

## Morrow County School District to reorganize administration

Changes are coming to the Morrow County School District administration. In a move to better implement curriculum and create "more effective operations," the assistant superintendent position is being reinstated and the maintenance department is being restructured, said MCSD Superintendent Mark Burrows.

"To help provide leadership and coordination in the areas of district curricula, instruction programs and support programs including state and federal grant programs," the assistant superintendent position is being reinstated. The assistant will also work closely with the superintendent to help divide the other administrative duties that are beyond the curricula, including budgeting, management of maintenance and construction projects and implementation of the numerous district programs.

Many programs, such as special education, Title programs, Talented and Gifted and bilingual education have been overseen by the programs director. With the inclusion of an assistant superintendent, the programs director will move to a half-time position, in which the director will focus only on special education.

Another change is the need to have an administrator in each school in the north end. The administrators already in position are being reorganized so that they can better cover the schools to have one administrator in each building.

This change is also being brought to help the middle band of students (fifth through eighth grade) better reach state test averages. "Test scores in kindergarten through third grade are fantastic," said Burrows. "The north end schools are beating many state averages." High school scores are also doing well, but fifth and eighth grade tests are not where the administration would like to see them. It is hoped that having leadership presence in each school will help better implement curriculum that will better the test scores.

One of the final changes in the administration will be seen in the maintenance department. Responsibilities that have general been handled by the maintenance supervisor, maintenance worker and summer grounds keepers, will now taken over by three facilities coordinators who will hold full-time positions. The three coordinators will be over three separate areas- Boardman, Irrigon and Lexington/Heppner. "The facilities coordinator will perform a variety of duties including custodial and maintenance duties, as well as grounds keeping under the direction of the building principals and the assistant superintendent and in cooperation with the head custodian at assigned schools," states the job description.

These changes in administration will be seen as soon as April, when the facilities coordinators will begin. The position of assistant superintendent will begin with the new fiscal year which begins July 2005.

While many may worry that all things changes will increase administration costs, Burrows was glad to inform that the reorganization is actually reducing 1/2 an FTE position, bringing the district total down from 11-1/2 to 11 FTE position.

## Royals end Mustangs season in second half

By Rick Paullus

A 37-7 advantage in the second half by the Portland Christian Royals ended the season for the Heppner Mustang girls in the second round of the US Bank/Les Schwab Tires/OSAA 2A basketball playoffs on Saturday, Feb. 26. The Mustangs, who ended up 19 and 7 on the year, hit five of eight 3-pointers and had a 25-23 lead at the half, but a 21-0 run in the third quarter carried the Royals to a 60-32 win.

The game marked the end of their high school basketball careers for seniors Shanna Rietmann, Susan Southworth, Terra Wilson, Lindsey Mitchell and Blair Keithley. Madison Bailey had her season end earlier with a severe knee injury. Returning for coach Mark Dowdy will be juniors, Heather Yocom and Lynan Bingham, sophomores, Sarah Price, Lyndi Patton, Regi Seitz and Mahaley Huddleston and freshman, Megan Orr.

The Mustangs took a 16-14 lead after one, getting two 3-pointers from Patton, one from Seitz and three points from Southworth as they came back from an 8-0 deficit to start the game.

Patton and Orr each hit 3-pointers in the second quarter as the Mustangs clung to a two-point lead at 25-23 at the half.

The Royals came out of the half with a vengeance as they took advantage of their height going on a 21-0 run to take a 44-25 lead after three quarters of play.

Rietmann hit a 3-pointer in the fourth, but it wasn't nearly enough as the Royals continued to pull away for the win.

The top-ranked Royals will return to Pendleton to defend the state championship they won last year as they beat Sherman County in the title game.

Patton led the way for the Mustangs with nine points and pulled down six rebounds, with Orr adding seven points, four rebounds and four steals. Seitz had six points and two steals, Rietmann had five rebounds and four assists and Southworth had five rebounds and two steals.

Heppner 16 9 0 7-32  
Portland Christian 14 9 21 16-60

Heppner- Lyndi Patton 3 0-0 9, Megan Orr 2 2-2 7, Regi Seitz 2 1-2 6, Susan Southworth 2 1-1 5, Shanna Rietmann 1 0-0 3, Sarah Price 1 0-1 2, Linsey Mitchell, Terra Wilson, Blair Keithley, Heather Yocom, Mahaley Huddleston and Lynan Bingham. Team: 11 4-6 32. 3-pts: Patton 3, Rietmann, Seitz and Orr.

Portland Christian- Kelsey Hill 8 3-4 19, Kim Hill 5 0-0 12, Bauman 4 0-0 8, Myron 3 2-6 8, Johnson 2 1-2 5, Tipett 1 3-4 5, Clisby 1 0-0 2, McCain 1 1-2 1 and Hutchinson. Team: 24 10-18 60. 3-pts: Kim Hill 2.



Lindsey Mitchell gets a rebound against a 6'3" Portland Christian Royal. Photo by Whitney Matthews



Shanna Rietmann fights for the rebound against Portland. Photo by Whitney Matthews.

## Mustangs blow past Oakridge Morrow County Gun Club news

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls raced to a 31-14 lead at the half and coasted to a 56-46 win over the Oakridge Warriors on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in Oakridge in the first round of the US Bank/Les Schwab Tires/OSAA State 2A basketball playoffs. The Mustangs improved to 19 and 6 on the year with the win and were to play at Portland Christian on Saturday, Feb. 26 in the second round.

The Mustangs took a 16-7 lead after one, getting six points from Megan Orr, four points from Shanna Rietmann, three points from Linsey Mitchell and a 3-pointer from Terra Wilson.

Lyndi Patton hit a 3-pointer and scored five points in the second as the Mustangs pushed their lead to 31-14 at the half.

Orr scored five points in the third, including a 3-pointer, but the Warriors cut the lead to 42-29 going into the fourth quarter. Rietmann and Patton each hit 3-pointers and Mitchell hit four of four free throws as the Mustangs increased their lead to 20 points with three minutes left and they coasted to the win.

Orr led a balanced scoring attack with 13

points, three steals and three assists, with Rietmann adding nine points, seven assists and two steals. Mitchell hit seven of seven free throws finishing with nine points, Patton had eight points, two steals and two assists, Wilson had four rebounds and four assists and Sarah Price had eight rebounds.

Heppner 16 15 11 14-56  
Oakridge 7 7 15 17-46

Heppner- Megan Orr 4 4-4 13, Shanna Rietmann 4 0-2 9, Linsey Mitchell 1 7-7 9, Lyndi Patton 2 2-3 8, Susan Southworth 1 2-2 4, Sarah Price 2 0-0 4, Regi Seitz 2 0-0 4, Terra Wilson 1 0-0 3, Blair Keithley 1 0-0 2, Lynan Bingham 0 0-2 0, Heather Yocom and Mahaley Huddleston. Team: 18 15-20 56. 3-pts: Patton 2, Rietmann, Wilson and Orr.

O a k r i d g e - McCastand 6 0-0 16, Obermeyer 5 0-1 10, Gamez 4 0-0 8, Freeman 2 2-3 6, Cossette 1 1-2 3, Shoeder 1 0-0 2 and Saraz 0 1-2 1. Team: 19 4-8 46. 3-pts: McCastand 4.

### HLL try-outs rescheduled

There will be no major girl try-outs and the minor girls' try-outs have been changed to March 9 at 4 p.m. at Bob Kilkenny field.

For more information, contact Renee Yocom at 676-9474 mornings or 676-9821.

On Feb. 27, a warm and breezy afternoon, 12 shooters gathered at Morrow County Gun Club.

In singles shooting (16 yards), Jeff Cutsforth took first place with 24 out of 25 hits. Dennis Peck followed with 22 hits, with Mark Schlichting and Garrett Wilhelm tying at 20 hits each. Deona Hodges took high lady with 17 out of 25 shots and Taylor Hodges, in the sub-junior category, hit 16 out of 25.

In handicap shooting (20 yards), Wilhelm was first with 19 out of 25 shots. Dick Goodhead, Schlichting and Cutsforth tied at 18 out of 25 shots. Roger Mortimer and Peck tied at 17 out of 25 shots. Deona Hodges took high lady at 19 and Taylor Hodges, sub-junior, took 17.

Annie were then shot with Mortimer winning two and Schlichting and Goodhead winning one each.

The buckles that Markel Mfg., and Peg Leg Farms donated have arrived. In week four of winter league shooting, team Peck and Schlichting are still on top with 394 points out of 4000. Team Crum and Crum follow at 384 and team Munkers and Haguewood follow at 382. Teams Mortimer and Cutsforth and Ashbeck and Childers are tied at 380.

The next shoot will be held on March 6 at 12 p.m.



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### Willows Grange donates dictionaries to lone students

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Crawford told students that, "A dictionary, you'll find, is a book you'll use all your lifetime."

She also presented four dictionaries to home school students who hadn't attended the third grade in Ione the year before.

A total of 17 dictionaries were presented.



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By DAVID SYKES

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