

Cardinal "A" team girls lose to Condon

The Ione Middle School "A" team girls lost to a tough Condon team on Saturday, Jan. 15. The Demons held the Cardinals scoreless in the first quarter while they scored six points. By halftime, the Demons lead the Cardinals 13-4. Things got a bit better for Ione in the second half, helped by a five point rally in the fourth quarter, but the Cardinals still ended up on the short end, losing 19-12.

Tiana Camarillo and Tyree Svetich each scored three points, followed by Stefanie Archer, Victoria Heagy and Brianna Peterson with two points each.

"Condon was a tough team, but we held our own," said Coach Lynn Dee Ramos. "The first quarter hurt us by not scoring, but the girls have it all they had. Our team play seems to get better with every game."

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

The Seventh Day Adventist Church are volunteers for the Jan. 26 noon meal. The menu for the day is lasagna, Caesar salad, pears, garlic bread and brownies.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m., the Board of Directors conduct the Center's annual meeting, which includes election of new members to the board and election of officers for the year. Other business is the treasurer's summary of finances and reports of standing committees.

Ed Baker, coordinator of the senior transportation program, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the South Morrow County awards ceremony, Thursday evening, Jan. 13. "Baker has devoted thousands of hours of volunteer service to his community," quoted one news report. Specifically, for the seniors, he selects drivers, coordinates their time, plans for special excursions, sees that the busses are serviced and cleaned properly and uncountable other details, which insure the safety, enjoyment and comfort of seniors who need transportation services. He exhibits a particular devotion to his tasks and a graciousness to his coworkers and passengers. We are glad to second his honor.

Sheila Piper and Grace Drake attended the teleconference with State Senator Bob Jensen and Representative Greg Smith at the Port of Morrow on Jan. 13. The particular concern of the attendees is the state of the budget item, which provides funds for Oregon Project Independence (OPI). The item provides funds, which enable elderly persons to remain in their own homes when otherwise they would

be in nursing homes. These persons have, frequently, exhausted their own resources and would need Medicaid assistance. The cost to the state budget (taxpayers) is \$250 per month per client for 10 hours per week for a housekeeper as opposed to \$3000 or more, per month per client for nursing home care.

Jensen and Smith discussed the plight of the budget. In further discussion, the group learned that Sen. Jensen was the one who wrote for the original grant for the money, which was appropriated and became OPI. He wrote for the grant when he was a professor at Blue Mountain Community College, before he became a legislator.

Both Jensen and Smith stated that OPI had become a model for other states to examine and establish similar plans in their own areas. They are dedicated to protecting the funds, as are Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith, on the national level. OPI funds come from federal funds granted only when states offer matching monies. To retain the service requires cooperation between the state and federal levels.

About 20 people from both Morrow and Umatilla counties participated in the teleconference. Sherri Smith, wife of Sen. Greg Smith and manager of his local office, made arrangements for the conference.

Mrs. Smith also addressed the seniors who were at the noon meal on Jan. 12. She spoke about the importance of the Senior Day at the Legislature (Jan. 17) in Salem. She also provided model letters for people to use to express their support for OPI or any suggestion or question brought up.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

"I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

I'm not sure to whom to attribute the above quote, but I do know before my Dad died 26 years ago that it hung above his office desk at home. It was always a reminder to all of us to be more understanding and keep our sense of humor.

The saying surfaced again Christmas Day. Mom was staying in our guest room and noticed a slip of paper with Dad's handwriting sticking out at an odd angle between some books, which hadn't been touched for a long while. There was the saying. "Maybe he thinks we still need reminding," Mom commented. At any rate, for a brief while he was with us again on Christmas as we shared special memories.

The quote got me to thinking about how it's so true in all of our daily lives. It's about communicating clearly and even sometimes when we do, or think we do, the saying still holds true. We all come from different backgrounds, different experiences, have different agendas, communicate differently, write differently and sometimes forget to listen and ask for clarification. Often we hear part of something and begin formulating our response before fully hearing the statement or the question. This can cause problems in families, organizations, classrooms and our community.

It pays to ask questions until we understand. Not only does it give us clarification, it helps others to articulate their feelings. It helps us to think about what we said and to maybe say it a little bit better. One of the perks of belonging to the Chamber and working with a different president and board each year is the opportunity to get to know a wide variety of people and thus know ourselves better. The same holds true for volunteering and working on committees. There are many rewards.

Congratulations to all those honored last week during the Chamber annual luncheon and Town and Country. The selection committee and presenters are also appreciated for their hard work and communication.

Remember, your Chamber meets on Thursdays. Every third Thursday, beginning this week, a member business will be the featured program. Local business owners will share the challenges and rewards of having a business in Heppner, give us a bit of their history and the opportunity to ask them questions. With that, I hope you understand what I think I said. And... onward into the new year to be part of the support system that helps Heppner thrive in 2005.

EOU announces 2004 fall term Dean's List

Marcy Miller of Heppner was named to the 2004 fall term Dean's List at Eastern Oregon University. More than 440 students achieved and maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Students must have completed a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework ending December 10 to qualify.

Eastern Oregon University is celebrating its 75th Anniversary during the 2004-2005 academic year. Ranked number two in the nation as a "Best Value for Public Colleges and Universities" by *Consumers Digest* magazine, EOU offers exceptional faculty, personal attention and attractive facilities in a remarkable setting in La Grande and at 16 distance learning Centers throughout the state. At EOU, students engage in undergraduate research, internships and cooperative opportunities, international experiences and community service for today's global society. EOU is a student-centered campus, measuring its success by the achievements of its students.

McElligott chosen as Rutchman finalist

Nikki McElligott, an Ione High School graduate currently attending Oregon Institute of Technology, was chosen as a finalist for the 2004 Rutchman Small College Athlete of the Year award. The award will be presented at the 2004 Oregon Sports Awards, which will air on Jan. 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. on KATU. The Rutchman Award is an annual award given to the most outstanding male and female athletes in Oregon.

McElligott was named to the third team All-American Women's

Basketball team last season and was the Cascade Conference Player of the Year.

McElligott is the daughter of Joe and Jeri McElligott of Ione.

HHS softball team to hold fundraiser

The Heppner High School softball team is holding a fundraiser, Friday, Jan. 28, 5-7 p.m., in the HHS cafeteria. There will be homemade tostadas, with beans and rice for \$3.50, with extra tostadas for \$1 each. The Elguezabal Family is preparing the meal.

Mustang boys lose to Rockets in second half

By Rick Paullus



Gus Torres puts it in for two against the Rockets. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Mustang varsity boys were outscored 33-16 in the second half, erasing an 11-point halftime lead as they lost to the Pilot Rock Rockets 47-41 on Friday, Jan. 14 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 1 and 3 in the CBC and 4 and 7 overall, had their home game on Saturday against Culver postponed because of the weather, but they will be home on Friday, Jan. 21 against the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots before going to Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The Mustangs started out hot as Matt Kenny hit a baseline jumper, Matt McCabe hit a 3-pointer, Matthew VanCleave scored off a drive and Brandon Seitz scored off a pass from Gus Torres to make it 9-1 and they eventually settled for a 9-4 lead after one.

Torres opened the second by hitting consecutive 3-pointers, VanCleave hit one of two free throws and Rory Kilkenny scored off a drive to make it 18-6. Seitz converted a three-point play to make it 21-8 and after six straight from the Rockets, VanCleave scored off a pass from Torres and Kilkenny scored off a drive to make it 25-14 at the half.

The teams traded baskets to open the fourth as Seitz scored inside twice, VanCleave scored off a rebound and Seitz converted a three-point play to make it 33-21. The Rockets went on an 11-2 run to close out the third as all the Mustangs could muster was a jumper from Kilkenny to hold onto a 35-32 lead after three.

The Rockets scored four straight to open the fourth and got their first lead of the game, but the Mustangs came back with a Kory Paullus lay-in from Torres who hit two free throws and a Kilkenny lay-in on a pass from Paullus with two minutes left to make it 41-37. The Rockets scored the last 10 points of the game however to take the win.

The Mustangs were led by Seitz with 11 points, on five of six shooting, and eight rebounds, with Torres adding eight points, six rebounds and three assists. Kilkenny had eight points and five rebounds, VanCleave had seven points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots, Paullus had four rebounds and two assists, Kenny had three assists and Josh Gutierrez had two assists.

The Mustangs out-rebounded the Rockets 35-21 and out-shot them 45 percent to 31.5 percent, but had 29 turnovers to nine for Pilot Rock.

Heppner 9 16 10 6-41
Pilot Rock 4 10 18 15-47
Heppner- Brandon Seitz 5-6 1-1 11, Gus Torres 2-6 2-4 8, Rory Kilkenny 4-6 0-0 8, Matthew VanCleave 3-9 1-4 7, Matt McCabe 1-1 0-0 3, Kory Paullus 1-2 0-0 2, Matt Kenny 1-3 0-0 2, Josh Gutierrez 0-4 0-0 0 and RJ Farrans 0-1 0-0 0. Team: 17-38 4-9 41. 3-pts: Torres 2 and McCabe.
Pilot Rock- 6-16 4-4 17, Mitch Byrnes 5-16 4-11 14, Michael Krosting 1-3 1-2 4, Nolan Mills 2-4 0-1 4, Phillip Perrine 1-8 1-4 3, Kyle Humphreys 1-3 0-0 3, Jimmy Doherty 1-4 0-0 2 and Colby Norquist. Team: 17-54 10-22 47. 3-pts: Parrish, Krosting and Humphreys.

Morrow County Gun Club news


On Sunday, Jan. 16, in a cool northeast breeze, eight shooters shot singles and handicap at the Morrow County Gun Club.

In the singles, Kelwayne Haguwood hit 24 out of 25. Following him was a tie between Roger Mortimer, Bill Schlichting and Harvey Childers, all of who shot 20 out of 25 and Barry Munkers who shot 19 of 25.

In the handicap shoot, Childers reigned with 22 out of 25, with Haguwood following with 16 and Dennis Peck with 15.

No games were shot. Teams were drawn and league shooting began. The team of Rob Ashbeck and Childers moved into first with 75 of 100. Team Munkers and Haguwood made second with 68 of 100. Buckles are being donated by Marfel Manufacturing and Peg Leg Farms.

The next shoot will be Jan. 23, 2005 at 12 p.m. All shooters are welcome. If it's your first shoot at MCGC, the first 25 targets are free.



Real Estate

By DAVID SYKES REALTOR

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Your telephone rings. It is your Realtor saying that he is coming right over with a prospect. You hang up the phone. What's the next thing you do? Turn on every light in the house. Why?

Because you want to give the prospect the best image you can of the comfort, beauty and livability you are offering. In other words, you want to sell a home not a house. And full illumination is the best way to give your home that "lived-in" look. Furniture and rugs and fixtures take on a warm glow from the proper lighting. Here are a few "bright" ideas:

Turn on every lamp in the living room, bedrooms, and family room. Be careful about turning on the overhead lights in these rooms for it could be harsh and make the room look uninviting. Turn on every light in a storage room or closet. Go all out in illuminating the kitchen - the cheerier the better. Brighten up the bathroom too - but carefully choose the right wattage for bulbs by the mirror, pick the most flattering one. Remember, it's just as important to have lights on in the afternoon as it is for a nighttime showing.

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