from the fun match will go towards buying agility equipment for the Power Puppy 4-H Dog Club. Cost is \$25 per dog. For more information, contact Patty McNary at 422-7343 or e-mail her at patty.mcn@centurytel.net.

Garden Club to meet March 4

The March meeting of the Heppner Garden Club will be held on Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center with Daisy Collins and Mary Goheen as hosts.

The program will include "Planting" by Corinne Miles and "Earth Chestnut" by Wilbur and Dorothy Jackson.

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CROP INSURANCE MEETING

Tuesday, March 5th
7 p.m. at the Ione Grange Hall
UPDATE ON SPRING
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