

Seventh grade Ponies split against Columbia and Stanfield

By Larry Palmer

The Heppner seventh grade Ponies took on the Columbia Raiders in a rematch of the season opener for these two teams.

The Ponies were able to turn the tide and shut down the Raiders leading scorer in the second half. This allowed them to come away with their second win of the season. In the opening quarter, the Ponies held a slim 6 to 5 lead and increased it by three at the half. However, an opportunistic defense cut the Raiders sails and they headed home at half-mast.

The Ponies improved their season record to 2 and 4. The Ponies were led by Brock Herbison with two points, Dalton Wellman with five points and Spencer Palmer with 24 points.

Heppner 6 12 7 6-31
Columbia 5 10 4 8-

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The Ponies took a road trip to Stanfield to take on the Tigers. Enjoying a two game winning streak, the Tigers made sure it didn't go to three.

The Ponies didn't help the cause any by being almost unproductive in the first and third quarters where they managed only five points total.

The Tiger's stripes showed early when they held a 4 to 12 first quarter lead and after a low one point third quarter the Tigers escaped with the game.

There were some bright moments when the Tigers leading scorer was unable to score because of a smothering defensive effort.

The Ponies were led by Joe Pranger with two points, Dalton Wellman with two points and Spencer Palmer with 13 points.

Heppner 4 6 1 6-7
Stanfield 12 4 3 6-25

Eighth grade Ponies conquer Columbia, take hit against Stanfield

By Larry Palmer

The eighth grade Ponies flexed their size and put away the Columbia Raiders early by outscoring them 17 to 12 in the first and increasing that lead by the half to a commanding 29 to 14 score.

The Ponies used a balanced attack as seven players scored and the Raiders were headed to walk the plank. The record for the Ponies stands at 4 and 2.

The scorers for the game consisted of Sean Murray with eight points, Lane Bailey with six, Nacho Elguezabal with five, Andre Rauch with four, Nathan VanCleave with 16, Matt McCabe with four and Michael Wellman with four points.

Heppner 17 12 10 8-47

Columbia 10 4 4 6-24

The eighth grade Ponies made the trek to

Stanfield to take on the Tigers in their own den. Using some clutch shooting, the Tigers clawed out a win.

The game was fast and the play furious, but the Ponies found themselves down 12 to 18 at the half. In the third, the Ponies found themselves within five, but some costly turnovers and some cold shooting ended any chances of a come back.

Scorers in the game were Luke Basile with four points, Sean Murray with three, Lane Bailey with two, Nacho Elguezabal with four, Nathan VanCleave with nine and Matt McCabe with nine points.

Next weekend, Nov. 28 and 29, is a bye. The next two games are away- Dec. 5 against Pilot Rock at 3 p.m. and Dec. 6 against Athena-Weston at 9 a.m.

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Stanfield 12 6 9 11-

Willow Creek Lake included in statewide energy and water projects

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Gordon Smith (R-OR) last week announced final Congressional approval of more than \$100 million for energy and water projects in Oregon; the FY 2004 Energy and Water Development appropriations bill containing the funding now moves to the White House for the President's signature into law.

The bill contains a wide variety of projects, including Willow Creek Lake, which is slated to receive \$599,000.

"Energy and water projects are elemental to Oregon's economic success, and these funds will provide jobs, improve commerce, and protect our environment," said Wyden. "From technology to dredging, this bill provides a major financial boost."

"Economic stability is dependent on efficient and sufficient supply of energy and water," said Smith. "These projects ensure that Oregon's needs are met in such a way that promotes economic growth and ecological preservation."

HHS and HES announce December schedules

Hallmarking the winter holiday season will be the Heppner High School winter music program on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., and the Heppner Elementary School winter music program on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

The winter break will be from Dec. 20 through Jan. 4, with school resuming Monday, Jan. 5, 2004.

Snow Days will be announced throughout the season on KONA 105.3, KOHU 99.3/1360, KWHT 103.5/1240, KUMA 107.7, Q104.5, and KORD 102.7.

Lost and found items will be displayed in the hallway at HHS and HES, Dec. 15-17. Any items not taken will be taken to the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Other December happenings include the HES Site Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 2, with the HES Parent Club meeting following at 7:30 p.m. The HES Safety Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. The Morrow County School Board meeting will be Monday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m., at Columbia Middle School. The

HHS Site Council meets on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m., with Booster Club following at 7 p.m.

Jostens will be at the HHS library on Dec. 3. Sophomores are to meet at 3 p.m. and seniors at 3:10 p.m. Student payments are due Wednesday, Dec. 10. Jostens will also be holding a parents meeting on Dec. 10, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Rep. Smith earns highest award from AOC

Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) has been named the 2003 Watchdog of the Year by the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Rep. Smith received their highest award at the AOC annual convention in Eugene.

"It is truly an honor to receive the Watchdog award from AOC," said Rep. Smith. "I think it highlights my commitment to the local counties that I represent," he said.

According to AOC, the County Watchdog Award is only given to two legislatures each biennium. It recognizes those who understand, enhance and are respectful of the full range of state-county relationships in serving Oregon citizens.

"We are so proud to have our Representative earn this award," said Union County Commissioner Colleen MacLeod. "He really has been there for us when we have needed him."

In presenting the award, the AOC said, "In addition to his solid voting record, Rep. Smith took the leadership of a coordinated effort to prevent the legislature from violating multiple long

standing agreements with the State of Oregon. Most notable, Rep. Smith blocked the forced consolidation of rural 911 call centers and worked hard to ensure state funded programs were received at the local level."

The AOC also noted that towards the end of session, Rep. Smith coordinated an effort to prevent the legislature from the taking of video lottery game receipts from the counties in which he represents. These counties include Union, Wallowa, Umatilla and Morrow.

"What impressed me most about Rep. Smith, was his hard work and diligence on our behalf. Even during the most hectic of times, he always made himself available," said Umatilla County Board Chairman Bill Hansell.

"I am committed to the people of my district and county government helps provide essential services that they rely on," said Rep. Smith. "I plan to continue to work with the AOC to ensure that our counties have every tool possible available to them to assist folks in Eastern Oregon."

Soccer club needs new leadership

The Willow Creek Soccer Club will require new leadership if the club is to continue. Tina Raver originally established the local club as a "satellite community" in collaboration with the AYSO league 887 (the Columbia United Soccer Club of the American Youth Soccer Organization), and she has decided to resign her position effective Dec. 31, 2003.

Therefore, the club will need a new leader, or leaders, who are willing to serve on the CUSC board and conduct player/volunteer

registration, league management and other associated tasks for the Heppner/Lexington/Ione area.

As a board member the new leader(s) will need to attend monthly board meetings, but other than that there are only about three busy months out of the year, which includes the month of registration and then the first couple months of the season.

If you are interested or would like to suggest a replacement, please call Tina Raver at 676-8710 for further information.

WVSC announces December activities

Schedules change for the Willow Valley Service Club meetings for December held at John's Place in Heppner, from 12-1 p.m., on Dec. 4 and 11.

A business meeting will be held Dec. 4. Agenda items include the nominating committee's report of a slate of officers for 2004; a report on the results of the Artifactory; and the granting of donations.

On Dec. 11, WVSC will meet upstairs at John's Place for the Christmas Party, a set menu and price have been established. Rev. Keith Brudevold will provide entertainment for the group with singing and guitar playing and he will also lead Christmas caroling. Canned fruits and vegetables will also be collected to give to the Neighborhood Center.

Keith Brudevold was born in Jersey City, NJ, but spent his growing up years in the Minneapolis, MN area. He has been in both music and

parish ministry since 1973 and for the last one-and-a-half years as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Heppner. He has three adult children and three grandchildren- and his dog, Shadow. His hobbies include camping, horseback riding and poetry.

There will be no meeting on Dec. 18, but regularly scheduled meetings will resume on Jan. 8, 2004.

Births

Taygen Shae Minton- a daughter, Taygen Shae, was born Nov. 13, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Erika Dawn and Robert Maxwell Minton of Irrigon.

Elijah Christian Harwood- a son, Elijah Christian, was born Nov. 14, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Tamarra Dove Rutherford and Darrell Douglas Harwood of Boardman.

Irrigon to receive money for water upgrades

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Gordon Smith (R-OR) announced last week, the Senate approval of \$4.5 million in economic development and infrastructure funds for Oregon. These funds were included in the FY2004 Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies spending bill. The City of Irrigon will receive \$500,000 in this disbursement.

"While focusing on everything from estuary protection to economic development, these funds are about making Oregon an even better place to live, work and raise a family," said Wyden. "These funds will support

locally driven efforts that attract new jobs and renew Oregon's economy."

"The wide range of projects funded by this bill are important to improving Oregon's economy and overall quality of life," said Smith. "From protecting our cultural history to ensuring clean water for residents and the environment, this bill empowers communities to improve our great state."

The money Irrigon receives will be used to upgrade its water system. The city's rapid growth has placed great strain on a water system designed for a much smaller town. Funds may be used to increase the size of the city's reservoir, purchase water rights or replace water lines.

Forest Service closed for Thanksgiving

The Forest Service offices in Heppner will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

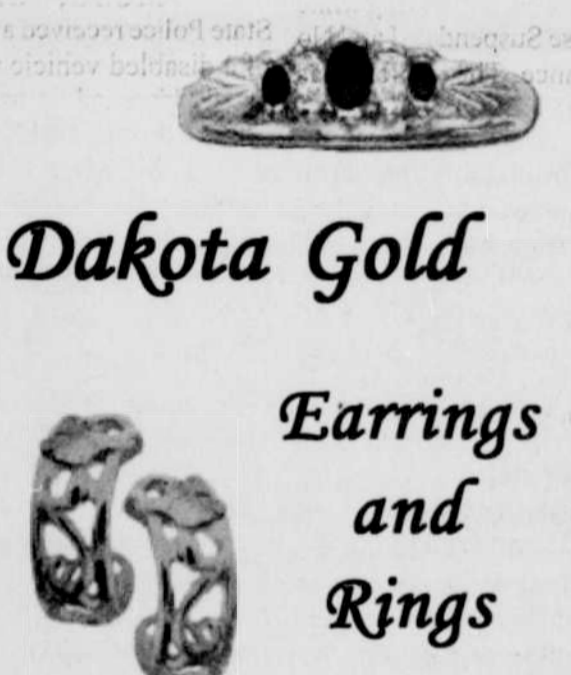
If you would like to purchase a Christmas tree permit you can buy one at the Heppner Chevron Station, Lazy Wolf Resort in Spray and the Shirt Shop in Condon.

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