

Mustang girls blow out Tigers in second half

By Rick Paullus

A 27-10 advantage in the second half helped carry the Heppner Mustang varsity girls to a 45-28 win over the Stanfield Tigers on Friday, Feb. 10 in Stanfield to end the Columbia Basin Conference regular season. The Mustangs improved to 7 and 7 in the CBC and 9 and 12 overall and locked up fifth place in the conference. The Mustangs will have a rematch with the Tigers on Friday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m., at the district tournament in Pendleton.

Lyndi Patton hit a 3-pointer in the first, but the Tigers held an 8-7 lead after one. Regi Seitz hit a short jumper to open the second, then fed Patton for a short jumper to make it 11-10. The Tigers scored six straight before Seitz hit a jumper and after two free throws, Megan Orr scored off a rebound. Seitz hit one of two free throws, then fed Orr for a lay-in to close out the first half with the game tied at 18-18.

Patton scored to open the third and after the Tigers took a 21-20 lead, Katie Kilkenny hit two free throws and a short jumper. Patton scored twice inside and Seitz scored off a rebound and hit one of two free throws to make it 31-

21 late in the third.

The Tigers cut the lead to 31-26 before Aftan Betsinger and Orr scored off rebounds and Patton scored off a steal to make it 37-26. After a Tiger basket, Kilkenny scored off a pass from Orr and hit one of two free throws, Seitz converted a three-point play and Patton hit two of four free throws to put the game away.

Patton led the Mustangs with 15 points, six rebounds and two steals with Seitz adding 13 points, seven rebounds, four steals and two assists. Kilkenny had nine points and seven rebounds, Orr had six points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals and Betsinger had seven rebounds and three steals.

Heppner 7 11 13 14-45

Stanfield 8 10 4 6-28

Heppner- Lyndi Patton 6 2-4 15, Regi Seitz 5 3-5 13, Katie Kilkenny 3 3-4 9, Megan Orr 3 0-0 6, Aftan Betsinger 1 0-0 2, Whitney Matthews 0 0-2 0, Taylor Kempas, Kylie Doherty and Sarah Milner. Team: 18 8-15 45. 3-pts: Patton.

Stanfield- Walchli 25-10 9, Erwert 3 1-2 7, Madison 20-0 5, Carrillo 1 2-2 4, Surber 0 2-2 2 and Rodriguez 0 1-2 1. Team: 8 11-18 28. 3-pts: Madison.

Benefit concert to be held in Hermiston

Liberty Wambeke will be holding a concert on Friday Feb. 17 in Hermiston at Armand Larvie Middle School at 7 p.m. She has invited the National Fiddle Championship finalists, Eric Jepsen, Brynna Rust, Alex Carlson and Amanda Tullis to perform, along with the Sandy Bottom Boys, Pat Ward, Robert Emert and her



Liberty Wambeke

dad, John Wambeke and her brother Frazer, who is studying jazz piano at Columbia Basin College in Washington.

This is a benefit concert for herself to help with her home school graduation project. She will be running a half marathon in Paris, France on March 5 and remaining in Europe for four weeks to further her studies in French that she's been teaching herself.

The concert has a suggested donation of \$5 per person and should prove to be a fun, wholesome evening of family entertainment.

Morrow County Gun Club news

Nine shooters gathered on Sunday, Feb. 12 at Morrow County Gun Club.

In singles, Dick Goodhead had 23 of 25, Roger Mortimore and Burt Neigler had 20 of 25 and Deona Hodges had 19 of 25. In the junior category, Taylor Hodges had 15 of 25 and in the sub-junior category, Kyle Wilson had seven of 25.

In handicap, Goodhead had 21 of 25, Richard Campbell, Mortimer and Neigler had 19 of 25 and Deona Hodges had 17 of 25.

Annie were shot with Mortimore and Goodhead winning one each.

The next shoot will be held Sunday, Feb. 19 at 12 noon.

Condon FFA member advances to next round in public speak contest

Three members of the Condon FFA Chapter competed in the public speaking contests at the district FFA leadership contest help at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton last Thursday, Feb. 9. Prepared public speakers Katie Re and Erica Harrison presented a six to eight minute speech on a topic of their choice and answer five minutes of questions to a panel of judges. Re spoke on the National Beef Identification System and earned fourth place in the event and Harrison spoke about Rodeo and radical environmental groups and earned second place in the event. Harrison will continue on the represent Condon FFA at the sectional competition Feb. 22 in Baker City.

The second public speaking event was extemporaneous public speaking. Students have 30 minutes to prepare a four to six minute speech on a topic that they draw at the contest and then answer three minutes of questions from a panel of judges. Amber Heidy earned fifth place and

Harrison earned third place in this event.

"I felt I was really prepared for this event," said Re, chapter secretary. "It was neat being able to compete on the same level as 4A schools and be competitive."

The chapter appreciates the following individuals for taking time out of their lunch schedule to help the members prepare for the events: Michelle Colby, Teddy Fennern, Andrew Fisk, Pat Shaw, Rich Berenson, Marla Davies, Marie Kolstad, Sam Bates, Susie Anderson, Gene Carlson, Mac Stinchfield, Jana Griffith, Deborah Jones and Gary Bettencourt.

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Condon FFA practices interviews at courthouse



Job interview contestants: (L-R) Shelby Coy, Erica Harrison, Kelli Kayser and Angela Harsin

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, four members of the Condon FFA Chapter completed mock interviews at the Gilliam County Courthouse in preparation for an FFA career development event, or contest. Advanced members Erica Harrison, Angela Harsin and beginning members Kelli Kayser and Shelby Coy spent over an hour rotating through different offices at the courthouse.

"It was very generous of the employees at the courthouse to take time out of their busy day to help us prepare for our upcoming FFA contest," said Harrison, chapter vice president. "We really enjoyed ourselves and felt much more prepared for the next level."

These young ladies represented Condon at the district competition in Hermiston on Jan. 19. Each had to complete an application on site and come prepared with a resume and cover letter for a predetermined job. A panel of judges then interviewed each applicant. Harrison

earned second at district and Harsin earned fourth in the advanced contest. Coy brought home a third place banner for her performance in beginning contest. Harrison will represent Condon at the state contest in Bend at the State FFA Convention the first weekend of spring break.

The chapter would like to extend its appreciation to Michelle Colby who organized all of the interviews at the courthouse. Condon FFA would also like to acknowledge the time of the interviewers: Gary Bettencourt, Aleenia Byrd, Rena Kennedy and Dave Messenger.

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Scout program available for Morrow County boys



(Back Row L-R): Dieter Waite, member of the Scout Committee, Spencer Palmer, Quinn Chick, senior patrol assistant; (Front Row L-R): Seth Palmer, Grant Smith, senior patrol leader, Eric Chick, junior patrol leader, and Scoutmaster Kevin Chick. Not pictured: David Matthew, Wade Matthew and Zach Hintz, junior patrol assistant.

Members of Boy Scout Troop #691 of Heppner, Lexington and Ione, received various badges. Some of the badges were achieved at the Boy Scout encampment at Wallowa last summer for swimming, rock climbing, orienteering (using compasses and maps) and archery. A couple scouts also received their Polar Bear Swim Club badges. Kevin Chick, Scoutmaster, and Kresimir Waite took the boys to the encampment.

Chick said he is

Cycle Oregon route includes Heppner

The 2006 Cycle Oregon "Blue Mountains Tour" will allow riders to cycle through some of the most magnificent scenery in the West. This year marks the 19th year of Cycle Oregon. Cycle Oregon Board President, Jonathan Nicholas officially announced the route at the annual Kick-Off Party held at the Portland Art Museum's Mark Building on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006. The Cycle Oregon route changes annually to allow riders a chance to explore the communities and natural beauty throughout Oregon.

This year's ride is Sept. 9-16 and travels through the Blue Mountains region and highlights some of Oregon's most spectacular scenic byways. Day 0 (Sept. 9) the cyclists will gather at Lake Wallula to prepare for their weeklong journey on two wheels. Day 1 (Sept. 10) will take riders 59 miles from Lake Wallula at McNary Dam to Heppner, home of Oregon's most haunted courthouse. Day 2 (Sept. 11) will find riders leaving Heppner and pedaling 83 miles to the overnight destination in Starkey. Much of the day will be spent on the beautiful Blue Mountain Scenic Byway. On Day 3 (Sept. 12) cyclists will depart Starkey and follow the pristine Grande Ronde River. Along the way they'll pedal through the community of Granite and find themselves at the end of the day in the Wild West town of Sumpter. Day 4 (Sept. 13) just may be the most challenging day of the tour as they depart Sumpter and climb to Anthony Lakes, the highest point of the entire week. Leaving Anthony Lakes, cyclists will enjoy a fabulous descent and end up in the historical town of Union where they will slumber for two nights. Day 5 (Sept. 14) the riders have the option to ride or not to ride. They can enjoy a 91-mile round-trip ride through picturesque Catherine Creek, the Antelope Valley, Baker City and the foothills

trying to encourage more young men to join Scouts. Scouts are for everyone, they are non-denominational and meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Miller Manufacturing conference room in Heppner.

Activities include campouts at the campground at Penland Lake. A van was donated to the troop by Mike Atkinson of Atkinson Reforestation, so transportation is provided.

Call Kevin Chick for more information at 676-8050.

of the Elkhorn Mountain Range. Or, they can relax in Union where there will be an array of community activities. Day 6 (Sept. 15) is 79 miles as we bid adieu to Union and traverse through the Grande Ronde Valley and into the peaceful wheat fields surrounding Athena, the final overnight site of the tour. Day 7 (Sept. 16) is another a magical day as the cyclists leave Athena and travel 49 miles through the sleepy towns of Helix and Holdman, to the finish line at Lake Wallula at McNary Dam where cyclists will conclude their seven day journey on two wheels.

Registration for Cycle Oregon 2006 opened on the Cycle Oregon web page at 8 p.m., after the Cycle Oregon Kick-Off Party on Feb. 7, at: www.cycleoregon.com. To request a copy of the registration brochure, prospective participants may call Cycle Oregon at 1-800-CYCLEOR or visit the website. The 2006 ride takes place Sept. 9-16.

For a fee of \$799, Cycle Oregon participants experience a "Community on Wheels." Riders receive seven days of riding with a fully supported course each day that includes two rest stops, lunch stop, SAG wagons, bike mechanics and medical support. In addition, participants will stay at six overnight camps that include two gourmet meals per day, daily and nightly entertainment, massage therapy, baggage transportation, repair technicians, portable toilets, hot showers, beer and wine garden and local community activities.

Cycle Oregon is a 19-year-old non-profit organization with all proceeds from the ride benefiting the Cycle Oregon Fund. This fund helps preserve and protect the special places of Oregon and supports community development projects in the regions through which we ride. Since its inception in 1988, the Cycle Oregon fund has contributed more than \$1 million to the communities of Oregon.

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