

Shamrockettes to restructure program

The Shamrockettes Dance Team of Heppner has decided to restructure their program to make their program more accessible to kids in the Heppner community. The current year was a nine-month season from June until March. The Shamrockettes want to be supportive of all other sports and extracurricular activities so they are restructuring their program into two seasons that correspond with the current Heppner sports season schedules.

The new seasons will be Summer and Winter. The Summer season will be from June (after school releases) until the first week of September (Pendleton Round Up Week). The Winter season will be from January (after school resumes from holiday break) to March (St. Patrick's Day

Weekend). This will allow the Dance Team to take part in the biggest celebrations in the community. Any girl who decides to participate in a season will be committed for the 3 months. This way, the girls can do all the sports during the school year and still do dance in the summer if they so choose. If the schedule overlaps with other sports, the team will be flexible to allow the girls to participate with their other activity teams. Boys are also encouraged to become a members of the Dance Team sport.

This year the team will not be sharing their Christmas routines with our community but perhaps in the future a Fall season will be added if there is enough interest.

Parents, board members and dance team

members will continue to collect cans year around for the funding of the team. If you have cans, please call the Shamrockettes for pick up. Your support is very much appreciated. If any girl or boy in the grades 4th through 12th grade is interested in the Winter Dance Season (January-March 2006) please give the Shamrockettes a call at 676-8161.

Light Parade and Tree Auction planned

Heppner Chamber announces the ninth annual Christmas light parade. The parade will be part of Heppner's holiday activities again this year. The parade will be Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. Businesses, organizations, individuals, and schools are all encouraged to participate. Entry forms are available at Heppner Hardware, Heppner Chamber of Commerce, and Kuhn & Spicer. A \$75.00 cash prize will be awarded to the winner in each category and to Santa's favorite.

Immediately following the parade the community is invited to gather at City Hall for the Chamber/Hospice tree and basket auction and raffle.

G-T office closes for Thanksgiving

The Gazette office will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 25. There will be no changes in deadlines for the newspaper submissions.

Chess Mates have participated in Regional and State Tournaments



(L-R): Wayne Seitz teaches students chess skills.



(L-R): Micha Kintz, Mecka Boyd, Tom Wolff (Elks), Sharon Harrison (BEO), Amy Coleman (Les Schwab), Jefferson Dowdy, Alyssa Wizner.

The Chess Mates now have 56 members of various age groups who gather after school to play chess. Mrs. Madison, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Elguezabal are the group's advisors.

The children meet every Monday after school

to learn the basics of chess. This group is open to all children who have a basic knowledge of chess and would like to better their playing skills.

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year they took second place with their T-shirts.

Many adult volunteers donate their time and money to the activity. Such volunteers include: Dave Kendrick, James Pappas, Dick Jones, Mike Armato and Wayne Seitz.

Electrical Safety Poster Contest winners announced

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op announces the winners of its annual Electrical Safety Poster contest. The competition is open to all fourth graders in their service territory. The 2005 winners were announced at the CBEC annual meeting held in Fossil on Thursday night. First place winners are awarded twenty dollars and second place winners are awarded \$10. Winners were as follows: Fossil Grade School: 1st - Kristina Byars, 2nd - Katherine Popchok, Condon Grade School: 1st - Zachary Irzyk, 2nd - Joseph Campbell, Heppner Grade School: 1st - Mekayla Kindle, 2nd - Jacob Price, Ione Grade School: 1st - Emily Holland, 2nd (tie) - Brittany Simpson and Jeremy Robertson. The contest generated 58 entries. Electricity is like most tools: it can make our lives much easier and more pleasant, but if used carelessly, can be dangerous.

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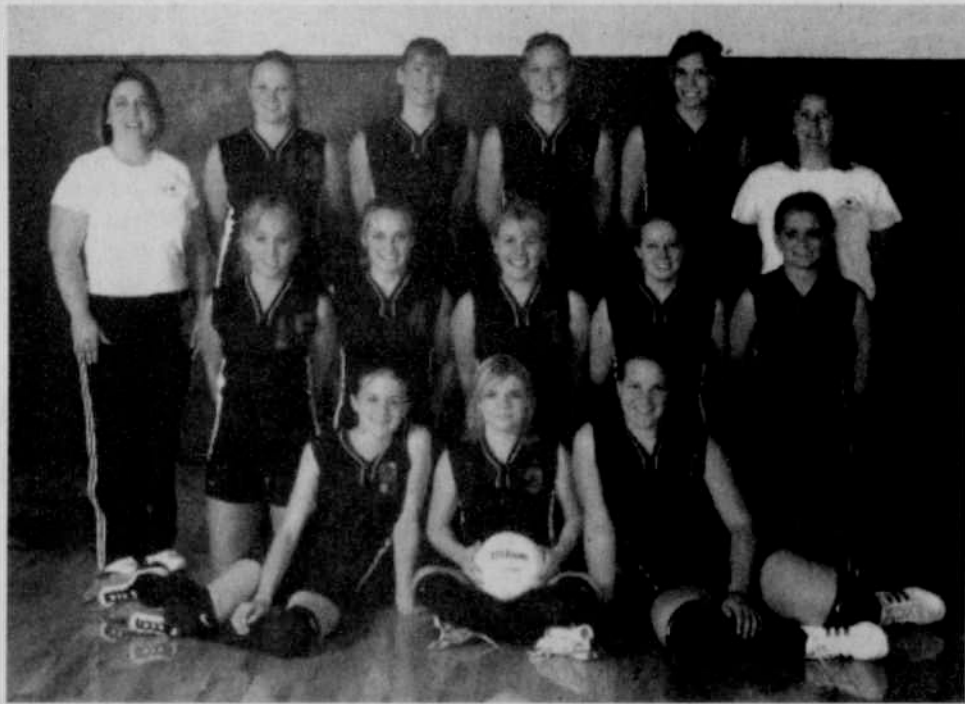
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Ione Lady Cardinals Varsity Volleyball: back row (L-R)-Assistant Coach Jill Martin, Terri Sintakova, Amber Patton, Brittnee DesBouillons, Stephanie Holland, Head Coach Brandi Orem; middle row (L-R)-Teonna Vandever, Emily Rietmann, Kylee Svetich, Ashly Grams, Jenny Griffith; front row (L-R)-Tiana Camarillo, Kaylee Palmateer, Kayla LaRue

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