

## Mustang girls pound Bulldogs to start CBC

By Rick Paullus

An 18-3 advantage in the first quarter helped the Heppner Mustang varsity girls pound the Culver Bulldogs 66-40 in Culver on Tuesday, Dec. 21 in their Columbia Basin Conference opener. The Mustangs will get back into CBC play at Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 7 and will be at home on Saturday, Jan. 8 against Sherman County.

Megan Orr had seven points, including a 3-pointer, and Terra Wilson five points, in helping the Mustangs to their 18-3 advantage and Blair Keithley had six points in the second quarter as they took a 30-20 lead into the half.

Orr had six more and Shanna Rietmann and Susan Southworth had four points each in the third as the Mustangs extended their lead to 45-30 after three. Wilson had five, Keithley and Orr each had four and Rietmann had three points as they

cruised through the fourth to the easy win.

Orr led the Mustangs with 17 points, with Wilson adding 11 points, Keithley 10 and Rietmann had nine points, five assists and four steals.

Heppner 18 12 15 21-66

Culver 3 17 10 10-40  
Heppner- Megan Orr 8 0-0 17, Terra Wilson 4 3-4 11, Blair Keithley 2 6-8 10, Shanna Rietmann 4 1-1 9, Susan Southworth 2 2-4 6, Regi Seitz 2 0-0 4, Sarah Price 1 1-2 3, Lynan Bingham 1 0-1 2, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Lyndi Patton 1 0-0 2 and Heather Yocom. Team: 26 13-19 66. 3-pts: Orr.

Culver- Lang 2 3-8 7, Kraft 2 2-4 7, Alley 2 4-5 8, Briggs 3 0-0 6, Roen 2 0-0 4, Gangstead 1 1-2 3, Norris 0 2-6 2, Wofford 1 0-0 2 and Thompson 0 1-2 1. Team: 13 12-27 40. 3-pts: Kraft.

## Gochnauer to be installed as Chamber president

Chamber members are reminded of the 2005 annual Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Parish Hall. Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office at 676-5536 by Friday, Jan. 7.

Noah Fleischer, from Hamburg, Germany, will be speaking at the luncheon on an outsider's perspective of Heppner. Fleischer is an exchange student staying with the Kuhn and Spicer family.

Nancy Gochnauer will take the helm as president of the Heppner Chamber of

Commerce. Board members being installed are: Jeff Bailey, Tim VanCleave, Dave Sykes, Barbara Hayes, Bert Houweling, John Murray, Nancy Snider and Brenda Sherrill.

The Board of Directors met Wednesday, Jan. 5 to formulate goals for 2005, which will be shared with the membership during the annual luncheon. "It's all about thriving in 2005 and working together to make our community the best that it can be," says Gochnauer.

Look forward to some unique entertainment.

## Mustang girls rout Prospectors

By Rick Paullus

After a slow first quarter, the Heppner Mustang girls' varsity warmed up, turning a three-point lead into a 54-33 rout of the visiting Grant Union Prospectors on Thursday, Dec. 23.

The Mustangs, winning their seventh straight, improved to 7-1 on the year and will get back into Columbia Basin Conference play on Friday, Jan. 7 at Umatilla before being back home again against the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The Mustangs got five points from Susan Southworth and took a 9-6 lead after one. Shanna Rietmann made seven points, Southworth made four more and Terra Wilson took three to extend their lead to 26-15 at the half.

Megan Orr scored the Mustangs first 12 points of the third quarter and Linsey Mitchell hit a jumper to give the Mustangs a 40-24 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Orr scored off a rebound to open the fourth, hit four straight free throws and a running jumper and Lyndi Patton scored off a pass from Rietmann to extend the lead to 50-28. Regi Seitz hit two free

throws and Lynan Bingham scored off a drive to close out the scoring and making the final 54-33.

Orr led the Mustangs with 23 points and seven rebounds with Rietmann adding nine points, nine rebounds, six assists and five steals and Southworth finishing with nine points and seven steals.

Heppner 9 17 14 14-54

Grant Union 6 9 9 9-33

Heppner- Megan Orr 8 7-8 23, Shanna Rietmann 4 1-2 9, Susan Southworth 2 5-8 9, Terra Wilson 0 4-6 4, Regi Seitz 0 3-4 3, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-1 2, Lyndi Patton 1 0-1 2, Lynan Bingham 1 0-0 2, Sarah Price, Blair Keithley, Mahaley Huddleston and Heather Yocom. Team: 17 20-30 54. 3-pts: none.

Grant Union- Ashby-Andrews 3 0-0 9, Bartlett 2 2-3 7, Myers 2 0-0 5, Cary 2 0-0 4, Legg 1 1-4 3, Alley 1 1-1 3, Cojen 0 1-2 1, Lemcke 0 1-3 1, Holliday 0 0-1 0, Krouse, Moore, Tirico and Caughlin. Team: 11 6-14 33. 3-pts: Ashby-Andrews 3, Bartlett and Myers.

## Riverside graduate completes basic training

Army Pfc. Jose G. Martinez has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values. He also studied physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Martinez's parents are Jose and Betty Martinez of Boardman. He is a 1996 graduate of Riverside High School in Boardman.

## Mustang boys fall to Imbler in overtime

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity put up a valiant effort rallying from a 10-point deficit to tie the game at the end of regulation, but they ran out of gas in overtime as the Imbler Panthers took a 64-55 win on Tuesday, Dec. 28 in Imbler in non-league basketball action. The Mustangs, now 4-4 on the year, get back into Columbia Basin Conference play at Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 7, before finally coming home on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The Mustangs actually jumped out to a quick lead as Gus Torres hit two free throws and a running jumper and Rory Kilkenny hit one of two free throws to make it 5-2 and Matthew VanCleave and Torres completed three-point plays to give them an 11-7 lead after one.

The Panthers scored four straight to open the second, but Kilkenny scored off a pass from Matt Kenny, Josh Gutierrez hit a short jumper, Kilkenny hit one of two free throws and Mikel Britt scored off a pass from Kory Paullus to tie it at 18-18. Gutierrez hit one of two free throws and Britt scored off a pass from Kenny, but the Panthers built a 27-21 lead at the half.

Gutierrez opened the third with two 3-pointers and fed Kenny for a lay-in to get the Mustangs within 32-29. VanCleave scored off a drive, but the Panthers built their lead to 41-31 until Seitz scored off a rebound and Torres fed VanCleave for a lay-in. Seitz and Torres hit jumpers as the Panthers took a 45-39 lead into the fourth.

Seitz fed VanCleave for lay-in then scored off a pass from Torres who then converted a four-point play early in the fourth to tie the game at 47-47. Two Panther free throws were followed by a Seitz jumper to tie it. The Panthers took a two-point lead, Seitz hit one of two free throws with 1:14 left and Torres hit one of two free throws with 31.6 seconds left to tie it again. The Panthers missed a long field goal try at the buzzer and into overtime they went.

The Panthers took an early lead before Seitz scored to cut the lead to 54-53, then scored with 38.1 seconds left to cut the lead to 58-55, but the Panthers made enough free throws down the stretch to preserve the win.

Torres led the Mustangs with 14 points and three assists, with Seitz adding 13 points, eight rebounds, two assists and two steals. Gutierrez had nine points, four assists and two steals. VanCleave had nine points, five rebounds and two blocked shots, Paullus and Kilkenny each had four rebounds and Kenny had two assists and two steals.

Heppner 11 10 18 12 4-55

Imbler 7 20 18 6 13-64

Heppner- Gus Torres 4 5-6 14, Brandon Seitz 6 1-2 13, Josh Gutierrez 3 1-2 9, Matthew VanCleave 4 1-1 9, Rory Kilkenny 1 2-4 4, Mikel Britt 2 0-0 4, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Kory Paullus 0 0-2 0 and Kyle Huddleston. Team: 21 10-17 55. 3-pts: Gutierrez 2 and Torres.

Imbler- McIntosh 8 13-16 29, O'Donald 5 2-3 12, McKinnis 2 4-4 8, Campbell 1 4-9 7, Nilsson 1 2-4 4, Cline 1 2-2 4 and Fulfer. Team: 18 27-38 64. 3-pts: Campbell.

## OWC to meet in Boardman

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 10 from 3-6 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 11 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Riverfront Center located at 2 Marine Drive in Boardman.

Commission meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to attend is encouraged and welcomed to do so. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. The ADA prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. To request an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact the OWC office 48 hours in advance at (503) 229-6665 or TTY (503) 986-4762.

## Shamrockette of the Month



Katie Tayloe, 11, was selected as the December Shamrockette of the Month. She has been on the team since October 2004.

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