

## Mustang girls win, boys lose to Stanfield

On Friday, January 7, the Mustangs traveled to Stanfield to play the Tigers in their third league game of the season. The varsity girls' game was won by Heppner 28-25.

In the first half, the Mustangs played a well-rounded game with a six point run late in the first quarter. Heppner's pressure defense, and good rebounding led by sophomore Maggie Collins, gave Heppner an 18-8 halftime lead. In the third quarter the Tigers came back to outscore Heppner 10-2, to make the score 20-18, Heppner.

At the end of regulation, the Lady Mustangs held on for the win. Alana Wilson scored 15 points to lead the Mustangs in the

victory.

In the boys' varsity game, league leading Stanfield defeated Heppner in a fast-paced game, 79-60. The Tigers jumped out to a 16-7 lead in the first quarter and never looked back as the Mustangs fought hard with tough defense. But it wasn't enough as the Tigers extended their lead to 13 at the end of the third quarter.

Stanfield's center, Grogan, fouled out late in the fourth and Heppner cut their lead to fifteen 75-60, with two minutes to go, but came up short at the buzzer. Cody Orr led all scorers with 28. Ian Murray had 12 points and Jake Bowles scored 11.

## 4-H Rocket Club holds launch



Left Photo: Charles Cason, Jim Cason, Suzy Cason, Michael Reed, and Pat Struthers at the prep table. Right Photo: Jim and Suzy Cason setting up the School Rocket. -Contributed Photos

The SMORC 4H Rocket Club held a launch on Saturday, January 8, on John and Marlinda Flynn's alfalfa fields on Lower Rhea Creek Road north of Ruggs.

The club members and leaders were testing their first rocket projects

and gained invaluable experience in flight operations. The club is working toward larger projects and possibly a public launch event later in the spring. Currently the club will continue to conduct at least one club launch event per month.

The SMORC 4H



Rocket Club still has room for more members, ages 8-13. Anyone interested in joining can contact the OSU Extension Office for information on joining 4H. Any member that wants to participate in the fair this year needs to sign up for 4-H by January 31.

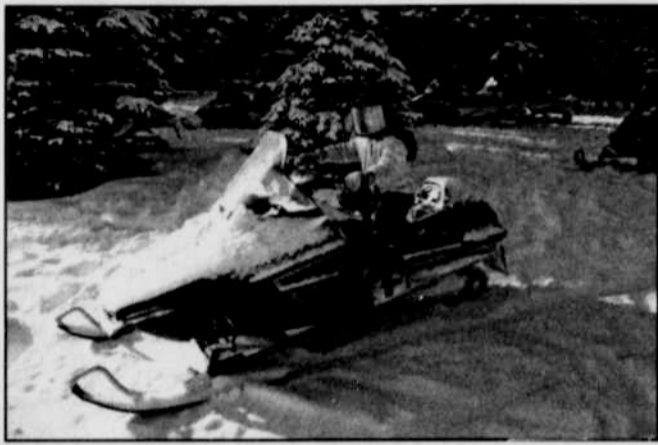
Murray's Drug continues to stock rocket kits, motors, and construction supplies. For more information about the rocket club contact Pat Struthers at patstr@uci.net, 541-626-3096, or the Morrow County Extension Office at 541-676-9642.

## Ione boys fall to Nixyaawii



Top Photo: Ione senior Alex Rietmann defends the shot of a Nixyaawii player. Bottom Photo: Junior Micah Stillman puts up a shot. Ione lost the game 60-47. -Photos by Paula Emmel

## Four Corners Snowmobile Club holds annual Holiday Playday



The Four Corners Snowmobile Club held their annual Holiday Playday at Kelly Prairie Sunday, December 26. Many snowmobile enthusiasts and their families were there to enjoy the fresh powder snow on the prairie, the groomed

trails from grooming extraordinaire Ron Carlson and the annual poker run that paid out 100% of the entry fees. A two dollar entry fee and a good running sled around about a 10 mile poker course gave three lucky snowmobilers a cash



Left Photo: A young rider gets ready to go. Right Photo: members warm up to a campfire. -Contributed Photos

return. Hailey Heideman took first, Kelsey Wolff came away with second, and Tonia Adams took a strong third. During the day, chefs Tom Wolf and Mike Gorman served hot dogs and chili for the riders to enjoy while they warmed

up next to the bonfire.

The club will have other events this winter, for information about the club contact Mike Gorman at 541-676-9623 or Cliff Dougherty at 541-676-5491.

## NRCS extends sign-up period for Conservation Stewardship Program

Applications accepted through Jan. 21

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced the ranking period cut-off date for producer applications in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) has been extended to January 21.

"NRCS is extending the deadline for applications from its previous Jan. 7 date to provide agricultural producers two more weeks to complete their applications," said Oregon NRCS Leader for Programs Dennis Kimberlin. "This will help farmers, ranchers, and forestry producers by giving them more time and allow even more producers to participate in this program."

During the period October 2009 through September 2010, NRCS in Oregon funded 371 CSP applications covering more than 1,182,271 acres and providing \$7.5 million to help farmers, ranchers and private forest landowners implement additional conservation practices on their land.

CSP is offered in all 50 states, District of Columbia, and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign-ups with announced cut-off dates for ranking periods. The program provides many conservation benefits including improvement of water and soil quality, wildlife habitat enhancement and adoption

of conservation activities that address the effects of climate change.

All producers are encouraged to apply for CSP, including owners of non-industrial forestland. "Private forest landowners may not be aware of the financial assistance opportunities afforded by this program," Kimberlin said, "but CSP offers those landowners an opportunity to implement conservation practices that can significantly improve their forests' health."

Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, CSP offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree

to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if CSP is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments. It is available from local NRCS offices or online at: [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new\\_csp/csp.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

To learn more, interested applicants should contact their local NRCS office or visit or website at [www.or.usda.gov](http://www.or.usda.gov).

## Stimulus money -Continued from page 1

construction of First Street and Main Ave. sidewalk and bike lanes in Irrigon. Jobs - .39.

**\$1,120,599** - To Morrow County School District for early childhood education programs and services.

**\$360,856** - To Morrow County School District to improve teaching and learning for students most at risk of failing to meet state academic achievement standards.

**\$22,816** - To Morrow County School District to improve the infrastructure in the National School Lunch Program.

**\$4,069** - To Morrow County School District for Education for Homeless

Children and Youth.

**\$94,570** - Constructing sidewalks, bike lanes and a planter strip with street trees in Irrigon. Jobs - 0.

**\$64,655** - to Washington State Fish and Wildlife, Umatilla National Refuge, McCormack Pipeline, near Irrigon, remove underground line and install new T from pump and then a new line to each circle. Remove electrical line from S circle and install a new electrical line to S circle. Jobs - .75.

**\$50,825** - McCormack Irrigation Line. Jobs - 6.

**\$1,741** - Replace irrigation main line at McCormack Unit at Umatilla



The Heppner Court St. reconstruction project was funded with \$1.5 million in federal stimulus dollars.

National Wildlife Refuge. Jobs - 0.

**Spending in Ione**  
**\$116,900** - To Ione School District for early

childhood education programs and services.

**\$52,821** - to Ione School District. for energy efficient projects.

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