

### Ione Little League meeting

The Ione Little League will be meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m., at the Windmill Café in Ione.

The meeting agenda is to organize for the 2004 and discuss league officers.

Anyone interested in helping out for the 2004 year is invited to attend the meeting.

### Correction

Morrow County School Board member Ken Matlack told the Gazette-Times that he suggested the board appoint a board member to serve as liaison between the district principals and Umatilla-Morrow ESD, rather than appoint a board member as an interim superintendent, as stated in the Dec. 10 G-T.

## Mustang girls lose to Pirates

By Rick Paullus

Cold shooting in the second half led to the Heppner Mustang girls varsity dropping a 56-29 decision to the Riverside Pirates in Boardman on Saturday, Dec. 13. The Mustangs, now 1-3, will host the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Friday, Dec. 19 and will be at Stanfield on Saturday, Dec. 20 as they begin the Columbia Basin Conference season. The Mustangs will be at home on Monday, Dec. 22 against DeSales in a non-league contest.

The Mustangs trailed just 11-9 after one, getting four points from Shanna Rietmann and three from Chelsea Britt and were behind 23-18 at the half, getting a three-pointer from Stefanie Hanson.

The Pirates outscored the Mustangs 33-11 in the second half to put the game away.

Rietmann led the Mustangs with nine points and eight rebounds. Brooke Rust and Linsey Mitchell each added six points. Hanson had eight rebounds, Chelsea Britt had six rebounds, Susan Southworth had four rebounds and Madison Bailey had two steals.

Heppner 9 9 5 6-29  
Riverside 11 12 15 18-56

Heppner- Shanna Rietmann 3 3-4 9, Brooke Rust 2 2-2 6, Linsey Mitchell 2 2-2 6, Madison Bailey 2 0-0 4, Stefanie Hanson 1 0-3 3, Chelsea Britt 1 1-6 3, Tiffany Piper, Terra Wilson and Blair Keithley. Team: 11 8-17 29. 3-pts: Hanson.

Riverside- Burns 5 2-5 13, Slover 4 2-2 12, Mason 3 0-0 7, Leon 3 1-2 7, Baumgart 2 2-6 6, Sherman 3 0-0 6, Gordanier 1 0-0 2, Wiseman 1 0-0 2, Garciloza 0 1-4 1 and Close. Team: 22 8-19 56. 3-pts: Slover 2, Mason and Burns!

## Grant named Coach of the Year

Greg Grant, Heppner High School head coach, was named the Coach of the Year for Class 2A football.

Chuy Elguezabal, a senior at HHS, was named to the Class 2A All-State first-team as a quarterback and a defensive back. Tyler Boyer, a junior, was named to the third-team as a linebacker.

Seniors, Brian Haguewood, Justin Botefuhr and Kyler Lovgren received honorable mentions. Haguewood was mentioned in both the offensive and defensive line. Botefuhr was mentioned as a receiver and Lovgren was mentioned as a running back.

The Mustangs went undefeated in the regular season, going 9 and 0. They continued their winning streak, beating Vernonia in the first round of the state playoffs. However, their undefeated streak ended when they meet with Myrtle Point in the quarterfinals. The Mustangs finished the year 10 and 1.



Greg Grant



Tyler Boyer



Justin Botefuhr



Kyler Lovgren



Brian Haguewood



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### Walden legislative director to hold local office hours

The Legislative Director of U.S. Congressman Greg Walden's Washington, D.C. office will hold office hours in Heppner on Monday, Dec. 22, to assist Oregonians with difficulties they may be having with various federal agencies. Brian Hard coordinates legislative matters for Walden, handling a wide range of issues including agriculture, small business, trade and telecommunications. Hard will be available to answer questions concerning Social Security, Medicare, Department of Veterans Affairs matters and other issues. Hard is a native of Oregon and a graduate of Oregon State University.

Brian Hard's schedule for Dec. 22 follows:

HEPPNER  
Monday, December 22  
9:30-10:30 a.m.-

Heppner Office Hours- Hard will be available to help members of the public with problems concerning Social Security, Medicare, Department of Veterans Affairs matters and other issues. Location: Room 103 of the Morrow County Courthouse, 100 Court Street, Heppner.

Congressman Walden represents the Second District of Oregon, which includes 20 counties in southern, central and eastern Oregon. He is a Deputy Whip and a member of both the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Resources.

### One week left in scavenger hunt

There is one week left to collect the 16 words from the floating reindeer in the Heppner Merchants' Scavenger Hunt.

A drawing will be held from all the correct entries on Christmas Eve day, Dec. 24, at 12 noon. You do not need to be present to win. The prize will be a \$150 gift certificate.

Try to find the reindeer at: Heppner Hardware,

Gardener's Men's Wear, Les Schwab, John's Place Restaurant, Central Red Apple, Shamrock Lanes, Heppner Auto Parts, Willow Creek Diner and Bakery, Artisan Village, Holloman's/ Willow Creek Realty, Peterson's Jewelers, Murray's County Rose, Lott's Electric, Devin Oil- Chevron Station, Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply and Green Feed and Seed.

### Pop can drop-off exceeding expectations

"The pop cans just keep coming in," said a spokesman for the ever-popular Shenanigan Fiddlers. "It is just amazing that the people of this community are so supportive of our efforts to raise dollars to fund our group. Through this effort we can continue to provide an unusual and entertaining brand of music to the area."

Eventually, it is hoped that enough money can be raised by next year to partially fund a trip to Ireland. The Shenanigans plan to attend a one-week school devoted to Irish fiddling taught by a noted Irish instructor.

Pop cans and other cans and bottles may be left off at 625 S. Chase St., Heppner, at the Carlson home.

### Ponies take on Bucks

By Larry Palmer

Heppner traveled to Pendleton to take on the Buckaroos. The eighth graders opened up a lead, 17 to 15, in the first half that held up throughout the second half as the Bucks couldn't over take them. The final score was Ponies 37, Bucks 35.

There was some outstanding play on both sides, but the Bucks just couldn't quite get the saddle on. The Ponies were lead by Nacho Elguezabal with 10 points, Andre Rauch with four, Nathan VanCleave with four, Matt McCabe with 17 and Jason Houweling with two points.

Heppner 6 11 6 14-37  
Pendleton 8 7 6 14-35

The seventh graders took on the Bucks, but a cold night from the floor and being outmanned didn't allow the Ponies much success. They played well at times, but just couldn't get it going offensively. The final score was Heppner 6, Bucks 37. Spencer Palmer had four points and Matt Holland chipped in two.

### Births

**Morgan Michael Alldritt**- a son, Morgan Michael, was born Nov. 15, 2003, at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland, to Mike and Bridgett Alldritt of Lexington. Morgan weighed 4 pounds 2 ounces and was 16-3/4 inches long. He joins sister, Madison, 2. Grandparents are Dave and Kay Alldritt, Lexington, Bob and Cathy Gates, Ione, and Ruth and Alan Gribskov, Eugene.

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