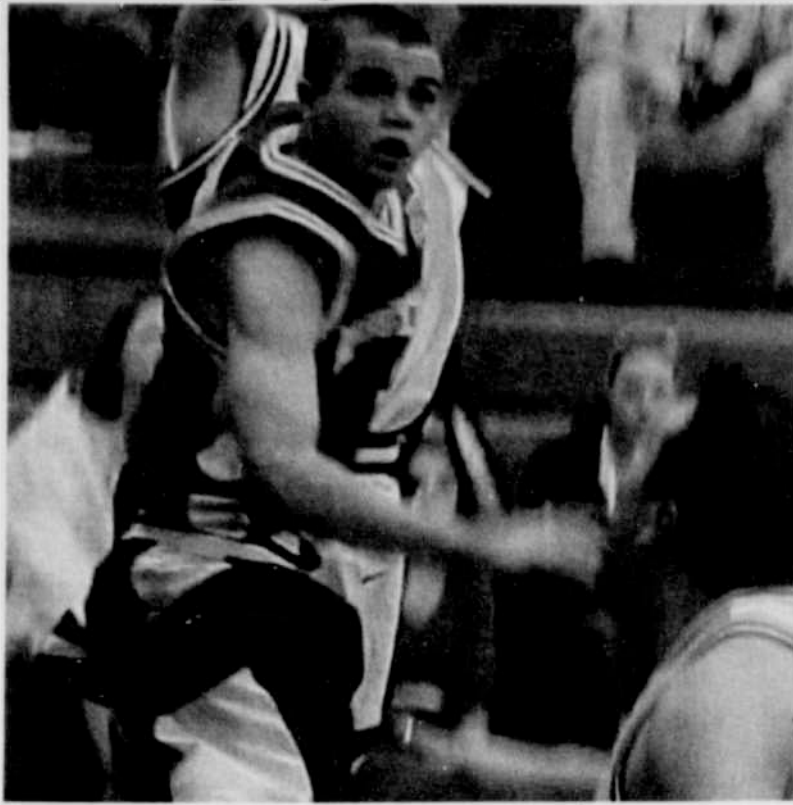


Mustang boys lose at Mac-Hi



Chuy Elguezabal trying to block the shot of a Mac-Hi player

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity had their first loss of the year to the Mac-Hi Pioneers 47-39 in Milton-Freewater on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The Mustangs led 11-7 after one getting four points from Luke Murray and a 3-pointer from Chuy Elguezabal and got three points each from Brad Adams and Justin Botefuhr in the second but the Pioneer took a 23-21 lead at halftime.

Adams scored four points in the third as the Mustangs went on an 8-0 run to open the third but the Pioneers came back with 10 straight points to increase their lead to 33-29 going into the fourth. Murray hit a 3-pointer and scored five points in the fourth but the Mustangs couldn't overcome the deficit.

Mustangs "C" team runs past Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang "C" team used their deep bench to run past the visiting Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 50-32 on Tuesday, Dec. 10 to run their record to 2-0 on the year. The Mustangs will play Pilot Rock in Heppner on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. before taking a break until Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Stanfield at 5:30 p.m.

The Mustangs took an 11-6 lead after one getting four points from Kory Paullus and took a 21-15 lead at halftime as Matthew VanCleave scored 10 second-quarter points.

VanCleave added four more points in the third as the Mustangs extended their lead to 33-26 after three. Paullus had

Murray finished with 13 points before fouling out and had 10 rebounds. Adams scored nine points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Botefuhr had eight points and 10 rebounds and Elguezabal had three assists.

Mac-Hi 7 16 10 14-47
Heppner 11 10 8 10-39

Mac-Hi: Carlos Cruz 4 3-3 11, Nic Ely 3 4-9 10, Justin Millar 2 2-4 7, Josh Strickland 2 3-3 7, Marco Martinez 2 1-2 5, Ryan Fleming 1 2-2 5, Manuel Martinez, Marcus Brown and Victor Fuentes. Team: 15 15-23 47 3-pt.: Fleming and Millar.

Heppner: Luke Murray 5 2-4 13, Brad Adams 4 1-5 9, Justin Botefuhr 3 2-4 8, Chuy Elguezabal 2 0-0 5, Donald Adams 1 0-0 2, Brian Haguewood 1 0-0 2, Josh Winters, Conor Kilkenny, Tanner Britt, Brian Smith, Doug Orwick and Aaron Griffith. Team: 16 5-13 39 3-pt.: Elguezabal and Murray.

Mustang JV girls lose to Hermiston

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls fell to 1-1 on the year after losing to the visiting Hermiston Frosh 44-26 on Monday, Dec. 9. The Mustangs will at home again on Friday, Dec. 13 against Riverside before going on the road to Mac-Hi, Saturday, Dec. 14.

The Mustangs fell behind 14-7 after one despite five points by Tiffany Piper and trailed 27-14 at halftime as Piper added five more points in the second quarter.

Terra Wilson scored all four of the Mustangs' points in the third as they fell behind 35-18 after three and they played the Bulldogs even in the fourth but it was not enough.

Piper led the Mustangs with 12 points and grabbed six rebounds with Wilson adding six

points and four steals. Blair Keithley had nine rebounds and two steals and Katie Britt had four rebounds and a steal.

Hermiston 14 13 8 9-44
Heppner 7 7 4 8-26

Heppner: Cozad 4 5-6 13, Ramirez 3 7-12 13, Ena 2 3-6 7, Walchli 3 1-5 7, Smith 2 0-0 4, Chadwick 0 0-3 -, Armstrong, Cody and Morris. Team: 14 16-32-44 3-pt.: none

Heppner: Tiffany Piper 5 2-3 12, Terra Wilson 1 4-4 6, Blair Keithley 1 1-3 3, Linsey Mitchell 1 1-3 3, Katie Britt 0 2-2 2, Lynan Bingham 0 0-2 0, Heather Yocom 0 0-1 0, Krystal Nairns, Laurie Murray, Amy Jepsen, Chelsey Betsinger and Krista Hendricks. Team: 8 10-18 26 3-pt.: none

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Mustang JV girls lose to Pioneers

By Rick Paullus

A bad fourth quarter spelled defeat for the Heppner Mustang JV girls as they were outscored 14-5 by the Mac-Hi Pioneers who came from behind to win 31-30 on Saturday, Dec. 14 in Milton-Freewater. The Mustangs (2-2) will play next at Lone on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

The two teams were tied at 6-6 after one as Terra Wilson scored four points for the Mustangs and the Pioneers took a 16-15 halftime lead despite five points including a 3-pointer from Nikki Sisk in the second quarter.

Lindsey Mitchell scored four points in the third as the Mustangs outscored the Pioneers 10-1 to take a 25-17 lead into the fourth but Mac-Hi came back to nip the Mustangs at the buzzer.

Tiffany Piper had six points and six steals, Mitchell had six points and Sisk had five points. Katie Britt had five rebounds and three steals, Blair Keithley had four rebounds and two steals and

Susan Southworth had five steals for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs hurt themselves at the free throw line hitting just five of 16 shots, while the Pioneers hit nine of 14.

Mac-Hi 6 10 1 14-31
Heppner 6 9 10 5-30

Mac-Hi: Brow 4 1-2 9, Yorle 3 0-0 6, Rodigherio 2 0-0 4, Holden 1 2-2 4, Brown 0 4-4 4, Truax 1 1-2 3 and Scott 0 1-2 1. Team: 11 9-14 31 3-pt.: none

Heppner: Tiffany Piper 3 0-0 6, Lindsey Mitchell 3 0-3 6, Nikki Sisk 2 0-2 5, Terra Wilson 2 0-1 4, Heather Yocom 1 1-2 3, Katie Britt 0 3-6 3, Susan Southworth 1 0-0 2, Laurie Murray 0 1-2 1, Blair Keithley, Amy Jepsen and Chelsey Betsinger. Team: 12 5-16 30 3-pt.: Sisk

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Local musicians to perform in Handel's Messiah



Kathryn Unruh on the violin

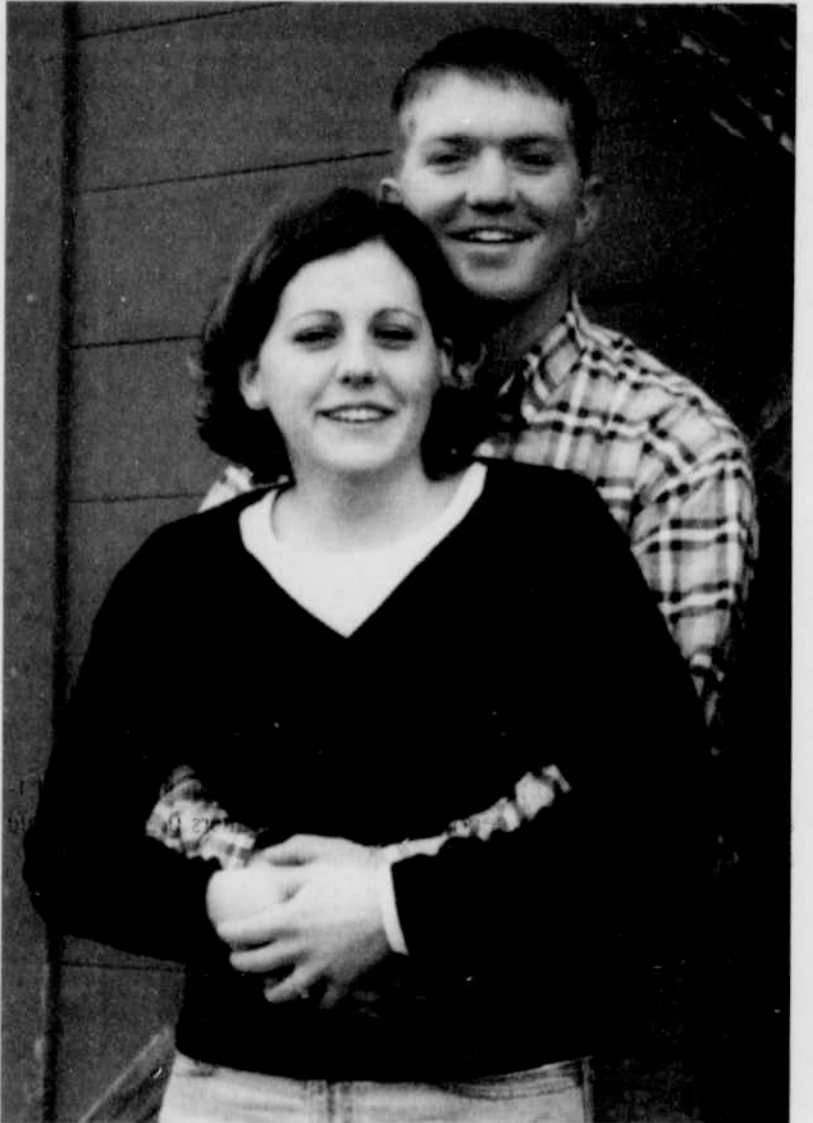
Local musicians Laura McElligott, cello, and Kathryn Unruh, violin, will perform with the Inland Northwest Musicians in their presentation of "Handel's Messiah" this coming weekend, Dec. 20-22.

The concert locations and dates are: Friday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Echo Community Center in Echo, sponsored by the ToleMac Inn; Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church in Milton-Freewater, sponsored by Preferred Travel; and Sunday, Dec. 22 at 4 p.m. at Wheeler High School in Fossil, sponsored by Stanley Ranch and Condon Times-Journal. Admission to all concerts is by free will donation.

The Inland Northwest Orchestra is led by R. Lee Friese, music conductor and director. Soloists for the concerts are Karen R. Trees, soprano; Mary Finney, alto; Nolan Frost, tenor; and Harvey Foreman, bass.

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Engagement



Harle-Orem

Andrew Harle, of Newport and JoAnn Tingue, of Heppner wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Lindsay Anne Harle to Marc Thomas Orem.

Harle, a resident of Heppner, is a graduate of Wahtonka High School in The Dalles and a graduate of Washington State University in Pullman, WA. She is employed by Morrow County School

District, working in Heppner and Lone.

Orem, a resident of Lone, is the son of Joe and Anita Orem of Lone. He is a graduate of Lone High School. Orem is currently employed by the USDA Forest Service, at their Heppner branch.

The couple will begin building a house on Little Butter Creek and are planning on ranching in the near future.

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