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Mustang Girls take third at Santiam Christian

By Rick Paulus

After losing 51-30 to Regis on Friday, Dec. 3 the Heppner Mustang girls bounced back to beat the

Community Holiday Concert to be held

William F. Mayclin conducts the Oregon East Symphony and Chorale as it plays host, Saturday, Dec. 11 to a holiday festival of music, The Sounds of Christmas.

Saturday's program, which takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the Vert Auditorium, includes performances by native drummers, Fred Hill and Friends, the Bells of Peace under the direction of Anita Herbig, Pendleton High School's A Cappella Choir under the direction of Steve Muller, the A Sharp Players conducted by Travis Sipher and the Young Voices of Eastern Oregon directed by Cheryl Carlson.

Featured soloists for the Symphony and Chorale's performance of Charpentier's Midnight Mass for Christmas include Cheryl Carlson, Anita Herbig, Sue Bynum, Harper Jones, Steve Muller and George Nelson.

Sponsors for Saturday's concert include Donald Benschoter, DDS, Pendleton Sanitary Service, Wheatland Insurance, Rob Merriman Plumbing and Heating and Pendleton Professional Services.

Seating is by general admission as this concert is not part of the regular symphony season. Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance at Armchair Books or the Symphony office, 241 South Main in Pendleton. Prices include \$20 family admission, \$10 adults and seniors and \$5 students and children. Call (541) 276-0320 for more information.

Arts and Crafts to hold

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts is having their Christmas Party at GD's Banquet Room at 1 p.m. on Dec. 16.

Exchange of gifts and an afternoon of sampling goodies is the theme for the day. Installation of officers for 2005 will also be included in the meeting.

Anyone interested in arts and crafts may join the group and new members are welcomed. For more information on membership, call Betty Mills at 676-5546.

Santiam Christian Eagles 39-37 on Saturday, Dec. 4 to take third in the Santiam Christian Tournament. It was the Mustangs first action of the year and they will back on the floor with a home game against the Riverside Pirates on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The 2004-2005 version of the Mustangs are guided by Mark Dowdy, who returns as head coach, with Chris Rauch assisting. Returning players consist of seniors, Shanna Rietmann, Linsey Mitchell, Terra Wilson, Blair Keithley and Susan Southworth; juniors, Heather Yocom and Lynan Bingham; sophomores, Sarah Price, Lyndi Patton, Regi Seitz and Mahaley Huddleston; and freshman, Megan Orr. Senior Madison Bailey had off-season emergency surgery and is still recovering.

In Friday's game, the Rams took a 13-7 lead after one despite four points from Rietmann and extended it to 21-13 at the half. Price had four points in the third, but the Rams built their lead to 38-19 and cruised to the win.

Rietmann led the Mustangs with nine points, with Orr adding six.

On Saturday, the Eagles took an 11-7 lead after one, despite six points from Patton and increased it to 24-13 at the half. The Mustangs came back in the third getting within 33-26 as Rietmann scored eight points, including two three-pointers, then got five points from Southworth as they outscored the Eagles 13-4 in the fourth to eek out the win.

Rietmann again led the Mustangs with 12 points,

eight rebounds, five assists and four steals, with Southworth adding eight points and 12 rebounds. Patton had eight points, Price had three assists and two steals and Orr had five rebounds.

Regis 51, Heppner 30*

Heppner 7 6 6 11-30
Regis 13 8 17 13-51
Heppner- Shanna Rietmann 3 3-4 9, Megan Orr 3 0-0 6, Sarah Price 1 2-2 4, Terra Wilson 1 0-0 2, Lyndi Patton 1 0-2 2, Regi Seitz 1 0-0 2, Mahaley Huddleston 1 0-0 2, Susan Southworth 1 0-2 2, Linsey Mitchell 0 1-2 1, Blair Keithley, Heather Yocom and Lynan Bingham. Team: 12 6-12 30. 3-pts: none.

Regis- J. Kendall 5 0-0 12, Parker 6 0-0 12, Smith 3 0-0 6, Espinoza 2 2-2 6, Jaeger 2 2-2 6, B. Kendall 2 0-0 4, Minten 1 0-0 3, Mudrick 1 0-0 2, Lulay, Rosa and Rauch. Team: 22 4-4 51. 3-pts: J. Kendall 2 and Minten.

Heppner 39,
Santiam Christian 37

Heppner 7 6 13 13-39
Santiam Christian 11 13 9 4-37

Heppner- Rietmann 5 0-1 12, Southworth 3 2-4 8, Patton 4 0-0 8, Keithley 2 0-0 4, Wilson 1 1-2 3, Orr 0 2-5 2, Seitz 1 0-0 2, Price, Yocom and Huddleston. Team: 16 5-12 39. 3-pts: Rietmann 2.

Santiam Christian- Woods 8 0-0 16, Hellesto 3 4-5 13, Sims 1 0-0 3, Davis 0 3-4 3, Chamber 1 0-0 2, Carrasco, Campbell and Boshart. Team: 12 7-10 37. 3-pts: Hellesto 3 and Sims.

Boardman graduate completes Air Force basic

Air Force Airman Dell-Ray Sackett has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies. He also performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Sackett is the son of



Dell-Ray Sackett

Rodney and Lorie Sackett of Irrigon. His sister is Hope Wornell of Hermiston.

Sackett is a 2004 graduate of Riverside High School in Boardman.

Shamrockette of the Month



Larissa Murphy

Larissa Murphy was chosen as the November Shamrockette of the Month. Murphy is training to be a team captain.

The Shamrockettes will be performing their Christmas routine for the residents at the Assisted Living and will hold a Spaghetti Feed in January.

Pastors invited to submit Christmas article

The Heppner Gazette would once again like to invite area pastors to include a special Christmas message in the Dec. 22 edition of the paper. Articles should be submitted by Monday, Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

Typed articles (handwritten, if legible) can be submitted by mail, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, OR 97836; fax, (541) 676-9211; or by dropping it at our office at 188 W. Willow, Heppner.

Please also include information about any special services your group will be holding.

Gazette-Times to hold Open House

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be holding an Open House on Thursday, Dec. 9 from 1-5 p.m. Cookies, punch and coffee will be served.

Drawings will be held for several year-long subscriptions and for personalized stationary and envelopes.

The new office location is 188 W. Willow, Heppner.

Hope Lutheran to host spaghetti feed

Hope Lutheran and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring a spaghetti feed dinner on Friday, Dec. 17 at Heppner High School. The meal will be served from 4-7 p.m. and again after the basketball tournament, at around 8:30 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$5 per person.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be matching the funds received at the dinner. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Adopt-a-Teacher fund and the other half will benefit the 4-H dorm building project.

Community Christmas Giving Tree

Marlene Currin and Sherree Mahoney encourage everyone who is interested in helping make tags and decorating the "Community Giving Tree" to contact them. Currin can be reached at 676-9711 and Mahoney at 676-5876.

Central Market has once again agreed to display the three in their store. Everyone is encouraged to remove a tag from the tree, purchase gifts as requested on the back of the tag, wrap the gifts and take them along with the tag from tree to the Heppner Neighborhood Center by Dec. 16. The volunteers from the Center will then distribute the gifts to the families making their Christmas very special this year.

We appreciate all who have helped in the past and hope you will find it in your hearts to help out in anyway you can again this year.

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