

Shooting club doubles in size



Pictured (L-R): Conner Wilson (Heppner), Carter Eynetich (Ione), Gage Heideman (Ione) and Radley Griggs (Boardman) just before they line up for their trap rounds.

The Morrow County 4-H Shooting Sports Club finished their February score month this past Sunday at the Lexington Gun Club. The club has doubled in size, from 20 members to 40, in one year and offers members the opportunity to participate in small bore pistol and rifle, archery, shotgun and air-pistol.

Members shoot for scores in January, February and March for a chance to qualify for the state 4-H shooting tournament in Albany in June. Last year, Morrow County sent seven members, a first showing from the county. "I suspect

we will have a number of members qualify this year for the state shoot," said 4-H Agent, Erin Heideman. "We have a tremendous volunteer coaching staff and some pretty phenomenal members."

Volunteer coaches for the club are Ed Rietmann (Ione), Stan Cutsforth (Heppner), Erin Heideman (Ione), Adam and Rachel Archer (Heppner), Andrea DiSalvo (Lexington), Jeff Sak (Boardman) and Donnie Griggs (Boardman).

March shooting dates will be the March 1, 8 and 15 at the Lexington Gun Club.



Avree Lathrop, a 5th grader at Heppner Elementary School, takes aim with her pistol at the Morrow County Shooting Sports Club score day this past weekend.

NE district shooter advances to regional



(L-R): Steve May, Oregon State Elks State Hoop Shoot Committee Chariman, Ciciley Stefani and Mary Williams, Oregon State Elks Association President.

The Elks State Hoop Shoot contest was held February 8 at Silverton, OR. Six contestants from the Northeast District competed at Silverton. The Northeast District consists of Hood River, The Dalles,

Condon, Heppner, Hermiston, Milton Freewater, Enterprise and Baker Elks Lodges.

The first-place contestant in each age group will shoot free throws against winners from the Elks

Chamber elects 2020 officers



The Heppner Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting Thursday, January 30 and new 2020 officers were elected. (L-R) Heppner City Manager Kraig Cutsforth; Les Schwab Manager John Gould; Bank of Eastern Oregon CEO Jeff Bailey; Heppner Schools Principal Matt Combe; Owner Wheatland Insurance Nancy Snider; Owner Murray Drug, Ann Murray, all board members. Morrow County Health District CEO Bob Hauser, president; MCGG Human Resources Manager Tawny Miles, treasurer; Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation Administrator Kim Cutsforth, board member and Andy Fletcher CEO/General Manager Columbia Basin Electric Co-operative, vice president. Also at the meeting it was announced that this will be long-time Chamber Director Sheryll Bates' last annual meeting as she will be retiring from the job. -Photo by David Sykes.

Mustangs beat Stanfield, lose to Union

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team split their Blue Mountain Conference games last weekend. The Mustangs beat the Stanfield Tigers 59-47 at home but then lost a tough road game to the Union Bobcats 45-37.

A close first half in the game with Stanfield saw five lead changes and three ties in the first quarter alone. The Mustangs had a slight 17-16 lead at the end of the high scoring first quarter.

The second quarter was nearly as close as the first. Neither team scored as much but there were two lead changes and two ties in the quarter. Heppner led at the halftime break 27-24.

A big third quarter saw the Mustangs score 19 points and hold Stanfield to only 11. Heppner took control of the game in the quarter and built a lead of 12 points at one point and never looked back from there. The score at the end of the third quarter had the Mustangs ahead by the score of 46-35.

Heppner continued their dominance in the fourth quarter and stretched the lead out to 17 points. The Mustangs stayed strong all the way through and won the game by the score of 59-47.

Jayden Wilson led the Mustangs in scoring with

13. He also had six rebounds and he blocked two shots. Mason Lehman scored 10 points, had three rebounds, five assist, two steals and blocked a shot. Brock Hisler also scored 10 points to go along with five rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot. Jackson Lehman was next with nine points, eight rebounds, one assist and he had six steals in the game. Joe Sherman also had nine points for the Mustangs and he also chipped in five rebounds and a steal. Gavin Hanna Robinson and Kellen Grant both contributed three points for the team. Hanna Robinson also recorded three rebounds and one assist while Grant collected two rebounds and had a steal. Kason Cimmiyotti scored two points, had one rebound and three steals. Kannon Wilkins had a rebound in the game and Casey Fletcher had an assist.

A trip to play in Union is always a difficult chore. This year was no different as the Mustangs struggled to score in the old cracker box of a gym that is the home of the Bobcats.

The Mustangs found themselves down at the end of the first quarter 12-7 and then 22-13 at halftime. Union scored the first seven points of the third quarter and led at the end of the quarter 32-23.

This is Julie's last year of eligibility for the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest.

The other participants from the Northeast District who placed are: Boys 8-9, Cooper Stefani, Heppner Lodge #358 placed 7th; Girls 8-9, Ciciley Stefani, Heppner Lodge #358 placed 3rd; Boys 10-11, Christian Sanchez-Lamas, Hermiston Lodge #1845 placed 5th; Girls 10-11, Charlotte Hansell, Milton Freewater Lodge #2146 placed 4th and Boys 12-13, Jason Hull, The Dalles Lodge #303 placed 4th.

The fourth quarter saw the Mustangs cut the Bobcat lead to five points late in the game but it was too little, too late and the Mustangs fell to the Bobcats by the score of 45-37.

Jackson Lehman scored nine points, had a rebound and a steal in the game. Wilson chipped in seven points, four rebounds and had one steal. Hisler was next with six points, five rebounds, one steal and one blocked shot. Scoring five points was Mason Lehman. He also had five rebounds and one assist. Sherman and Cimmiyotti each scored four points for the team. Sherman also had six rebounds, one assist and a steal while Cimmiyotti also had three rebounds and blocked a shot. Roy Collins scored two points and had one rebound on the night. Fletcher had two rebounds and an assist while Hanna Robinson recorded three rebounds, three assists and a steal. Grant had a rebound and a steal. Grant had a rebound and a steal. Grant had a rebound and a steal.

The JV team won two more games as they defeat-

ed the Stanfield Tigers 44-34 and then beat the Union Bobcats 57-19.

Against the Tigers, Tucker Ashbeck led the team in scoring with 18. Ty Boor was next with six points and Cody Fletcher followed with five. David Cribbs had four points and with three each were Roy Collins and Mikel Jaca. Derrick Smith and Blake Carter scored two points each and Blake Wolters finished with one.

In the game at Union, Boor and Cribbs led a balanced scoring attack for the team as they each scored 11 points. Collins and Smith chipped in eight points each and Carter finished with six. Ashbeck was next with four points and with three points each were Fletcher, Jaca and Trevor Nichols.

This week the Mustangs travel to Enterprise on Tuesday to take on the Outlaws. Heppner then finishes up their regular season with a home game with the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Friday, February 14.

Heppner students named to dean's list

Eastern Oregon University has named Patrick Collins and Christopher Kindle to the dean's list for the 2019 fall term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework. The university named 523 students to the dean's list for the fall term.

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