

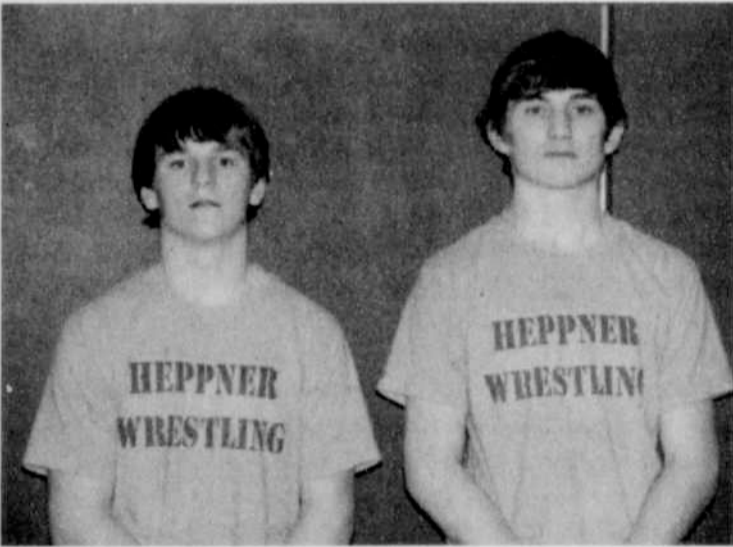
## Colt girls finish basketball season



Colt girls basketball team: (Back Row L-R): Micha Hintz, Maddie George, Alyssa Wizner and Ali Lovgren; (Middle Row L-R): Allie Allen, Kelly Wilson, Macy Gibbs, Makenzi Hughes, Paige Grieb and Maddie Lindsay; and (Front Row L-R): Mekayla Kindle and Ryan Dougherty.

The third and fourth grade girls' Colt basketball team finished their six-week season on March 5. The girls practiced the fundamentals of basketball and played 3 on 3 games against each other.

## Day and Coil to go to state for wrestling



Chance Day and Wacy Coil

Chance Day and Wacy Coil, eighth graders at Heppner Junior High, will be going to the state competition for wrestling in Woodburn this weekend. Day, weighing 129 pounds, placed fourth at district in his class and Coil, weighing 136 pounds, placed sixth at district in his class.

This is the first time there has been a wrestling team at Heppner schools. The program will continue next year with school sponsorship.

## HLL try-out schedule

There will be try-outs held for major and minor boys' baseball and girls' softball and for T-Ball. There will be no try-outs for junior/senior girls' softball. Each child must participate in 50 percent of the tryouts for major baseball and softball.

The schedule is as follows:

**Major Baseball-** March 10, 4 p.m. and March 11, 10 a.m., both at George Waterland Field.  
**Major Softball-** March 9, 4 p.m. and March 10, 4 p.m., both at Bob Kilkenny Field.  
**Minor Baseball-** March 16, 4 p.m., Shad Hisler Field.  
**Minor Softball-** March 16, 4 p.m., Bob Kilkenny Field.  
**T-Ball-** March 20, 4 p.m., Shad Hisler Field. Practices will start around April 1.

## Morrow County Gun Club news

On Sunday, March 5, 10 shooters came to the Morrow County Gun Club to compete.

In singles, Jeff Cutsforth had 25 of 25. Rob Ashbeck had 24 of 25. Harvey Childers had 21 of 25.

In handicap, Cutsforth and Ashbeck had 22 of 25. Mark Schlichting had 20 of 25 and Childers had 19 of 25.

Games were then shot with Ashbeck and Jimmy Walton each winning an Annie. Cutsforth won two Annies and a 5 from 1.

The next shoot will be Sunday, March 12 at 12 noon.

## Lady Cards drop to Crane

The lone Lady Cardinals staged a fourth quarter rally that came up just short in the end as they took on the Crane Mustangs in the OSAA State 1A First Round State Basketball Playoff game in Ione Friday, Feb. 24. After trailing by as many as 16 late in the third quarter, the Cardinals fought back into contention in the final period, closing the gap to three points with 35 seconds remaining. But time just flat ran out on the Lady Cardinals' season with Crane taking the game 41-37 and advancing to the State 1A Tournament in Baker City. The loss eliminated Ione from state tournament play.

From the start, the Cards had difficulty getting the ball inside against the taller Mustangs, a team that featured an all-senior line-up with four girls over 5 feet 10 inches. The quick-moving Crane team forced turnovers and denied shots but the Lady Cards were still within striking distance at the half, trailing 21-14. It was a deadly third quarter, though, that dug the hole they couldn't quite get back out of as Crane capitalized on Ione miscues. Crane went on an 11-2 run and the Lady Cards didn't hit a shot from the field until Ashly Grams canned a three with 52 seconds remaining in the quarter. By that time, the Lady Mustangs had built a commanding 16-point lead, 32-16. Amber Patton hit a shot with 30 seconds remaining to close the gap to 11 points, ending the quarter with the Mustangs up 32-21. With just one quarter left to decide who would go on to Baker City and who would stay home, the Lady Cards charged up the capacity crowd by clawing their way back into the game. Forty seconds into the final period, Jenny Griffith made the first three of her nine fourth quarter points on a three-

point play, cutting the lead to eight. The two teams swapped scores with Crane maintaining a 7-9 point advantage until another Griffith score with 46 seconds remaining in the game cut the lead to four. At that point, the Cardinals were forced to foul to combat the Crane slowdown game. With 43 seconds left, Grams fouled out of the game, sending Crane to the free throw where they hit one of two. Griffith came up with a big steal and basket to pull to within three with 35 seconds remaining. But Griffith tallied her fifth foul on the Crane inbounds pass and this time, they hit two of two to give the Lady Mustangs some breathing room, 40-35. In the final seconds of the game, Crane made another free throw and Ione's Kayla LaRue put back an offensive rebound but the Lady Cardinals ran out of time and chances, losing the game 37-41.

Griffith was the high scorer of the game with 15 points, followed by Grams with 11. Also scoring for Ione was Patton with six, and Emily Rietmann and LaRue with two each.

Despite Crane's height advantage, the Lady Cardinals fought their way to a 34-30 rebounding advantage.

Coach Ryan Rudolf was proud of the effort given by his team. "We didn't give up and battled back from a 16 point deficit. We just dug too big of a hole in the third quarter to overcome," he said. "If a couple more shots had fallen in the fourth quarter, we might have won."

Although disappointed about the loss, Coach Rudolf noted, "There were lots of times this year that we should have lost but didn't. I'm happy with what the girls accomplished this season," said Rudolf.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers are hosts for the March 15 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. A menu celebrating our Irish heritage has been chosen for the day and will include corned beef and cabbage, new potatoes, peas and carrots, lime jell-o with fruit, Irish soda bread, pudding and juice.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Senior Center Board of Directors will be held March 15. They will review the actions and discussion that occurred at the joint meeting with the Housing Authority on Feb. 28. Kathy Turner was introduced as the new manager of the apartments. Doug Gunderson tendered his resignation as assistant manager, stating he enjoyed working with the resident, as assistant manager and as manager pro-tem. He will continue to live at the center and he offered his services as a volunteer to take care of the

cardboard boxes and the garbage. He added that he felt privileged to have had the opportunities he had and now would like to not be so tied down and be able to pursue other avenues of interest. He was given a round of applause, as well as an expression of appreciation from Mayor Tim Van Cleave and Bob Jepsen, Housing Authority chairperson.

Apartment rental came under discussion and a policy for new rentals was established by action of the HHA. The new policy is as follows: The first month will be rent free with a one-year lease commitment, a deposit of \$250 and payment of the last month's rent.

Roof repair and detailed information on square footage of senior center responsibility and apartment care responsibility will be clarified in the rental agreement to simplify the janitorial responsibilities.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Do you ever feel a tiny bit bored... wonder what's going on beyond the media... want to meet new people? Would you like to be involved in some of the decision making for your community? Are you excited about promoting Heppner in new and different ways? Do you believe holding unique events, communicating with our legislature, building local business, marketing Heppner and Morrow County helps the area as a whole? Do you know that attracting new visitors equals economic development? If your answer is "yes" to any of the above, then might I suggest joining the Chamber of Commerce.

For an average of \$5 per month, individuals, ranchers, non-profits and sole proprietors can become a part of the organization. Call the Chamber to learn more and receive a membership application or visit the Chamber website at [www.heppnerchamber.com](http://www.heppnerchamber.com). Come see for yourself. All interested persons are invited "for a taste of Chamber" any Thursday at John's Place for a buffet lunch and program.

Programs for March and April will be Dean Brickey, business and agriculture senior reporter from the East Oregonian

(March 9); Steve Brucker, Oregon International Speedway (March 16); Oregon Rugged Country Tour opportunities in Morrow County (March 23); BMCC President John Turner (March 30); First Thursday - all entities report (April 6); Chamber website (April 13); Candidates' Forum (tentatively April 20).

In the meantime, feeling lucky? Want to have some fun with friends? Join us for the Luck O' The Irish Casino Night, Friday evening, March 17, at the Elks. Take a peek in the Heppner TV/Windwave window to see some of the great raffle items available that night. Tickets for chances to win may be purchased or winnings may be used for a chance at your favorite items. This non-profit event helps keep the St. Pat's celebration and the Chamber financially stable. Luck O' the Irish to all who have donated "baskets" in a variety of shapes and sizes and to those who plan an evening of fun.

Thought for the Week: "Tis thankful we are that volunteers come out of the woodwork and out from under every toadstool on St. Paddy's weekend in Heppner."

## Inland Northwest Musicians Orchestra and Chorale to present joint concert

Two musical ensembles from Inland Northwest Musicians will join together in the St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral Church in Baker City on Saturday, April 1, at 7 p.m. for a concert. Inland Northwest Symphony Orchestra and Inland Northwest Symphony Chorale will present "Testament of Freedom" by Randall Thompson and "Kyrie Eleison" by Vieme. In addition, the orchestra will perform "A Mighty Fortress" by Nelhybehl and "Carnival Overture" by Dvorak.

R. Lee Friese of Athena is Music Director of Inland Northwest Musicians and will conduct both groups. The musicians, who come from throughout the region, meet in Pendleton to rehearse and then present concerts throughout a nine-

county area of Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington. There are three additional performing ensembles making up Inland Northwest Musicians - Willow Creek Symphony and Willow Creek Singers who rehearse in Heppner and Wallowa Valley Orchestra rehearsing in Wallowa.

The concert will be presented again on Sunday, April 2, 2006 at 4 p.m. in the auditorium at Riverside High School in Boardman. Inland Northwest Musicians concerts are all free to the public, with donations accepted.

Instrumentalists or singers who are interested in joining any of these all-volunteer performance groups may learn more by calling Inland Northwest Musicians at (541) 966-6649.

## Students raise \$4700 for Tupper Outdoor School

Heppner Elementary School fourth, fifth and sixth grade students completed their magazine drive and raised approximately \$4700, in sales and donations, for Tupper Outdoor School. There was a total of 636 items sold.

The community and all of its supporters is greatly appreciated for making the drive such a huge success and for supporting Tupper Outdoor School.

## Blast-Off Rocket Club news

By Alex Carlson, club reporter

The Blast-Off 4-H Rocket Club held a meeting on March 2 at 7 p.m., at Ione High School. Eight members attended the meeting. Club members talked about finding another sponsor. Other fundraising ideas were also talked about. Steven Holland gave the treasurer's report. Then, the logo team said that they would have a logo for the club at the next meeting. In addition, the club will decide the date for the next local launch.

If you would like to join the club, please come to the next meeting on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at Ione High School.

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