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number one seed into the state tournament.

A different starting five made little difference as the Mustang took an early lead and never looked back as Skaggs converted a three-point play and scored off a drive. Griffith scored off a rebound and a lay-in on a pass from Skaggs, Smith hit a short jumper, Brandon Seitz drove for a lay-in, Smith scored off a rebound and Murray scored off a steal to make it 17-3 and they eventually led 17-7 after one.

Taking off from where they left off, Skaggs scored off a pass from Walton, then off a pass from Gus Torres who then hit a long jumper and then fed Skaggs again to make it 25-9. Haguewood scored off a pass from Lovgren who then scored off a pass from Torres to make it 29-11. Smith scored off a rebound, Murray scored then fed Smith for a lay-in, Seitz scored off a rebound and Smith scored twice off passes from Botefuhr and Seitz to make it 41-17 at the half.

Walton opened the third with a steal and lay-in and was fouled and made the free throw to complete the three-point play. Lovgren fed Haguewood and Skaggs for lay-ins to make it 48-19. Torres hit a long jumper and Haguewood hit one of two free throws to make it 51-25. Haguewood, Botefuhr and Smith each hit jumpers and Murray scored to make it 59-31 at the end of three.

The Eagles came out in the fourth, outscoring the Mustangs 11-2 with Skaggs scoring off a rebound. Lovgren then scored off a drive to make it 63-42 and then off a rebound to make it 65-46. Skaggs hit a free throw to make the final 66-46.

Skaggs led the Mustangs with 16 points and nine rebounds, with Smith adding 14 points, five rebounds and three blocked shots. Lovgren had five rebounds and three assists, Torres had four assists and two steals, Haguewood had seven rebounds, Seitz had four rebounds, Elguezabal had three assists and Murray and Walton each had two steals.

Heppner 17 24 18 7-66
Wahtonka 7 10 14 15-46

Heppner- Zach Skaggs 7 2-3 16, Brian Smith 7 0-0 14, Brian Haguewood 3 1-3 7, Kyler Lovgren 3 0-3 6, Luke Murray 3 0-0 6, Brandon Seitz 2 0-0 4, Aaron Griffith 2 0-0 4, Gus Torres 2 0-0 4, Cody Walton 1 1-1 3, Justin Botefuhr 1 0-0 2, Chuy Elguezabal and Matt Kenny. Team: 34 3-11 66. 3-pts: none.

Wahtonka- Frankie Alvarez 8 0-0 16, Brandon O'Halloran 5 3-5 13, David LaDoucer 2 2-3 7, J.J. Despain 1 2-2 4, Saevar Runnersson 1 0-1 2, Andrew Johnson 1 0-1 2, Jason Vink 1 0-0 2 and Francisco Torres. Team: 19 6-12 46. 3-pts: LaDoucer.

Committee looking for veterans of WWII battles, Saipan and Tinian

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs in conjunction with the Committee for the Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of WWII, is asking for your help in locating veterans who fought in the WWII Battles of Saipan and Tinian. Veterans who took part in these battles will be honored in an historic anniversary event to be held June 12-16, 2004 on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

More than 70,000 American marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen fought the World War II battles for Tinian and Saipan, and more than 4,000 lost their lives. The airfields on Tinian and Saipan were critical for the B-29 missions that hastened the end of the war, including the historic flight of the Enola Gay.

The Committee for the Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of WWII is soliciting help from newspapers, churches, state and local chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, veterans associations, non-profit organizations, and family members to help identify veterans to be recognized.

If you or someone you know was involved in either of these battles send the name and contact information to: Jessica Jordan, nians60anniversary@yahoo.com, phone (670) 234-7211, or mail PMB 409 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950.

For more information about the 60th Anniversary of the Battle for Saipan and Tinian, contact Jessica Jordan or visit the website at www.WorldWarII.info.

All Saints' Episcopal to host pancake supper

All Saints' Episcopal Church will be hosting their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 5-7:30 p.m., at All Saints' in Heppner.

The menu will include pancakes, ham, fruit, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$10 for families.

All Saints' is located at 460 N. Gale St in Heppner.

Mustangs beat Rockets to clinch first

By Rick Paullus

A 20-10 advantage in the fourth quarter brought the Heppner Mustangs back to beat the Pilot Rock Rockets 57-48 in front of a packed gym in Pilot Rock on Tuesday, Feb. 10 to clinch first place going into the district tournament in Pendleton. The Mustangs improved to 12 and 1 in the Columbia Basin Conference and 19 and 2 overall and will play Saturday night on Feb. 21 for the district championship and the number one seed into the state tournament.

The Mustangs got out quick taking a 6-2 lead on a baseline jumper by Luke Murray and lay-ins from Justin Botefuhr and Brandon Seitz on feeds from Chuy Elguezabal. Seitz scored off a drive and hit two free throws, but the Rockets came back to tie it at 10-10 after one.

MCGC news

The Morrow County Gun Club met on another beautiful Sunday afternoon for a busy day of shooting with many new faces.

Rob Ashbeck led the field at the 16-yard line with a near perfect 24, followed by Cory Ashbeck with a 23 and Mark Schlichting with 22 of 25. In the handicap event, Schlichting and Kelwayne Haguewood shared top honors with 23 each, Scott Bishop and Rob Ashbeck broke 21 and Cory Ashbeck shot 20 of 25.

There was a large amount of junior shooters that shot very well that included Chris Wellington, Brandon Davis, Jason Wainwright, Hayden Blair, Joey Whelan and Chance Day.

There were two large Annie Oakley games with Sandi Day winning the first one in a shoot out with Rob Ashbeck, with Rob taking the second after a shoot out with Larry Lutchter.

In league standings after three weeks of shooting, the team of Chance Day and Cory Ashbeck has the lead.

MCGC will be hosting a meat shoot this Saturday, Feb. 20, beginning at 10 a.m., with lunch to be provided by the Lexington Grange from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Justice Court report

David Eugene Piper, 43, Heppner, VBR 40/25, fine \$143.

Lois Diane Barth, 59, Prineville, VBR 73/55, fine \$108.

Richard Peck, 68, Lexington, Criminal Trespass II, fine \$348 and 20 suspended days in jail.

The Rockets scored first to open the second and take their first lead of the game, but Murray scored inside to tie it again. After a Rocket basket, Murray hit a jumper and two free throws and Botefuhr hit two free throws to make it 18-14. Botefuhr scored off a pass from Kyler Lovgren to make it 20-16 and after the Rockets tied it up, Murray scored and Lovgren hit two free throws to give the Mustangs a 24-20 lead at the half.

The Rockets came out in the third to take a 25-24 lead and after Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer and Brian Smith scored off a rebound, they hit two 3-pointers to take a 31-29 lead. Seitz scored twice off passes from Elguezabal and Murray, the Rockets regained the lead with another 3-pointer, Smith scored off a rebound and Seitz scored inside but the

Tax exemption application deadline for war veterans is April 1

The Oregon Department of Revenue reminds disabled war veterans and surviving spouses of war veterans that April 1 is the application deadline for the veterans' property tax exemption. Qualified veterans or their surviving spouses may be entitled to exempt either \$10,160 or \$13,520 of their property's assessed value from property taxes. Applications and information are available by calling the local county assessor's office.

The \$10,160 exemption applies to war veterans with disabilities of 40 percent or more and to war veterans' surviving spouses who have not remarried. The \$13,520 exemption applies to war veterans with service-connected disabilities of 40 percent or more. It also applies to the surviving spouses of war veterans who died because of service-connected illness or injury or who had received at least one year of the maximum exemption.

Additional information about other eligibility requirements is available at the local county tax assessor's office and on the Department of Revenue's Web site at www.dor.state.or.us under Publications.

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Rockets claimed a 38-37 lead after three.

Elguezabal hit a running jumper to open the fourth and after a Rocket free throw tied it again, Zach Skaggs scored off a rebound and Murray fed Seitz for a lay-in then scored off a drive to give the Mustangs a 45-39 lead. Seitz hit a baseline jumper to make it 47-41, then Smith scored twice inside to make it 51-43 with 2:30 left. Botefuhr hit two free throws with 55.3 seconds left to make it 53-45 then after a Rocket 3-pointer, Smith and Murray each hit two free throws in the final 30 seconds to seal the win.

The Mustangs helped themselves by hitting 14 of 17 free throws for the game, including six of six in the last minute to help get the win.

Seitz led three Mustangs in double figures with 16 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots. Murray had 14 points,

four rebounds and three assists and Smith had 10 points and eight rebounds. Botefuhr had eight points, seven rebounds and two steals. Elguezabal had four assists and two steals, Skaggs had five rebounds and Lovgren had two assists.

Heppner 10 14 13 20-57
Pilot Rock 10 10 18 10-48

Heppner- Brandon Seitz 7 2-2 16, Luke Murray 5 4-6 14, Brian Smith 4 2-2 10, Justin Botefuhr 2 4-5 8, Chuy Elguezabal 2 0-0 5, Kyler Lovgren 0 2-2 2, Zach Skaggs 1 0-0 2, Aaron Griffith, Gus Torres and Matt VanCleave. Team: 21 14-17 57. 3-pts: Elguezabal.

Pilot Rock- Bobby Parrish 5 1-2 15, Frank Hoogesteg 6 1-4 14, T.J. Parrish 4 0-1 9, Phil Perrine 2 1-2 5, Jimmy Doherty 1 0-0 2, Michael Krosting 1 0-0 2 and Josh Wallis 0 1-2 1. Team: 19 4-11 48. 3-pts: B. Parrish 4, T.J. Parrish and Hoogesteg.

Umatilla-Willow Subbasin CORE Partnership to hold public meeting

The Umatilla-Willow Subbasin CORE Partnership is holding a public meeting to discuss the status of subbasin planning efforts to advance recovery of fish and wildlife species in the Umatilla and Willow subbasins.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3, from 6-9 p.m., at the Hermiston Community and Convention Center, Rotary Altrusa Room 415, South Highway 395, Hermiston.


Topics will include biological goals, objects and strategies for fish and wildlife management and Ecosystem Diagnostic and Treatment (EDT) products overview and output assessments.

Over a two-year period, Bonneville Power Administration will make available approximately \$15 million to Pacific Northwest communities working towards

the vision of a healthy ecosystem for aquatic and terrestrial populations that contribute to the cultural and economic well-being of the local communities. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council, formerly Northwest Power Planning Council, guides the investment of these BPA restoration funds.

The CORE Partnership has been guiding the local planning effort since November 2003 and is made up of representatives from the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Umatilla Basin Irrigation Districts Association, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council and Umatilla Soil and Water Conservation District.

For more information, contact Umatilla SWCD at (541) 276-8170.



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