

MCLG and SWCD discuss possible closure of Rangeland Resources Dept. at annual meeting



(L-R): Bob Skinner, Jordan Valley, President of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, with Dr. Bill Krueger, Corvallis, head of the OSU Range Dept.

By Merlyn Robinson

Keynote speakers addressed pertinent industry issues during the annual MCLG (Morrow County Livestock Growers) and SWCD (Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District) combined meeting at the Elks Lodge in Heppner on Jan. 16.

Bob Skinner, Jordan Valley, President of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, called the looming closure of the Department of Rangeland Resources at OSU a blow to the industry. Dr. Thayne Dutson, OSU Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Experiment Stations, made this decision.

"It's runaway bureaucratic at its worse," said Skinner. Producers have flooded our office with letters citing the importance of trustworthy science and research generated in the range department versus untrue, extreme environmental science controlled by political pressure, he said.

Dutson has said that the department would not be restored even if outside funding sources were obtained. The department chair claimed the department has a low rating based on per student ratio and student generated hours. However correct figures show that the Range Department is fourth best in the OSU College of Ag Sciences.

"There's no accountability anymore," Skinner continued. It's inexcusable that a public institution (OSU) can have approximately a \$19,000,000 'unaccounted for' line item in their budget. In the face of budget deficits everywhere, it goes

beyond reason. The same is true of the open ended budget for the U.S. Forest Service fire fighting. "The bigger the fire, the more money they (the Forest Service) can get," so there's no incentive to put fires out before becoming catastrophic, he said.

Bill Krueger, chair of the OSU Range Department, also spoke briefly on the current department situation. In the past, Krueger said, the department has received outside funding which resulted in a reduction in college funds for the department. Krueger cited the tragedy of the losing the "from the ground up" working knowledge and expertise of long term department staff members.

On the subject of public access to navigable waterways, Skinner said, "It's a flat scary situation." He touched on the on going struggle for property owners of land adjoining navigable waterways. Statutes now give the public the right to access these waterways as well as 10 feet of land adjacent to the water's edge.

Skinner emphasized that OCA maintains a no tolerance policy for the introduction of wolves in Oregon. Later in the afternoon Mark Henjum, and Gary Miller, representing Fish and Wildlife agencies talked about wolf management plans in the United States.

Other speakers during the afternoon session included Roger Huffman and Jack Noble concerning brand inspections and changes. Janet Greenup, Morrow County SWCD manager, also gave an update on the Willow Creek Watershed Council and other related programs.

School Districts and OSSOM Working Together

By Courtney Nelson

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Since the beginning of the school year a promotion that is funded by the state has been promoting the fact that fewer students try or use tobacco or alcoholic products.

I have talked to the head of this coalition Ms. Karen Masshoff. She told me that this group and promotion was set up with quite a bit of help from the state of Oregon thru Morrow County School District. Ms. Masshoff also told me that previous tobacco taxes help to fund tobacco education/prevention. This allows speakers to come talk to the students about the use of tobacco products and alcohol and how you should choose against using it.

The main objects of this particular project are to spread the word to all students, teachers, parents and community that our high school campuses are an alcohol, drug and tobacco free zones. They plan to do this by distributing different surveys, using flyers and posters, T.V. and newspaper, whatever they can do to get the point across. Lastly, they will try to counteract the

tobacco and alcohol industries' messages, which focuses on their efforts towards youth to use these products.

Recently Ms. Masshoff spoke to the OSSOM club and talked with them about the above issues. I believe she focused on the plan to try and create a student committee of helper. She would like all students who want to help with this promotion, including those not in the OSSOM club, to get on the committee. If you wish to join the Student Committee of Helpers then speak to Mr. Payne. I was also wondering if they were going to name the Committee the name I provided for it or will it be something of their own creation.

The programs is based on three main goals which are as follows:

- 1) Building Coalitions (groups) and Including diverse Partners.
- 2) Reducing Youth Access To Tobacco Products.
- 3) Creating Tobacco Free Environments.

Ms. Masshoff gave me an outline of the promotion if anyone wishes to look at it to see what this is really all about. I have also heard that Mr. Payne has the whole written plan that had been presented to the School Board.

Mustang JV girls win two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls won two games over the weekend beating Wahtonka 41-18 on Friday, Jan. 17 then traveling to Culver and beating the Bulldogs 50-27 on Saturday, Jan. 18 to improve their record to 7-5 on the year. The Mustangs travel to Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 24 and will return home on Saturday, Jan. 25 to face the Sherman County Huskies.

Against the Eagles the Mustangs got seven first quarter points from Terra Wilson in taking an 11-6 lead and upped it to 19-8 at halftime getting six second quarter points from Linsey Mitchell.

Susan Southworth had four points and Katie Britt three points as the Mustangs built their lead to 32-14 after three and got four points from Blair Keithley in the fourth as they coasted to the 41-18 win.

Wilson finished with 11 points, six steals and four assists. Mitchell had six points and six rebounds. Tiffany Piper had six points, Keithley had five rebounds, two steals and two assists and Britt had four rebounds and three steals. Krista Hendricks had four steals and Southworth and Chelsey Betsinger each had four rebounds.

The Mustangs jumped out on the Bulldogs early taking a 20-4 lead after one, getting eight points each from Mitchell and Britt. Britt hit a 3-pointer and Keithley had three points in the second as they increased their lead to 29-9 at the half. Mitchell

added nine points in the third as the Mustangs took a 41-19 lead after three and got three points each from Britt, Hendricks and Lynan Bingham in the fourth as they coasted to the win.

Mitchell led the Mustangs with 17 points, five rebounds and three steals. Britt brought in 14 points, eight steals and two assists. Keithley had eight points, six rebounds and six assists, Laurie Murray had six rebounds and Bingham had six rebounds.

Heppner 11 8 13 9-41
Wahtonka 6 2 6 4-18
Heppner: Terra Wilson 5 1-2 11, Tiffany Piper 3 0-0 6, Linsey Mitchell 3 0-0 6, Katie Britt 2 1-2 5, Susan Southworth 2 0-0 4, Blair Keithley 2 0-9 4, Amy Jepsen 1 0-0 2, Lynan Bingham 1 0-0 2, Heather Yocom 0 1-2 1, Laurie Murray 0 0-2 0, Krista Hendricks 0 0-2 0 and Chelsey Betsinger. Team: 19 3-19 41 3-pt.: none

Wahtonka: Harmon 5 0-0 10, Zabel 2 0-0 4, Rocha 1 0-0 2, Hilbun 1 0-0 2, K. Holland 0 0-0 2, Fernandez, Green, Padilla, J. Holland and Grayson. Team: 9 0-2 18 3-pt.: none

Heppner 20 9 12 9-50
Culver 4 5 10 8-27

Heppner: Mitchell 7 3-4 17, Britt 5 3-3 14, Keithley 3 2-7 8, Bingham 1 2-6 4, Hendricks 1 1-2 3, Piper 1 0-0 2, Murray 1 0-1 2, Wilson 0 0-2 0, Betsinger 0 0-2 0, Yocom and Jepsen. Team: 19 11-27 50 3-pt.: Britt.

Culver: Miller 6 0-6 12, Briggs 3 0-1 6, Baltazar 1 0-3 2, Thompson 1 0-2 0, Gangstead 0 2-4 2, Lang 0 2-4 2, Poore 0 1-3 1 and Norris. Team: 11 5-23 27 3-pt.: none

Mustang C team outlasts Stanfield

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang "C" team fell behind early, built a lead then held on to beat the visiting Stanfield Tigers 56-52 on Monday, Jan. 13 to improve their record to 6-1 on the year. The Mustangs next games are at home on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m. and at Grant Union on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m.

The Mustangs fell behind 14-3 early in the first before rallying to take a 20-19 lead after one getting eight points from Matthew VanCleave and five points, including a 3-pointer, from Roy Proctor. VanCleave scored six more points and Mikel Britt four as the Mustangs took a 36-33 halftime lead.

The Mustangs outscored the Tigers 12-4, getting a 3-pointer from Kory Paullus, in the third to take a 48-37 lead and hung on in the fourth getting a

steal and lay-in from Dan Basile in the closing seconds to preserve the win.

VanCleave led the Mustangs with 18 points, with Britt adding 10 points. Proctor and Kyle Carlson each added five points.

Heppner 20 16 12 8-56
Stanfield 19 14 4 15-52

Heppner: Matthew VanCleave 8 2-4 18, Mikel Britt 5 0-2 10, Roy Proctor 1 2-4 5, Kyle Carlson 2 1-1 5, Kyle Huddleston 2 0-2 4, Dan Basile 2 0-0 4, Riley Wight 1 1-2 3, Kory Paullus 1 0-0 3, Rory Kilkenny 1 0-2 2, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Robert McElligott 0 0-2 0 and Josh Lankford. Team: 26 6-19 56 3-pt.: Proctor and Paullus.

Stanfield: Gehlke 5 6-9 16, Blackburn 5 5-7 15, Dorrn 4 1-4 9, Ibarra 3 1-4 7, Challis 0 3-4 3, Carrillo 1 0-0 2, Whalen and Vogel. Team: 18 16-28 52 3-pt.: none

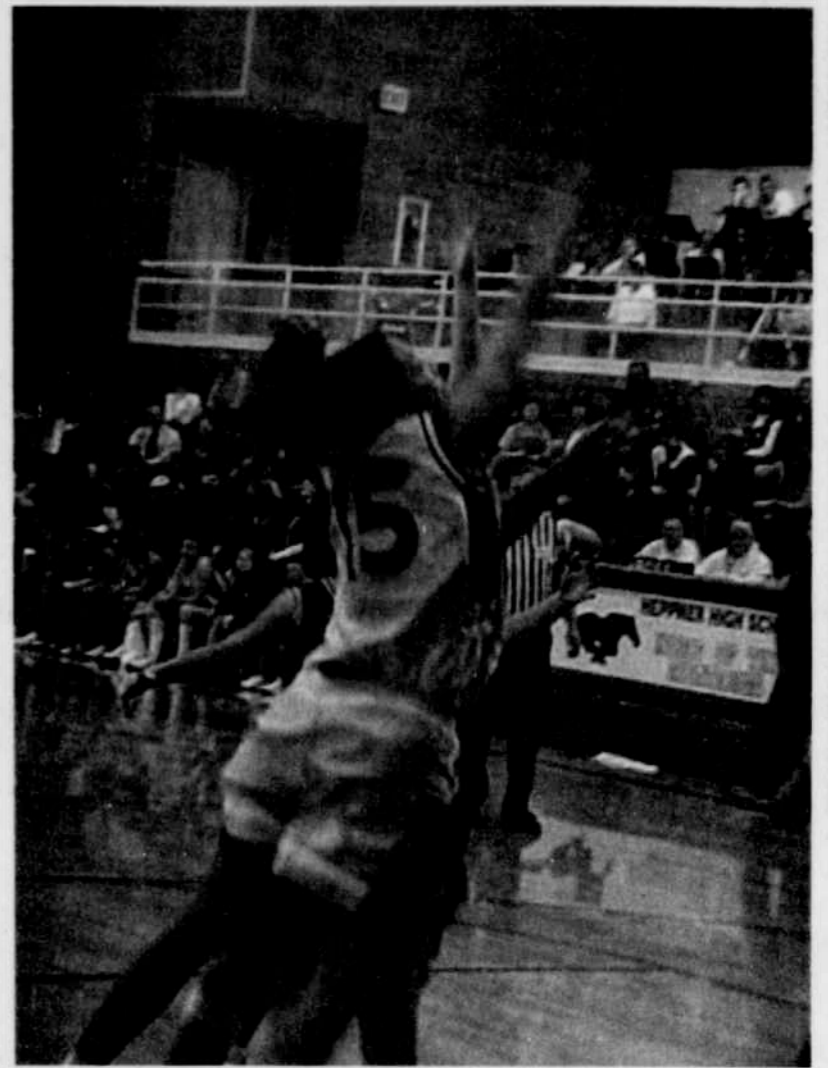
Cardinal JV score a victory over Grizzlies

The lone girls' JV team beat the Helix girls' JV 61-46 to increase their winning streak to four wins in a row and their record to 7-5, Friday, Jan. 17.

The Cardinals took a 44-17 halftime lead and despite being out scored by the Grizzlies 39-17 in the second half they managed to hold on for the win.

All seven players for Cardinals managed to put some points on the board; Abby Key topped the scoring effort with 14 points, Alyssa Rietmann and Kim Morris combined for 20 points with 10 each, Eva Chitty had nine, Ashly Grams had seven points, Jenny Griffith put up six and Amanda Emery had three points.

Mustang girls beat Eagles with strong second half



#15 Tylenn Smith takes the shot

photo by Teresa Hughes

Rick Paullus

A 28-7 advantage in the second half carried the Heppner Mustang girls' varsity to a 59-26 win over the visiting Wahtonka Eagles on Friday, Jan. 17 in a Columbia Basin Conference game. The Mustangs improved to 2-1 in the CBC and 6-7 overall.

The Mustangs trailed 10-9 after one, getting five points from Lacey Matteson, but took a 31-19 lead at the half getting six points each from Matteson and Brook Rust and a 3-pointer from Nikki Sisk.

They increased it to 45-24 after three, getting five points, including a 3-pointer, from Stefanie Hanson and a 3-pointer from Jesse Kempas. They coasted through the fourth outscoring the Eagles 14-2, getting four points from Tylenn Smith.

Matteson led the Mustangs with 15 points, eight

rebounds and three steals. Rust added 10 points, hitting six of six free throws, nine rebounds, seven offensive, and two assists. Hanson put up nine points, six rebounds, three steals and two assists. Madison Bailey had five steals and two assists, Chelsea Britt had six rebounds and Sisk had three steals.

Heppner 9 22 14 14-59
Wahtonka 10 9 5 2-26

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 4 7-12 15, Brooke Rust 2 6-6 10, Stefanie Hanson 4 0-1 9, Nikki Sisk 2 0-0 5, Chelsea Britt 2 1-2 5, Jesse Kempas 1 0-0 3, Tylenn Smith 2 1-3 5, Susan Southworth 0 3-6 3, Madison Bailey 1 0-0 2, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2 and Tiffany Piper. Team: 19 18-30 59 3-pt.: Sisk, Kempas and Hanson.

Wahtonka: Lacy 4 1-29 14, Lick 3 0-0 7, Gouzales 2 1-2 5, Lewis 2 0-0 4, Campos 0 1-2 1, Hilbun 0 0-1 0, Aguirre 0 0-1 0, Li. Lick, Grayson, Harmon and Terrell. Team: 11 3-8 26 3-pt.: La. Lick.

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