

Mustang Boys loos to Tigerscots & Prospectors



Mason Orem catches air to score a point. - Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner boys' basketball team lost their first two Blue Mountain Conference games of the season last weekend. The Mustangs traveled to Athena and lost to the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots by the score of 79-49. They then hosted the Grant Union Prospectors on Saturday and lost the game 52-47.

The Tigerscots jumped out to a quick 18-11 after the first quarter. The Mustangs battled back and trailed by only 4 points late in the second quarter. A Weston-McEwen player hit a long three-pointer at the halftime buzzer to make the score 36-29 at the half.

Weston-McEwen had a big third quarter as they got hot from the three-point line in their own gym. They shot an amazing 52% from the three-point line for the entire game. The Tigerscots stretched their lead to 60-42 at end of the third quarter and ended up getting the win by the score of 79-49.

Caden George led the Mustangs in scoring with 22 points on the night. He was an outstanding 10-12 from the free throw line for the game. Caden also hauled down 4 rebounds and had 3 assists and 2 steals in the game. Landon Mitchell followed with 15 points and 5 rebounds. Thomas Bales was next with 6 points and 2 rebounds while Keaton Coiner contributed 4 points and 2 rebounds. Logan Turner finished the game with 2 points and although he didn't score, Mason Orem contributed 5 rebounds, an assist and blocked a shot.

The JV Mustang team won their game by the score of 57-32. Logan Turner led the team with 18 points and Caylan Proudfoot was next with 11. Jackson Coiner tallied 8 points and

with 7 points was Alakae Rodriguez. Tripp Stewart contributed 6 points, Caleb George had 5 and Quaid Jensen 2.

In the game against the Prospectors, the Heppner offense started out slowly in the first quarter. They trailed 8-0 before they scored a basket and were behind 15-10 at the end of the first. The second quarter belonged to the Mustangs as they outscored the Prospectors 15-5 to take a 25-20 lead into the halftime break.

The third quarter was close all the way through, but the Prospectors scored 5 more points in the quarter than the Mustangs. That meant that the teams were tied 39-39 at the end of three. Heppner scored first in the final frame, but Grant Union quickly took the lead and never gave it back. The Mustangs had a chance late in the game to tie the score but just couldn't get their shots to fall. Grant Union got the win by the score of 52-47.

Caden George and Mason Orem each scored 10 points in the game. Mason also had 5 rebounds, 3 assists and blocked a shot while Caden recorded 2 rebounds, had 3 assists and a shot block. Thomas Bales was next with 9 points, 10 rebounds and an assist. Landon Mitchell filled up the stat sheet with 8 points, 10 rebounds and he had 1 assist, blocked 1 shot and had a steal in the game. With 6 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist for the Mustangs was Cameron Proudfoot. With 2 points each in the game were Marty Medina and Keaton Coiner.

The JV boys stretched their win streak to six as they won their game 44-31. Keaton Coiner led the team in scoring with 12 points. Three players were next with 8 points each, they were Caylan Proudfoot, Logan Turner and Alakae Rodriguez. Tripp Stewart scored 4 and with 2 points each were Jackson Coiner and Caleb George.

The Mustangs continue Blue Mountain Conference play this weekend with a home game Friday against the Enterprise Outlaws and then will travel on Saturday to Irrigon to play the Knights.

Morrow County to continue ambulance service

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Morrow County will be obtaining interim services, if necessary, to continue ambulance services at the present levels during such time. Replacement ambulances have been secured. There will be no interruption of ambulance services. MCHD is allowed to keep its publicly paid for ambulances, rather than allow their interim use by the County or other another public entity. Regarding the public process, Morrow County has held four public meetings to receive input on a new ASA Plan, has reached out to MCHD for responses and comment on specific issues, provided MCHD with drafts of the Ordinance and ASA Plan on October 21, 2023, and has incorporated many of the suggestions received from MCHD. MCHD is now providing a fresh round of review and objects to language it has previously drafted and proposed. MCHD now demands the right to approve the language of the ASA Plan and Ordinance, i.e., control with veto power over the ASA Plan and Ordinance. That legal obligation is the County's obligation, not MCHD's, and the County will make decisions it believes are best for the citizens of Morrow County. MCHD has also made it clear that it is losing money on the provision of ambulance services, but nevertheless, has taken the position that it will provide ambulance services for the whole county or none at all. MCHD has also advised that it will be demanding a subsidy from the County. MCHD's current objections and allegations of bad faith regarding the repeal of the 1998 ASA Plan are surprising, given that the County is required

to repeal that Ordinance and Plan in order to implement the new Ordinance and ASA Plan. MCHD has been advised from the beginning of that requirement and was provided with the Draft Ordinance on October 21, 2023. There was no objection at that time. Morrow County will proceed with its efforts to develop the new ASA Plan and is disappointed in the actions and refusal of MCHD to be constructively involved in that process. Please direct inquiries to: Matthew Jensen, Administrator (541) 676-2529. You can find the statement on the Morrow County website.

MC Republican Party meeting Jan. 18th

The Morrow County Republicans will meet at 6:30 pm, Thursday, January 18th at the Bartholomew Building, Heppner, Oregon. PCPs and anyone interested in the county Republican Party are encouraged to come and join the discussions. This month MCRP will hear a presentation to be given by Sheriff, John Bowles, on the protocols for large scale emergencies in Morrow County. After the presentation, the Central Committee will hold its regular January meeting. This will include discussions on 2024 election year activities in

Morrow County. PCP positions are open for Heppner, Boardman, and Irrigon. Individuals interested in one of these positions are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about the positions. PCP appointments can be made during MCRP meetings. The Republican Party is open to individuals interested in conservative ideals and values. The Republican Party platform can be found at <https://oregon.gop/>. For more information on the Morrow County Republican Party, contact mocoreps@gmail.com.

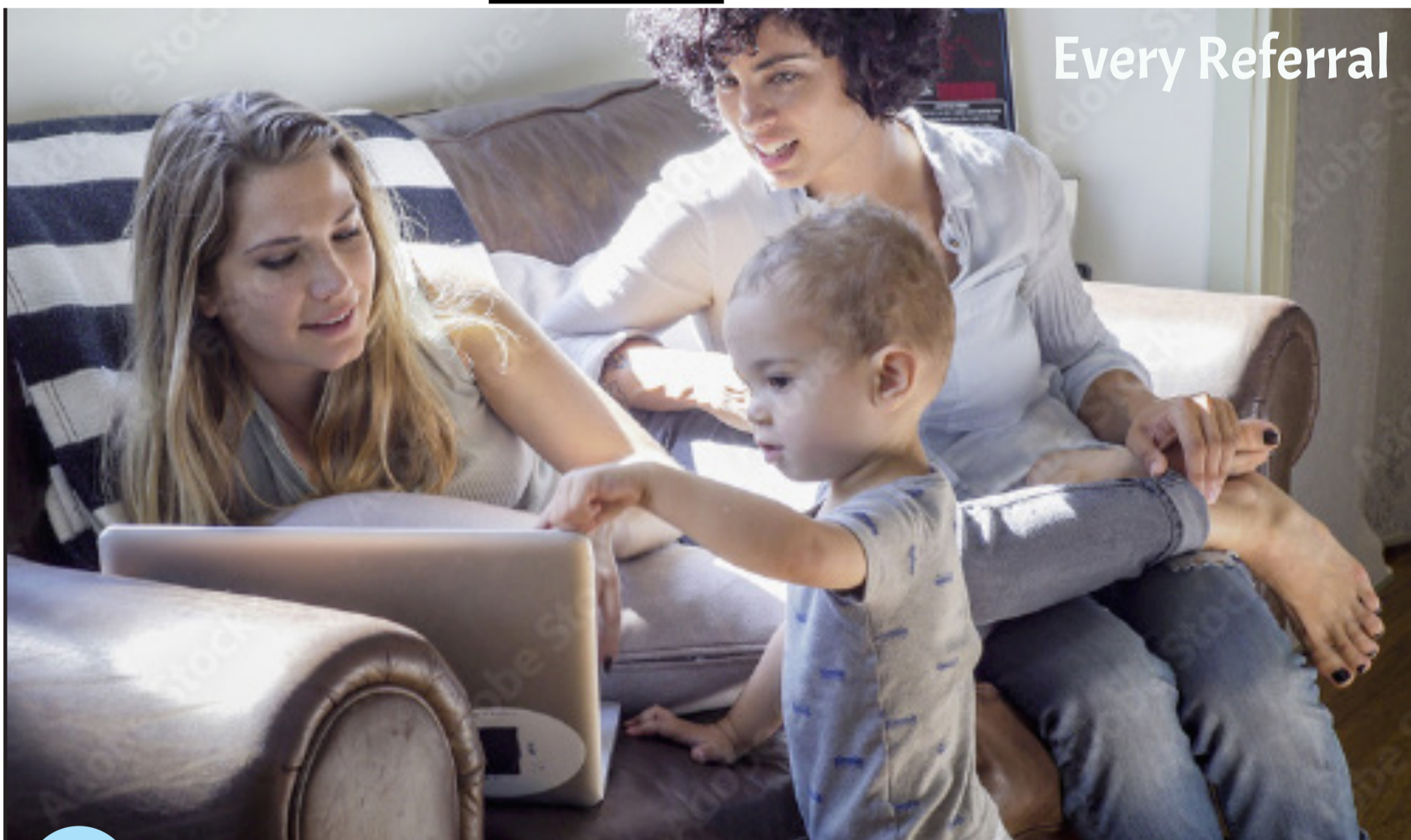
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