

Mustang girls split Hoop tournament, see narrow losses in league play

At the Heppner Holiday Hoop tournament the Mustang girls' team finished with split of their games for the weekend. They lost the first game to the highly-ranked 1A Echo Cougars by a score of 50-44. They then beat the 4A McLoughlin (Mac-Hi) Pioneers 48-46 in overtime.

It was a close game all the way with Echo. The score was tied 10-10 at the end of the first quarter. Echo held a one-point lead at halftime 22-21. The Mustangs led at the end of three quarters by the score of 34-32, but were outscored 18-10 in the fourth quarter to make the final score 50-44.

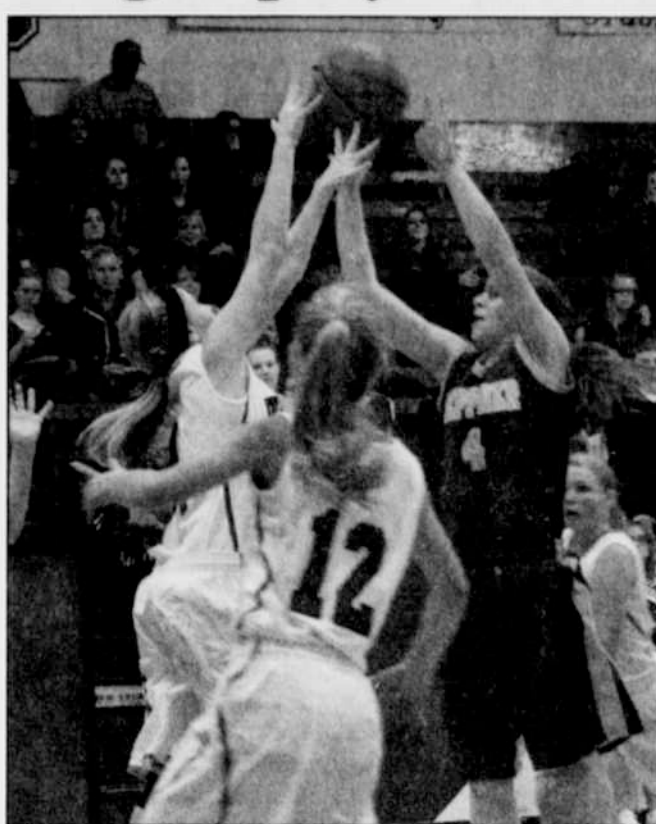
Maddie Lindsay led the team with 15 points and seven rebounds. Jessica Kempkin scored eight and also hauled in eight rebounds. Kelly Wilson had eight points and two assists for the game. Blake Greenup and Kayla Kindle both had four points and eight rebounds. Paige Grieb scored three points and had two assists, and Micha

Hintz scored two.

Next up for the team was the Mac-Hi Pioneers. The Heppner girls found themselves behind at halftime 25-15. They then outscored the Pioneers 10-2 in the third quarter and 15-13 in the fourth to force overtime. The Mustangs then outscored the Pioneers 8-6 in the extra period to secure the win 48-46.

Kindle scored 13 points and Lindsay had 12. Greenup had eight and Hintz scored five. Wilson and Grieb both finished the game with four points each. Kempkin had two points and led the team with seven rebounds. Lindsay was next with six rebounds. Hintz had four rebounds and seven assists. Greenup followed in assists with four, while Wilson had three and Grieb two.

The start of the new year brought league play back to the Heppner team. They hosted the Weston McEwen TigerScots last Friday night. The Mustangs started slowly in this one but finished strong to lose



Top: Mustang Blake Greenup struggles for the ball in the game versus the Union Bobcats last Saturday. The Mustangs gained their footing late in the game and eventually fell to the Bobcats 36-57. -Photo by Sandra Putman

the game by the close score of 52-50. Heppner was outscored in the first half 24-14. They then exploded for 36 points in the second half to nearly win the game.

It was another double-double for Lindsay as she scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds. Wilson nearly had a triple-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. Kindle had 12 points and four rebounds for the night and Hintz scored four, had six rebounds, three assists and three steals. Kempkin also had four points for the game, Grieb three and Greenup had two points and three assists.

The girls then travelled to Union to take on the Bobcats. Heppner

once again started the game slowly and got down big early on. They trailed 17-7 after one quarter and 38-14 at halftime. They did outscore Union in the second half, but ended up losing the game by a score of 57-36.

Greenup led the team in scoring with 12 and Hintz followed with six. Wilson, Kempkin and Kindle all had four points for the game. Grieb and Lindsay each scored three.

The team takes to the road again this week as they travel to Irrigon to take on the Knights. They then go to John Day to play the Grant Union Prospectors on Friday. They have an overall record for the year of 5-6 and are 1-3 in BMC.



Maddie Lindsay tangles with a TigerScot as they keep their eyes on the ball during Friday's game. -Photo by Sandra Putman

Local women go on well-digging mission

The "Hopeful Saints Mission Trippers" have returned from their well-drilling trip to Guatemala in December, and will be sharing pictures, stories, and handcrafts next Sunday, Jan. 12, at All Saints Episcopal Church during a potluck beginning about 11:30 a.m. (after the 10 a.m. worship service concludes).

Community members are invited to attend the potluck and are always welcome to attend worship. Those who attend the potluck are encouraged but not required to bring a dish to share, and perhaps even experiment with a Guatemalan recipe.

This is the second well funded by the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church through Living Water International, but the first that included a mission trip for four Shared Ministry members, local women Robanai Disque, Cyde Estes, George Nairns and Diana Sharp.

Team members traveled to a small village in the Guatemalan highlands (elevation 8200 feet), near



"Hopeful Saints" team members (L-R from left) Cyde Estes, Robanai Disque, Diana Sharp and George Nairns (front) with the rest of the Living Water team that helped drill the well funded by the Shared Ministry in Guatemala. -Contributed photo

the large city of Xela. In addition to manual labor related to the well itself, team members provided

hygiene education through an interpreter and distributed 500 crosses

made by Bob Despain and Dan Sharp.

Residents of the village are of Mayan descent, and Mayan customs, dress, crafts and dialect are still prevalent. Villagers have been waiting four years for this well to be drilled, and have had to rely on a muddy stream down a steep embankment while they waited. It could take another six months before the pump and water distribution system are completed, but team members said there was great excitement in the village when drilling was completed and water gushed out from the newly-

dug well.

As a third water project, the Shared Ministry has recently funded the rehabilitation of an existing well in Liberia, to be completed in 2014, and is raising funds for a fourth well in a location yet to be determined. Community members are welcome to join in this effort to provide clean water in Jesus' name to thirsty people around the world.

Questions about the potluck or the well-drilling mission and other activities of the Shared Ministry may be directed to the church office at 541-676-9970.

Ione basketball takes on Joseph in home games

Ione basketball teams matched up against Joseph this past Saturday.

The varsity team walked away with the win 87-36 in the non-league home game.

The girls' varsity team also handed Joseph a loss, 42-31.

The boys' JV team didn't fare quite so well, losing to the Joseph JV team 24-29. Scores for the girls' JV game were unavailable.

Stats for the JV boys' game are as follows:

Joseph JV 29, Ione JV 24

Score by Quarters
Joseph JV: 4, 15, 19, 29

Ione JV: 8, 17, 22, 24
Player: Reb, Ast, Pts

Danny Doherty: 0, 0, 0
Henry Padberg: 0, 0, 0
Donald McElligott: 5, 2, 0
Austin Carter: 0, 0, 4
Joe Doherty: 1, 0, 2
Zane King: 2, 1, 2
Jason Juarez: 4, 2, 3
Hector Aguilar: 2, 0, 2
Tre' Neil: 6, 0, 8
Joel Stillman: 3, 2, 3
Daniel Holtz: 0, 1, 0

"We couldn't get the ball in the net in the second half," said Ione Assistant Coach Brian Spivey of the JV performance. "We led to the start of the fourth quarter and then Joseph hit some threes and they got the lead and held it to the end. We were pretty rusty coming off Christmas break."

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

'Twas the month following Christmas and all through the nest, the staff agreed with residents, "It's time for a rest!"

As anticipated and looked forward to as it was, December was an especially busy time for the little community on the Hill. Their schedules included exceptional opportunities for interaction with family and friends and for holiday-related events and entertainment. These were added to their daily regimens of exercising, the discussions of the nationally recognized days (Pearl Harbor, the National Guard, Radio City Music Hall, Quilting, the Beach Boys, Bird Counting), and tasty celebrations of foods such as cookies, gingerbread, lemon cupcakes, nut breads, eggnog, shrimp, fruitcake and chocolate.

On Dec. 1, residents, staff and visitors decorated the Terrace, sang favorite Christmas carols, and enjoyed a feast of homemade soups and breads and cookies. And that pace continued through Dec. 31, when a small contingent managed to see in 2014.

The front door always welcomes visitors, and in December it was almost a revolving door, as residents greeted young pianists twice, caroling groups multiple times, and numerous other visitors bearing assorted gifts.

Santa was one of those visitors. So, after a quiet reflective Christmas Eve, residents endured a night of who-knows-what images dancing in their heads and awoke to wonderful surprises. In each stocking carefully hung were fruits and candies. After everyone could gather around the tree, gifts were handed out, and not just a single gift to each person that Santa's elves at the Terrace helped him figure out. A second gift to each resident also awaited everyone, apparently because Santa thought they were all especially nice. When asked for information on Santa's

visit, staff members seem to have no knowledge of when or how he slipped in and out of the Terrace unseen.

Some friends and family members showed up for more visiting and sharing of the Christmas-day feast, adding another emotionally warm touch to the holiday.

Attention turned to the quickly approaching Year's End celebration that included the traditional New Year's Eve prime rib meal, enjoyed by 26 diners. At least two residents were determined to see in the actual new year in Heppner, not satisfied to watch the nine o'clock celebration on TV, one of them actually convincing a couple of family members to come and see it in, too. The revelers might have been well-rested, however, by the time they joined their neighbors for the delicious New-Year's-Day crabcake lunch, another tradition that has been enabled by an anonymous donor who provides the crabmeat each year.

Residents can look back on December with a contented sigh and some new memories, but they are looking forward to opportunities 2014 might bring. One such opportunity, beginning this month, is to celebrate birthdays. Rose Bergstrom will be honored on the 12th with a birthday lunch, followed the next day by Buelah Brownfield, who will also be able to select a favorite birthday menu to share with her neighbors and family. Alvina Padberg will be the birthday celebrant on the 15th, so residents can look forward to another special day and special menu. Everyone views these celebrations as some of the most important on the Hill. And joining the celebrations for a while is Marjorie Gorham, who is welcoming a short stay close to her daughter Karen Wolff.

Yes, a view of 2013 brings many positive moments at the Terrace into view. And everyone on the Hill hopes for a positive 2014.

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