

## Mustang boys knock off first place Huskies



RJ Farrens keeps the Mustangs hot with the upset win over the #1 Team Sherman County. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

After two narrow disheartening losses the previous weekend, the Heppner Mustang varsity boys fresh off a solid defeat of Umatilla the night before, knocked off the first place Sherman County Huskies by a score of 79-67 on Saturday, Jan. 28 in Heppner in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, now 6-4 in the CBC and 8-6 overall, are tied with Pilot Rock for third and will be at the Rockets' on Friday before coming home to face Irrigon on Saturday.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 22-10 lead against the Huskies at the end of one and still led 42-30 at the half. The Huskies came back in the third to cut the lead to 59-56, but the Mustangs pulled away in the fourth for the 12-point win.

Rory Kilkenny led the way with 20 points and

13 rebounds with RJ Farrens hitting four 3-pointers and finishing with 14 points and eight assists. Matt Van Cleave had 12 points, five rebounds and two steals, Matt McCabe had 10 points and two steals, Mikel Britt had nine points and five rebounds, Matt Kenny had two assists and two steals and Quinn Peck and Lane Bailey each had two steals.

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Sherman County 10 20 26 11-67

Heppner- Rory Kilkenny 9 2-5 20, RJ Farrens 5 0-0 14, Matt Van Cleave 5 2-2 12, Matt McCabe 3 3-4 10, Mikel Britt 4 1-2 9, Lane Bailey 2 0-0 5, Quinn Peck 2 0-0 4, Nacho Elguezabal 1 1-1 3, Justin Delveaux 1 0-0 2 and Matt Kenny. Team: 32 9-14 79. 3-pts: Farrens 4, Bailey and McCabe.

## Daniel Jepsen wins national agricultural essay contest

Daniel Jepsen of Heppner captured first place and a \$1500 college scholarship in the Phoenix Rotary Equipment Ltd. conservation tillage essay contest. Jepsen, currently a college junior majoring in animal science and Spanish at the University of Idaho, is attending classes during the 2005-2006 school year at La Universidad Catolica del Ecuador in Quito, Ecuador. Jepsen's essay was entitled "From the Tropics to the Farm." In it he explained how no-till farming practices can lead to healthier soils around the world. The contest winners were announced at the 2006

National No-Tillage Conference in St. Louis, MO, in mid January. Jepsen's essay was published in the February 2006 issue of No-Till Farmer Magazine. There were about 50 essays submitted in this year's contest - which was open to high school seniors and college students in the United States and Canada. Second place and a \$1000 college scholarship went to Rachel Bacon, a student at Kansas State University.

Phoenix Rotary Equipment is headquartered in Nisku, Alberta, Canada. This is the fifth year they have sponsored the competition.

## KT's Bunny Barn starts year with a win



KT's Justice

KT'S Justice, a Senior Black Mini Rex doe, owned by Kathy Tellechea and Pam Renfro, starts the new year off winning two Best of Breeds and Best of Show in Show A with over 1200 rabbits entered at the shows held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on Jan. 28, 2006. Up next for Tellechea and Renfro will be the rabbit shows held in Victoria, BC on Feb. 18 and 19.

## HES announces second quarter honor roll



Students making honor roll received certificates for their work.

Heppner Elementary School announced its second quarter honor roll during a school assembly. The students making honor roll received certificates.

**Kindergarten:** Rachel Allen, Patrick Burch, Riley Gorman, Diana Healy and Nichole Shaw.

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** Kolby Currin, Sierra Morgan, Kevin Murray, Amanda Rea, Kailea Sample, Demitra Schmidt, Nalani Stone, Dustin Williams, Jessie Williams, Caleb Eads and Kane Sweeney.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** Tommy Bredfield, Joyce Chen, Josh Dowdy, Rylee Kollman, William Lucher, Skyler Palmer, Weston Putman, Emily Rea, Ryan Smith, Ashley Thompson, Patrick Collins, Faith Jones, Sydney

Maben, Emily Pappas and Rylee Wagoner.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Alexandra Allen, Cade Arbogast, Macy Gibbs, Jason Kendrick, Joseph Schmidt and Alexis Victorio.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Ryan Dougherty, Ted Dubry, Tate Gentry, McKayla Kindle, Michaela Murphy and Jaden Orr.

**5/6<sup>th</sup> grade:** Sidney Coster, Carrie Haguewood, Hanna Lovgren, Seth Palmer, Conner Pappas, Cassidee Day, Garrett Gibbs, Larissa Gray, Austin Gutierrez, Zechariah Hintz, Justin Pranger, Natalie Rauch, Brittney Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Zachary Yocom, Drew Brannon, Maggie Collins, Camron Day, Kyle Harrison, Jordan Jones, Jacob Moore, Cody Orr and Garrett Robinson.

## Students in Ione participate in Camp 5 activities



While waiting for their painted ducks to dry, Camp 5's younger group decorates notes to put in the clothespin bills.



Joel Stillman, Jason Thompson, and Jaqueline Juarez paint their favorite designs on rocks at Ione's Camp 5.

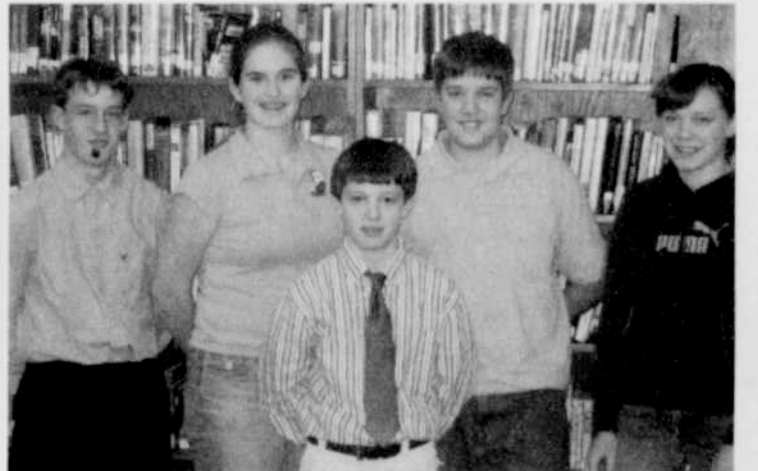
By Richard Bohna, Tori Heagy and Priscilla Tellez

On Friday, Jan. 26, Ione Community School's Camp 5 guest instructor was Jannie Allen. Allen, a teacher at Heppner Elementary School, took grades two through six and shared her knowledge and skill with them making decoratively painted rocks. "All the kids had fun and there were no rocks thrown," in the words of Vicky Wagenblast, coordinator of the extra-curricular program.

Wagenblast took the kindergarten through second graders and painted wooden duck note holders. The bills of the ducks were made of clothespins, which served as the note holders.

Next month Camp 5 will be teaching chess for grades 3-12. The exact date has not been set, but watch the newspaper for details or check the school's website at [www.ione.k12.or.us](http://www.ione.k12.or.us).

## Wolff wins HJHS Geography Bee



Final five in HJHS Geography Bee: (L-R): Ian Murray, Ashley Wolff, Devin Robinson, Frank Meyer and Emily Thompson

Think you're pretty good at geography? Try answering these questions: 1) Teotihuacan was the great center of an early civilization on which continent? 2) The Bellingshausen Sea and the Ross Sea both border which continent? 3) Eighty percent of the population of a country at the southern end of the Strait of Malacca live in highrise apartments—name this island country. If you answered these questions correctly, you could have been one of the 14 participants in Heppner Junior High School's Geography Bee. The correct answers to the preceding questions are: 1) North America, 2) Antarctica and 3) Singapore.

On Jan. 12, Ashley Wolff, Kelsi Putman, Devin Robinson, Frank Meyer,

Emily Thompson, Keenan Jack, Julia Meyer, Lane Wright, Ian Murray, Lacie Wagoner, Lindsay Cutsforth, Justin Gutierrez, Brett Harrison and Joe Armato reported to the library where Greg Grant proceeded to quiz them on geographical facts. After nine rounds, only five students were left—Wolff, Robinson, Frank Meyer, Thompson and Murray. Several questions later, only Wolff and Murray remained as finalists. The questions were difficult, but finally, Wolff emerged as HJHS's Geography Bee Champion.

## Morrow SWCD board meeting to be held

The Morrow SWCD board has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m., at the Pettyjohn office building in Heppner. Agenda items include minutes of the January meeting, treasurer's report, written staff report, building update, grant update, Bombing Range weed update, annual report review, review draft weed policy and partner agency reports. Prospect of an executive session according to ORS 192.640(2). Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

## Rebekah Lodge to host card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting its monthly card party this Saturday, Feb. 4. Play will start at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Food, snacks and prizes will be furnished. The public is invited to attend.

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