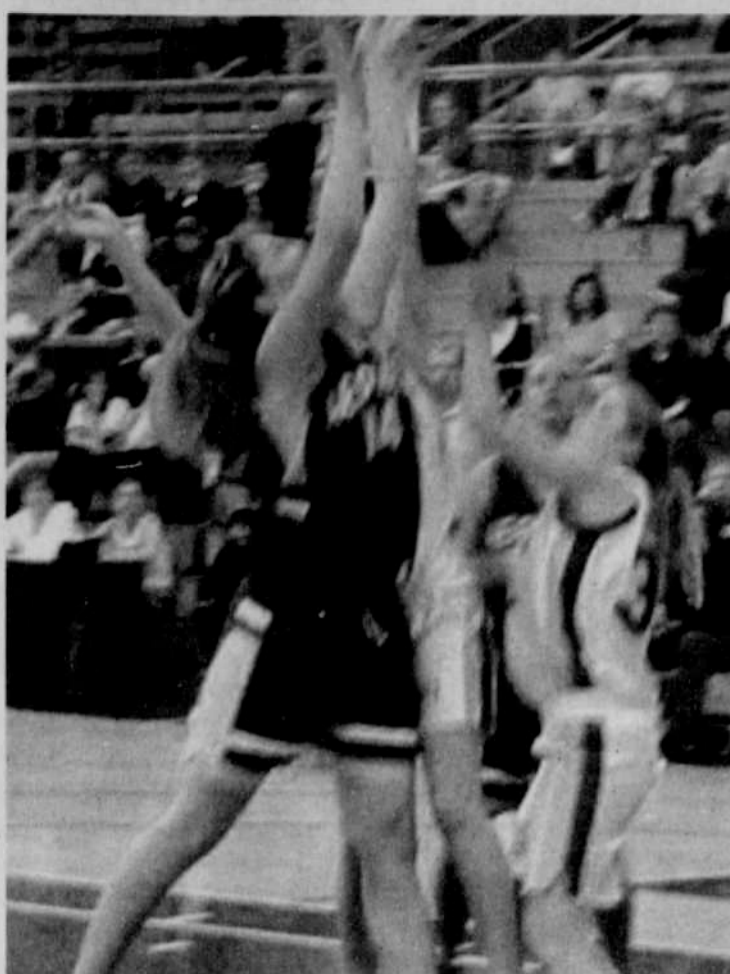


## Mustang girls beat Pilot Rock at District



Heppner's Brooke Rust goes up for shot against Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls stayed alive at the District 72A tournament by beating the Pilot Rock Rockets 59-49 in a loser-out game in Pendleton on Friday, Feb. 20. The Mustangs improved to 10 and 13 on the year.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 9-4 lead on five points from Stefanie Hanson and two each from Chelsea Britt and Madison Bailey and led 11-6 on a lay-in by Hanson on a nice pass from Bailey. The Rockets scored four straight, but Terra Wilson hit one of two free throws, Bailey hit a jumper and Britt scored off a rebound to make it 16-10. Bailey fed Linsey Mitchell for a lay-in to make it 18-12 and the Mustangs led 18-14 after one.

The Rockets got to within 18-17, but Rietmann scored off a pass from Mitchell, Katie Britt hit a 3-pointer, Hanson scored off a drive and Rietmann hit a long jumper to give the Mustangs a 27-17 lead. The Rockets scored five straight until Hanson hit a 3-pointer and the Mustangs took a 30-23 lead at the half.

Hanson opened the third quarter with a drive and lay-in and hit one of two free throws, but the Rockets got to within 33-31 before the Mustangs went on a run. Brooke Rust scored off a pass from Rietmann and hit two free throws, Wilson scored inside and hit one of two free throws and Katie Britt hit a long jumper to make it 42-31. Mitchell hit one of two free

throws and Wilson scored off a pass from Rietmann and Blair Keithley hit one of two free throws as the Mustangs led 46-38 going into the fourth.

After a Rocket basket, Hanson hit a running jumper, Bailey hit one of two free throws and Rietmann fed Hanson for a lay-in to make it 51-40. Chelsea Britt scored off a drive, but the Rockets came back to get within 53-49 with just over a minute left. Katie Britt and Hanson hit one of two free throws to make it 55-49 with 32 seconds left. Mitchell and Hanson each hit one of two free throws and Katie Britt hit two to close out the scoring.

Hanson scored 21 points, hitting seven of nine shots and pulled down nine rebounds. Katie Britt scored eight points and had two assists. Mitchell had six rebounds and two assists, Rietmann had five rebounds and three assists, Bailey had five steals and three assists, Chelsea Britt had six rebounds and Rust had four assists.

Heppner 18 12 13 59  
Pilot Rock 14 9 15 49

Heppner- Stefanie Hanson 8 4-7 21, Katie Britt 2 3-4 8, Terra Wilson 2 2-5 6, Linsey Mitchell 2 2-4 6, Madison Bailey 2 1-2 5, Shanna Rietmann 2 0-2 4, Chelsea Britt 2 0-0 4, Brooke Rust 1 2-2 4 and Blair Keithley 0 1-2 1. Team: 21 15-28 59. 3-pts: Hanson and Katie Britt.

Pilot Rock- Ally Robles 5 5-6 15, Kelsey Walker 1 7-9 9, Jenn Ulrich 4 0-3 8, Hannah Kirk 2 2-3 6, Haley Kannard 2 1-6 5, Christina Barkley 1 0-0 2, Jessica Westberg 1 0-0 2, Valerie Hall 0 1-2 1, Becky Schiller 0 1-2 1, Andrea Pedro and Ashley Sampson. Team: 16 17-30 49. 3-pts: none.

Playoff Brackets

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## Mustang girls lose to Vikings at District



Terra Wilson (15) goes for the basket

By Rick Paullus

After a close first half, a bad third quarter cost the Heppner Mustang girls at the District 7 2A basketball tournament as they lost to the Vikings 52-36 on Saturday, Feb. 21. With the win the Vikings finished in third place and advanced to the state sub-tournament with a chance to advance to the state tournament in Pendleton. The Mustangs finished the season with a 10 and 14 record and in fourth place in the Columbia Basin Conference.

The game also marked the last appearance for seniors Brooke Rust and Stefanie Hanson. Also on the team were juniors Chelsea Britt, Madison Bailey, Shanna Rietmann, Linsey Mitchell, Terra Wilson and Blair Keithley, sophomores Katie Britt and Laurie Murray and freshman Lyndi Patton. Head coach was Ron Brisbois, with Chris Rauch assisting.

Rietmann tied the score early at 2-2 and 4-4 on passes from Bailey who then gave the Mustangs the lead with a steal and lay-in. The Vikings went on a 5-0 run before Mitchell hit a long jumper, but the Mustangs trailed 11-8 after one.

Wilson hit two free throws to open the second. After a Viking basket, Wilson and Chelsea Britt each hit one of two free throws to make it 13-12. Rietmann hit a 3-pointer to tie it at 15-15 and Hanson scored off a rebound to tie it again at 17-17. Rietmann and Hanson each hit one of two free throws, but the Vikings extended their lead to 25-19 and after Hanson hit two free throws, they led 25-21 at the half.

The Vikings outscored the Mustangs 9-0 before Wilson scored just before the buzzer to end the third with the Mustangs trailing 34-23.

Wilson hit four of four free throws, but the Vikings built their lead to 42-27 to

open the fourth and Hanson scored off a rebound and Wilson hit another free throw, but the Vikings put the game out of reach at 51-30. Rietmann and Hanson each hit 3-pointers to make the final 52-36.

Rietmann had 11 points and seven rebounds, Hanson had 10 points and seven rebounds and Wilson had 10 points, five rebounds and two steals. Bailey had four rebounds, three steals and three assists and Rust had four steals and four rebounds.

Heppner 8 13 2 13-36  
Umatilla 11 14 9 18-52

Heppner- Shanna Rietmann 4 1-2 11, Stefanie Hanson 3 3-4 10, Terra Wilson 1 8-10 10, Madison Bailey 1 0-0 2, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Chelsea Britt 0 1-2 1, Brooke Rust 0 0-2 0, Katie Britt, Blair Keithley, Laurie Murray and Lyndi Patton. Team: 10 13-20 36. 3-pts: Rietmann 2 and Hanson.

Umatilla- Dauna Borden 9 5-6 23, Ashley Meade 3 0-0 8, Jasmine Campos 2 4-5 8, Austin Harvey 2 3-3 7, Katie Henry 1 1-2 3, Chrissi Forshee 1 0-2 2, KaSondra Pankey 0 1-2 1, Bertha Ruiz, Leandrea Landauer and Meaghan Dahlin. Team: 18 14-20 52. 3-pts: Meade 2.

## Births

**Emily Rose Ehrmantraut**- a daughter, Emily Rose, was born Feb. 6, 2004 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Kelly Lyn and Corey Lee Ehrmantraut of Ione.

**Estella Marie Chavez**- a daughter, Estella Marie, was born Feb. 10, 2004 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Stellie Pischelle D. Dagdag and Jose Manuel Chavez Acosta of Irrigon.

## Wedding Kristi Worden and Abraham McNamee



Worden-McNamee

Kristi Worden, daughter of Bob and Pam Worden of Heppner, and Abraham McNamee, son of Pat and Vicki McNamee of Irrigon, were married Jan. 17, 2004, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner, with Father Gerry Condon officiating. A reception was held at Morrow County Fairground, where the couple first met.

The bride was dressed in a satin A-line dress with beaded Venise lace, delicate lace cap sleeves and a grand cathedral train. She also wore a satin full-length cape with fur trimmed hood and muff. The bride's bouquet was white roses and wheat grown by both families.

The Maid of Honor was Erica Gregg of Molalla, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashley Gregg, Molalla, cousin of the bride, Angela Hughes, Baker City, sister of the groom, Becky McNamee, Irrigon, cousin of the groom and Tia Warren, Pendleton, friend of the bride.

The Best Man was Jason Strebin of Irrigon, a

friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Joe McNamee, Irrigon, brother of the groom, Rick Worden, Portland, brother of the bride, Robert Worden, Heppner, brother of the bride and Joe Davis, Hermiston, friend of the groom.

The flower girl was Julianne Carlson of Ione and the ring bearer was Brody Davis of Hermiston.

Debbie Clunas and Tami Gregg, the bride's aunts, catered the reception. Cake cutter and server was Runnisha McNamee, groom's aunt; coffee and punch servers- St. Patrick's Alter Society Ladies; guest book- Julie Watkins and Brooke Sweeney; and candle lighters- Sarah McNamee, cousin of groom and Grace Gregg, cousin of bride.

The bride graduated from Heppner High School and attended Eastern Oregon University. The groom graduated from Riverside High School. The couple works at M5 Custom Farming, owned by the groom.

The wedding trip was to the World Agriculture Expo in Tulare, CA.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Our day-to-day lives are much like writing a book. Sometimes a day will be worth a paragraph, while other days cover a chapter or sometimes even an entire book. As we go through life and consider decisions, it helps to remember that the direction we choose to follow or choices we make will be written in our own personal book within us, published in its entirety. This book may or may not become public knowledge, but it is always "ours" and will be "written" because of choices or circumstances we make. When we struggle with a decision, we might ask ourselves, "Do we want this written in our book?" As we answer that question, choices will be easier.

Your Chamber of Commerce is working on "writing a new chapter" and we're excited about adding it to "our book". While the Chamber has focused on "creating a positive environment where business, community, and people thrive," it plans to work even harder to bring visitors to Heppner and to promote events locally. Board members are researching ways to bring activities to Heppner, which draw visitors. There are groups who travel around putting on events for communities, ranging from dancing groups to medieval jesting, from remote air or boat races to lawn mower races. The recent Barrel Racing Series put on by the Munkers family at the fairgrounds continues to bring visitors to Heppner. The Morrow County OHV Park is attracting visitors. The Little League is working on Saturday nights at the movies. And of course, there are the traditional events such as Town and Country, St. Pat's Parade, Celebrate Heppner and the Pie Auction, the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade, the Octoberfest (new this year), and the Christmas Light Parade and Tree Auction in which the Chamber is directly involved.

The Chamber's thinking is that the more events and activities that occur in Heppner, spread over the year, the more positive exposure the community will have, thus introducing more people to Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley. Bringing in outside events will lower the burnout level of the many volunteers doing everything, and compliment our businesses and organizations. "Heppner for all Season."

What can you as a community do to help? Share your ideas. Let the Chamber know when your events are occurring and information about them. People call all the time and wonder what is going on in Heppner. If you tell the Chamber, the Chamber will tell them. Our strength lies in combining our collective talents and our commitment to solve problems, then following through with an action plan, and finally remembering to celebrate our successes.

And, with that said, Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration is just two weeks away, scheduled for March 11 to 14. To see the full schedule of events visit [www.heppner.net](http://www.heppner.net). Come rain or shine, our hills are already wearing the green. And may the "luck o' the Irish" shine on all of Morrow County's tremendous volunteers.

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