

Santa comes to daycare



Santa came to Heppner Day Care Friday to the delight of day care students and staff.

Neighborhood Center volunteers prepare food, gift packs for area families



Left to right: Vern Keithley, Janice Skaggs and Ginger Keithley prepare holiday food baskets at the Neighborhood Center to be sent to local families this week.

Bill Lowe celebrates 102nd birthday



Bill Lowe, Heppner, celebrated his 102nd birthday with a harmonica concert at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home Thursday. He was treated to a party by the PMNH staff with cake and punch and visits from family and friends. Pictured above (left to right) are Mary West with son, James, Bill's great, great nephew, Bill, and Carleen West, Bill's niece. Not pictured is Clint Krebs, Bill's great nephew, who was also at the celebration.



Left to right: Ginger Keithley, Janice Skaggs and Myrtle McMillan finish holiday gift packs at the Neighborhood Center for area families.

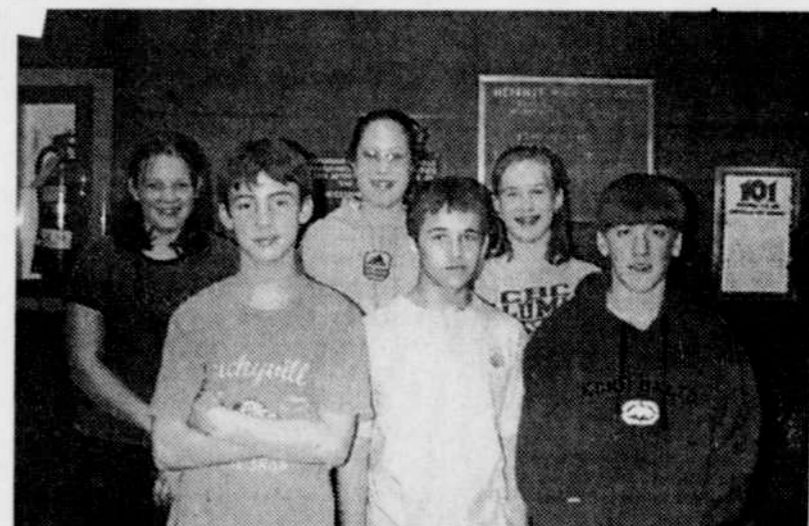
HHS students compete in Knowledge Master

Thousands of students throughout the country and in many foreign countries competed on Dec. 5 in the 37rd Knowledge Master Open academic competition. Middle school, junior high and high school students faced their computers and 200 rough questions to vie for top scores based on the accuracy and speed of their answers.

A team of high school students at Heppner High School scored 1089 of 2,000 possible. A team of junior high students scored 856 of 2,000 possible. Academic coach Linda Dutcher described the event as an "outstanding opportunity for students to demonstrate their academic ability while working as a team."

Students on the high school team included Jonathan Bennett, Shelley Rietmann, Daniel Jepsen, Tyler Henderson, Jesse Gutierrez, Leland Rill, Marcy Miller, Conor Kilkenny, Julie Proctor, Paula Spicerkuhn, Douglas Orwick and Shanna Rietmann. Students on the junior high team included Mahaley Huddleston, Brendan McElligott, Krystal Nairns, Brienne Jones, Drew Prindle, Laurie Murray and Roy Proctor.

The Knowledge Master Open was designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic accomplishment. The contest runs on classroom computers to allow all students the opportunity to compete in a large academic event without the expense of traveling to a central site. Results of the contest are tabulated into overall, state, and enrollment-size rankings by Academic Hallmarks, a Colorado publishing firm that hosts the event. Contest results and example questions are available at www.greatauk.com.



Heppner Junior High School Knowledge Master team (left to right): front-Brendan McElligott, Roy Proctor, Drew Prindle; back- Krystal Nairns, Mahaley Huddleston and Laurie Murray. Not pictured is Brienne Jones.



Heppner High School Knowledge Master team (left to right): back-Conor Kilkenny, Leland Rill, Jonathan Bennett; center-Dan Jepsen, Tyler Henderson, Paula Spicerkuhn, Shelley Rietmann, Doug Orwick; front-Jesse Gutierrez, Julie Proctor, Marcy Miller, Shanna Rietmann.

Matheny, McCabe, Bellamy named to all state



Travis Bellamy
Heppner High School seniors Stefan Matheny and Michael McCabe were selected to the first team Class 2A all-state football team for both offense and defense.



Michael McCabe



Stefan Matheny

JV girls beat Blue Devils

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' JVs picked up their third win of the year against one loss by beating the visiting Condon Blue Devils, 45-22, on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Marcy Miller scored five points and Chelsea Britt, four, as the

Mustangs led 13-9 after one and extended it to 20-14 at halftime. Using a 14-0 run, the Mustangs blew the game open in the third, getting 10 points from Stefanie Hanson and four from Tiffany Piper, and took a 36-16 lead going into the fourth. Chantea Macaulay scored three points in the fourth as the Mustangs kept up the pressure and won going away.

Hanson finished with 12 points and seven rebounds to lead the Mustangs, with Miller adding nine points and three steals. Britt finished with eight points; Macaulay had three assists and two steals; Nikki Sisk had four rebounds, two steals and two assists; Shanna Rietmann had three rebounds and two steals; while Madison Bailey had three assists.

Statistics
Condon: 9 5 2 6 - 22
Heppner: 13 7 16 9 - 45
Condon-Kilgore 2 1-1 5, Hill 2 0-1 4, Barnett 2 0-2 4, McElligott 2 0-0 4, McCall 1 1-2 3, Hawk 1 0-3 2, Stark 0 0-3 0, 10 2-12 22. Three-pointers: none.
Heppner-Stefanie Hanson 5 2-5 12, Marcy Miller 3 3-3 9, Chelsea Britt 4 0-0 8, Tiffany Piper 2 0-0 4, Chantea Macaulay 1 2-6 4, Brooke Rust 2 0-0 4, Madison Bailey 1 0-0 2, Lindsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Nikki Sisk 0 0-1 0, Shanna Rietmann, Cara Kennedy, 19 7-15 45. Three-pointers: none.

Fourth quarter run carries Mustangs to win over Condon

By Rick Paullus

Ten straight points, six of them from Shelley Rietmann, helped turn a 24-22 deficit into a 32-24 lead and a 32-26 win for the Heppner Mustangs over the visiting Condon Blue Devils on Tuesday, Dec. 18. The win avenged an earlier loss to the Blue Devils and improved the Mustangs' record to 4-1 on the year.

The Blue Devils took a 4-0 lead in the first quarter, but a Brett Barber jumper and Lacey Matteson drive and lay-in tied it up. The Blue Devils led a low-scoring first quarter, 6-4, and scored a basket to open the second, but a Rietmann lay-in and a running jumper by Meghan Bailey tied it again at 8-8.

The Blue Devils again made a run to lead 11-8, but a free throw by Tylynn Smith and a lay-in by

Shanna Rietmann on a nice pass from Barber tied it again. Condon scored the final four points of the half to take a 15-11 lead at the break.

Shelley Rietmann and Bailey each scored on passes from Barber and Jodie Carlson hit a free throw as the Mustangs took their first lead of the game at 16-15. The Blue Devils came back to take a 22-16 lead. Rietmann scored on a drive and lay-in and again on a Barber pass to cut the lead to 22-20 going into the fourth.

Matteson opened the fourth with a steal and lay-in to tie the game. The Blue Devils scored to regain the lead before the Mustangs went on their run. Rietmann scored on a turnaround jumper, a short jumper and a lay-in on a long pass from Matteson, Barber hit a jumper and Shanna Rietmann scored on a nice

pass from sister Shelley to make it 32-24 and give the Mustangs the win.

Shelley Rietmann finished with 14 points, hitting six of seven shots in the second half, pulled down seven rebounds and had two steals to lead the Mustangs. Barber had four points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals. Matteson had four points, three rebounds and two assists. Shanna Rietmann had four points and three steals. Bailey had four points and Carlson had two steals.

Haylee Farrar led the Blue Devils with seven points.

Statistics
Condon: 6 9 7 4 - 26
Heppner: 4 7 9 12 - 32
Condon-Farrar 3 0-1 7, Jamieson 3 0-0 6, Anderson 2 2-6 6, Kennedy 1 2-2 4, Snyder 1 0-0 2, Humphrey 0 1-2 1, 10 5-10 26. Three-pointers: Farrar.
Heppner-Shelley Rietmann 7 0-11 4, Lacey Matteson 2 0-1 4, Brett Barber 2 0-0 4, Meghan Bailey 2 0-0 4, Shanna Rietmann 2 0-0 4, Jodie Carlson 0 1-2 1, Tylynn Smith 0 1-4 1, Jesse Kempas, Kelsey Greenup, 15 2-8 32. Three-pointers: none.

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