

2018 – A Year in Review



2018 was filled with lots of good times, a few bad times, too much water causing flooding, not enough water causing multiple fires and visits from Airstream RVs and goats. See page six for a collection of area happenings

Mustang alumni beat the ‘kids’ in tournament



Men's teams with the winning team in white, back row (L-R): Brian Rill (2016), Beau Wolters (2018), Cody Orr (2012), Brandon Seitz (2005), Joe Fischer (2009), Kevin Smith (2018), Wyatt Steagall (2018), Patrick Collins (2016), Jacob Heliker (2015). Front row (L-R): Rocky Turner (2000), Kevin Murray (2017), Logan Grieb (2017), Jeremy Rosenbalm (2004), Lane Bailey (2008), Chris Lien (2010), Stuart Dick (1965), Brian Knowles (1999).

Representative Greg Smith announces committee assignments

State Representative Greg Smith (GOP-Heppner) has been appointed by House Speaker Tina Kotek to serve on the following committees in the 80th Legislative Assembly:

- Joint Ways and Means Committee, Co-Vice Chair
- Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government, Co-Chair
- Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
- Joint Student Success Committee, Co-Vice Chair
- Joint Tax Expenditures Committee
- Joint Legislative Administration Committee
- Joint Legislative Audit Committee
- House Committee on Revenue

In addition to Representative Smith's committee assignments, he has also been appointed by House Republican Leader Carl Wilson to continue to serve as the Caucus Budget Chair. "I am honored to have been appointed to these positions by my colleagues and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve in a leadership capacity," said Representative Smith. "These committee appointments will allow me to continue to bring House District 57's voice to the table as I work with my colleagues to craft solutions to the issues facing our great state." On January 14, Representative Smith will be sworn in for his tenth consecutive term serving as a Member of the Oregon House of Representatives. He will be the longest serving member of the GOP caucus. As the State Representative for House District 57, Representative Smith serves constituents in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco Counties.



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Ione graduate leads volunteers serving community dinner



Left: Sarah Knop, Megan Doherty, Joe Doherty, Ashley Medina and Goncalo Silva all volunteered for the community Christmas Eve dinner in Pendleton.

Danny Doherty, student government president at BMCC and a 2017 graduate of Ione High School, led a group of volunteers serving the Christmas Eve dinner at the Pendleton Convention Center. The free dinner was the 48th annual BMCC Christmas Eve community dinner. Children attending the dinner received a visit from Santa and a gift from



Below: Volunteer Goncalo Silva serves dinner to community members.

the toy room. Doherty, the son of Brian and Peggy Doherty, recruited friends and family to assist with the dinner that typically serves approximately 800 people.



G-T available Thursday again next week

Due to the New Year holiday, the Gazette-Times will be distributed on Jan. 3 instead of the 2nd. The deadline for that issue will be Monday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m.



Women's teams with the winning team in white, back row (L-R): Petra Elguezabal Payne (1998), Madison Bailey Rosenbalm (2005), Holly EckmanSchuening (1994), Stephanie Haguewood Hisler (1997), Amy Greenup Kollman (1991), Emma Osmin Wright (2013), Jessica Kempkin (2016), Jessica Hughes Bailey (2010), Alexis Doutre (2009), Natalie Rauch Luna (2012). Front row (L-R): Jodi Johnston Hand (1994), Jill Barber Greenup (1999), Sarah Greenup Campbell (1994), Jenni Krein Offer (1995), Annie Hisler Weygandt (1998), Paige Grieb (2015), Blake Greenup (2014), Kelly Wilson (2015).

The eighth annual Heppner Mustang Alumni Basketball tournament was held in front of a large crowd of over 100 fans, family and friends. The annual fundraiser for the Heppner boys' basketball program saw a record turnout of players and fans attend the game. The game is open to former Mustangs and family members. Both the men's and women's games were close throughout and extremely entertaining to watch.

In the women's game, the more experienced team, made up of players from 1991-2005 won by the score of 47-37. It was a fast paced and sometimes very physical game that was closer than the final score indicates. The intensity level certainly ramped up as the game neared the end and the ladies were playing their hearts out. Everyone enjoyed seeing so many of the former Fillies and Mustangs play their hardest and have lots of fun doing it. Susan Hisler coached

the winning team to their victory. The men's game was a three point shooting contest at the start and then turned into a physical battle that saw the "oldies" beat the "young guns" by the score of 67-62. The game featured players that graduated just last year to Stuart Dick who played for the Mustangs in 1965. The winning team was led in scoring by Jeremy Rosenbalm with 26 points. Logan Grieb led the "young guns" with 17.

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