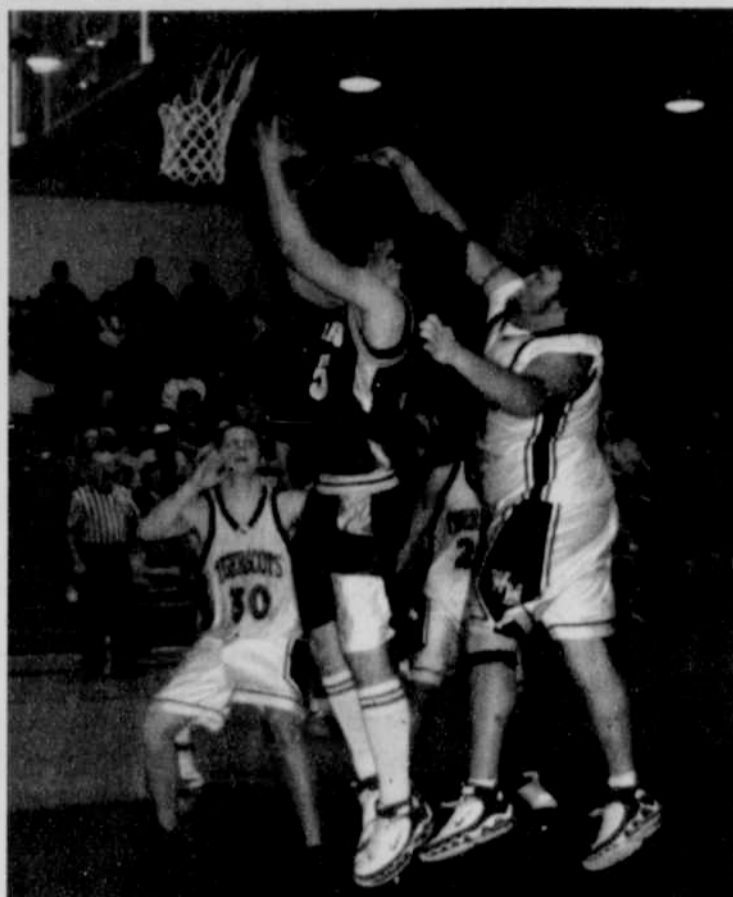


Mustang boys lose to Tigerscots in OT



Rory Kilkenny gets checked from behind by a Weston-McEwen Tigerscot. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

After a bad third quarter, the Heppner Mustangs varsity boys rallied to tie the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots at the end of regulation, but were outscored 11-7 in overtime, losing 58-54 in Athena on Friday, Jan. 20 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 4 and 3 in the CBC and 6 and 5 overall, will be at Umtilla on Friday, Jan. 27 before facing league leading Sherman County at home on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Mustangs took a 15-12 lead after one getting five points from Rory Kilkenny and four each from Matt Kenny and Matt McCabe. They held a slim 25-24 lead at the half, getting six points from Matt Van Cleave and four from Mikel Britt in the second quarter.

The Tigerscots took a 44-36 lead after three, but the Mustangs rallied, getting six points from Kenny to tie it at 47-47 at the end of regulation. Van Cleave had four points in overtime, but

BMCC to offer digital photography class

Blue Mountain Community College has scheduled a digital photography class to begin Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Heppner High School. Darlene Marquardt is the instructor. Time for the class is 6-8 p.m. and it will run for four weeks. Tuition is \$40 plus \$5 lab fee. Students age 62 and over may take the class for \$25 plus the \$5 lab fee.

This course is

intended to help students work with digital photos. Starting with the basics, they will learn how to transfer images from the camera to the computer. Then learn to manipulate photos for best presentation and how to save them. Students should bring digital cameras to class.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact BMCC Coordinator Anne Morter at 422-7040 for more information.

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Weston-McEwen 12 12 20 3 11- 57

Heppner: Matt Van Cleave 8 4-7 20, Rory Kilkenny 4 3-3 11, Matt Kenny 4 2-2 10, Mikel Britt 3 0-0 6, Matt McCabe 1 2-2 4, Quinn Peck 1 0-0 2, R.J. Farrens 0 1-1 1, Lane Bailey, Justin Delveaux, Nacho Elguezabal. Team: 21 12-16 54. 3-pts: none.

Weston-McEwen: Watts 7 3-4 19, Hasenbank 5 0-2 10, Eastwood 3 2-2 8, Broucheau 6 0-0 12, Schroeder 2 0-3 4, Tompkins 1 1-3 3, Lindell 0 2-2 2. Team: 24 8-16 58. 3-pts: Watts (2).

Cardinals drop two over weekend

A weekend of ice cold shooting led to a couple of disappointing losses for the Ione Cardinals, falling to South Wasco County at home on Friday, Jan. 20 and to Horizon Christian in Hood River on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Twenty-one turnovers and 23 percent shooting from the field kept the Cardinals from getting out of the early hole they found themselves in against South Wasco. The Redsides jumped out to an early 11-1 lead that the Cardinals could never overcome. Ione was down 16-6 at the end of one and trailed by 14 at the half, 31-17. The Redsides shot 22 of 48 for 46 percent and 4-11 from behind the three-point line. The Cardinals managed just 12 of 53 for 23 percent and were just one of 16 behind the three-point arc.

Tyler Brown led the team in scoring with 12 points and eight rebounds. Nik Kamp pulled down nine rebounds. Tony Bolin recorded three assists.

"This was a tough loss but you are not going to win too many games when you shoot 23 percent from the field," said Coach Dennis

Lady Cardinals bring in three wins

The Ione Lady Cardinals finished the week with three league wins, defeating Echo on Tuesday, Jan. 17, South Wasco County on Friday, Jan. 20 and Horizon Christian on Saturday, Jan. 21. Their record now stands at 9-5 overall and 6-1 in the Big Sky.

Ione hosted the Echo Cougars on Tuesday, Jan. 17 coming away with a 37-27 win. After jumping out to a 10-1 first-quarter lead, the Cardinals were played fairly evenly for the rest of the game. The score was 21-13 at the half and 31-19 after three.

"We played well at

Stefani.

On the road Saturday night playing Hood River, Ione's shooting woes continued as they fell to a surprisingly tough Horizon Christian squad 49-45. Shooting 18 of 59 for 31 percent, the Cardinals led at the end of each of the first three quarters but were outscored in the fourth to give Horizon the win. Twenty-two turnovers for Ione compared to 15 for Horizon were another factor in the loss.

"This was huge loss for us," said a disappointed coach Dennis Stefani. "I hope we can get things turned around." He also noted that it appeared the team has lost its focus over the weekend.

Brown was the team's high scorer with 18 points. Kelly Thompson was the only other Card in double figures with 10 points. Brown and Bolin each had seven rebounds and Thompson collected four steals.

Up next for Ione is what should be a tough rematch with Condon-Wheeler at home on Friday, Jan. 27 and a road trip to Cascade Locks on Saturday, Jan. 28.

the beginning of the game but lost a little focus during the last three quarters," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "Echo played well. We need to play better, especially at home, if we want to play in the post season."

Ashly Grams led the team in scoring with 11 points followed by Amber Patton with nine and Emily Rietmann with seven. Also scoring for the Lady Cardinals were Jenny Griffith, Kylee Svetich, Stephanie Holland, Kaylee Palmateer and Kayla LaRue.

Leading rebounders were Rietmann and Holland with eight. Patton paced the team with seven steals and Rietmann had three assists.

Tree lights to come down

Volunteers are reminded that it is time to remove the tree lights and put them away for another year. The Chamber has two extension poles, which makes the task much easier. People are welcome to check them out of the Chamber closet. The three volunteers, with help from the City of Heppner and Tom Rawlins of Heppner TV are to be commended for making the town look festive throughout Christmas and Town and Country.

Grant workshop scheduled in Heppner

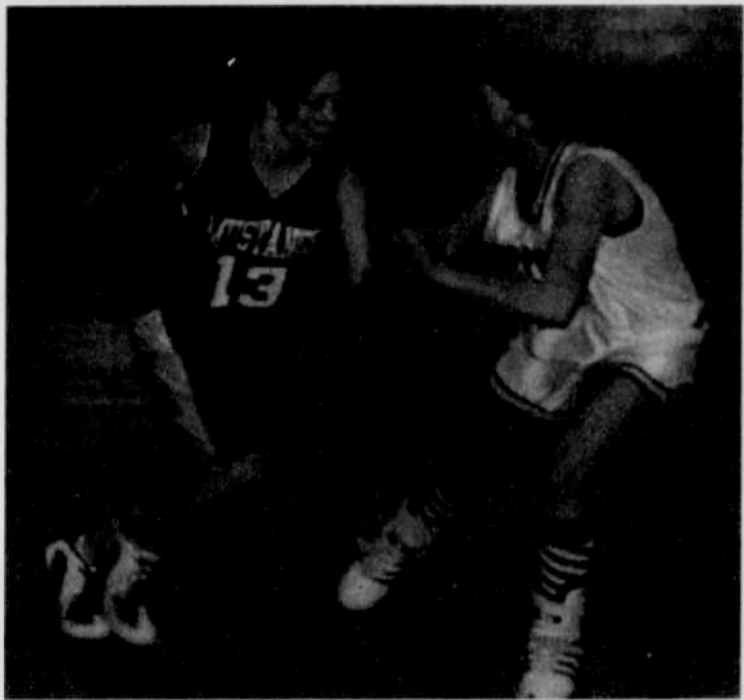
Blue Mountain Community College has scheduled a one-day workshop entitled, "Getting a Grant," for Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Morrow County Extension Office in Heppner. The class will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants should bring their own lunch. The cost of the workshop is \$30 and pre-registration is required.

This one-day seminar will introduce participants to the basics of getting a grant and then what to do once a grant has been received. Topics covered include: Demystifying the grant-seeking process; Identifying funding sources; Framing the project; Elements of a proposal; and What to do once you get a grant.

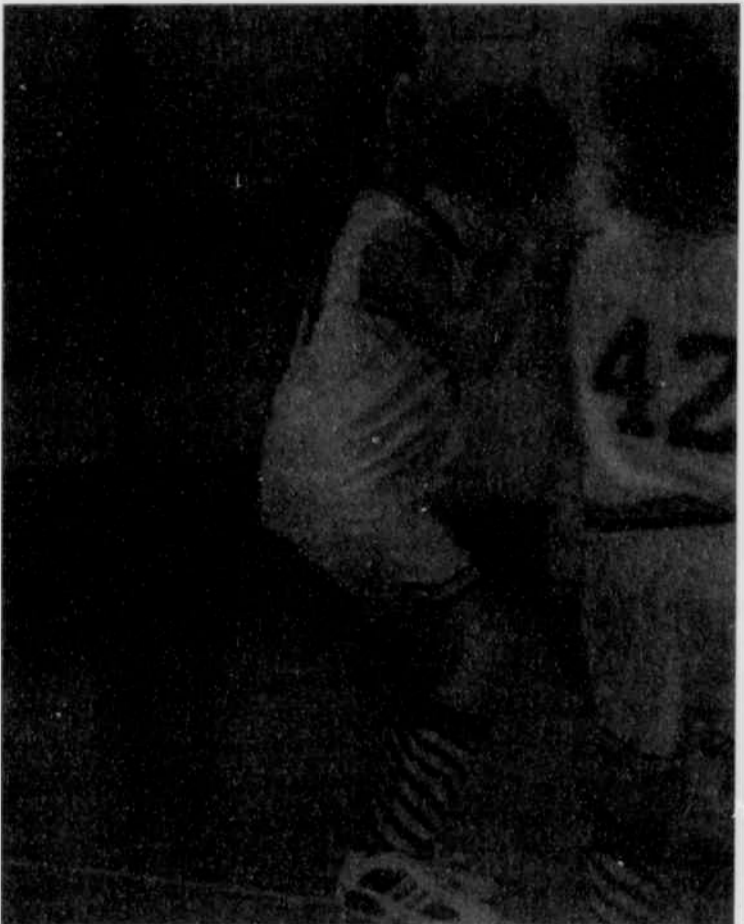
Susan Plass, BMCC's Director of Grants, will present the workshop. Plass has over 20 years experience with grants and proposals in the field.

To pre-register for the class, contact Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator for South Morrow County, at 422-7040.

Girls' A team wins two at tournament



Jessica Hughes sticks with a Mustang player.



Torri Lovgren goes for a shot against Echo.

The Ponies hosted a tournament Saturday, Jan. 21. The A team finished the day with a 2-1 record. They lost their first game to the Helix Grizzlies 23-26. Torri Lovgren made crucial shots that kept the Ponies in the game and led the team with 10 points. Kristen Van Cleave added six points.

In their second game, the Ponies faced the Mt. Vernon Mustangs. The Ponies came out with strong defensive pressure. They created turnovers which led to easy baskets. The Ponies won 41-13. Van Cleave led the team with 15 points. Erin Price chipped in eight points.

In their final game of the day, the Ponies faced a weary Echo team. The Ponies again came out with a strong defensive effort and kept the Cougars scoreless in the first half. The Ponies won 28-8. Van Cleave again led the team in scoring with nine points. Jessica Hughes added eight points in the win.

Rocket club to hold work session

The Blastoff Rocketeers group, lead by Pat Struthers, will be holding a rocket work session on Saturday, Jan. 28. The club still has to put together parts for the payload rockets projects and get an idea of how many rockets are going to want to fly at the Feb. 18 launch. This session is optional, but hopes are that enough members will be there to get all the parts ready for final assembly at the next meeting. Tentatively the work session will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will be in Struthers' new office downtown in Heppner. The address is 198 Willow Street, next to the Gazette-Times offices and across from the fire station. There is a lot of space to work and tables will

be set up. Lunch arrangements will also be provided. Some quieter power tools will be available if any heavy-duty drilling or sanding is needed. If there are questions or suggestions, you can call Struthers at 676-0989 (office) or 676-5443 (home).

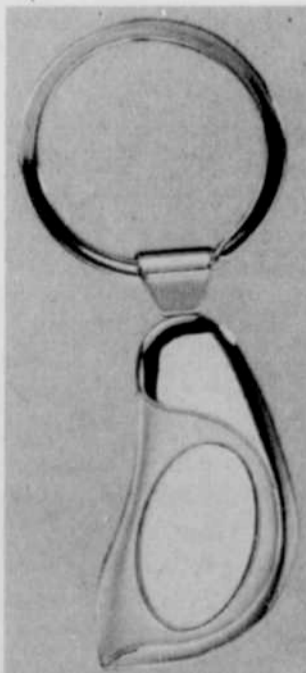
In other club news, The Hollands (Stephen, Craig and Janet) worked at obtaining the club's first official sponsor for the rocket club. More information will be available at a later date, but there should be enough funds to buy motors for the next launch, and then some.

Struthers will also be going out to the Jepsen farm to look at a launch site for the February launch.

Notes will be sent out on the last meeting along with details of the next meeting on Feb. 2 and on the launch. There will also be a report on TARC/scratch building experiments, which are very interesting.

WCLL to hold meeting

Willow Creek Little League will be holding a meeting in Arlington on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Inn.



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