

HES announces January Students of the Month



January Students of the Month for Heppner Elementary School were recently announced at a school assembly on January 29. Citizenship was the January theme. Pictured are: back row (L-R) - Kevin Smith (3rd grade), Victor Meyer (5th grade), Skyler Palmer (5th grade), Paige Grieb (6th grade), Caitlynn Bailey (5th grade), and Kane Sweeney (4th grade); bottom row (L-R) are Kevin Rea (Kindergarten), Cara Arbogast (3rd grade), Charles Cason (2nd grade), Drew Coe (1st grade), Emily Cecil (4th grade), Daniela Sanchez (2nd grade), Makayla Silvia (1st grade), and Genevieve Smith (Kindergarten). -Contributed Photo

Ione School announces first semester honor roll

Ione School District announces the honor roll for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Students that made the honor roll are:

6th grade - Joe Doherty (4.0), Oskar Peterson (4.0), Lauren Garrett, and Karina Rios. Honorable mention was Daniel Holtz.

7th grade - Emily Holland (4.0), Gus Peterson (4.0), and Joel Stillman. Honorable mentions were Bailey Haguewood and Jaqueline Juarez.

8th grade - Julianne Carlson (4.0), Stacey Halvorsen (4.0), and Evan Rietmann. Honorable mentions were Tanner Bass, Kirk Haguewood, Lacey Thomp-

son, Timothy Emmel, Emily Ruiz, and Alisha Taylor.

9th grade - Rebecca Jepsen (4.0), Zach Orem (4.0), Makenna Ramos (4.0), Mary Rietmann (4.0), Jordan Peterson, Steven Holland, and Christine Raible. Honorable mentions were Jeremy Coleman, Kaleb Dumler, Micah Stillman, Adam Collin, Luke Emmel, and Mary McElligott.

10th grade - Thomas Holland (4.0), Bethany Morter (4.0), Dennis Schmidt (4.0), Tanner Rietmann, and Robbi Johnston. Honorable mentions were: Mary Gates, Mariah Bradfield, Marco Juarez, Stephanie Medina, Alex Rietmann, Taylor Peck, Kylie

McElligott, Jacob Trahan, and Bruce McMinn.

11th grade - Stefanie Archer (4.0), Alex Carlson (4.0), Eric Jepsen (4.0), Sarah Stillman (4.0), R.J. Ramos, Chanurawee Ratinanthakul (Oil), Parvinee Charoenjai (Gip), Michael Raible, Nithi Chalongtrakul (Tie), Matt Hams, Manon Bondier, and Tyree Svetich. Honorable mentions were Brianna Peterson and Alex Fetterhoff.

12th grade - Tiana Camarillo (4.0), Matthew Coleman, Brenna Rietmann, Lucas Bradfield, Thananya Viwattavonwong, Ronald Wilson, Hailey Arbogast, and Tori Heagy. Honorable mention was Clay Morter.

Alumni softball game to be held

The 2009 Heppner High School softball team will be holding an alumni softball game fundraiser during St. Patrick's Day weekend. The game will be played on Friday, March 13,

at 3 p.m. on the Bob Kilkenny Field.

Any Heppner alumni softball players that would like to participate are asked to contact Head Coach Petra Payne by phone or email

before Thursday, February 26, for more information: (541) 676-9138 ext. 2518 or Petra.Payne@morrow.k12.or.us.

The community is invited to attend.

Mustang wrestlers go 2-2 in dual action

The Heppner wrestling team was in Irrigon for a dual tournament on Saturday. The tournament included Irrigon, Umatilla, Mac Hi JV, Hermiston JV, La Grande, Heppner, and Stevenson, WA.

In a dual format teams line up and wrestle weight by weight to score team points. The Mustangs have never won a dual in its short history due mostly to lack of wrestlers to fill enough of the weight classes. Saturday, Heppner had all but three weight classes covered and won two out of four duals, beating Mac Hi JV and Umatilla, while losing to Irrigon and Stevenson.

Heppner first matched up against host Irrigon. The heavy underdog Mustangs showed up to wrestle and nearly pulled off a win. Despite giving up 18 points to forfeits, Heppner ended up losing only 37-48.

Of the 11 matches wrestled in the dual, Heppner won six and lost five. Heppner picked up wins and team points from Grant Smith, John Nelson, Jarred Miller, Chance Day, Wacy Coil and Zech Hintz. The point swing of one more win could have put the team score in Heppner's favor.

Lady Mustangs on three game winning streak

By Jennifer Wilson

With the last two wins on the road, the Lady Mustangs played at home against the Irrigon Knights last Saturday to turn two straight wins into three. The Mustangs coasted into a 51-20 win.

"We're learning to win," said Coach Mark Dowdy. Along with coming together to win is an

The Mustangs picked up their first dual win ever by a score of 48-39 against Mac Hi JV in the next round by sheer force of numbers. Heppner scored 30 points in forfeits from Jarred Miller, Tyler Robinson, Wacy Coil, Drew Brannon, and Alex Fuentes and got wins by pins from Grant Smith and Chance Day. The 103 weight class was a double forfeit.

Heppner next faced Stevenson and lost 32-54. The team points came through forfeit wins by Zach Yocom, Drew Brannon, and Wacy Coil and major decisions by Grant Smith and Chance Day. Again, 103 was a double forfeit.

The Mustangs last dual for the day was the team's second win ever and came against Umatilla by a score of 60-36. Heppner got forfeit points from Zach Yocom, Chance Day, Tyler Robinson, Wacy Coil and Alex Fuentes. The 103 and 119 were double forfeits, so Heppner only gave up advantage points at 285. Grant Smith, Jarred Miller and Zach Hintz all won their matches by pins.

Grant Smith, Chance Day and Wacy Coil went undefeated for the day and won all four of their individual

matches. Day won two by pin, one by major decision and one by forfeit. Coil won one by pin and three by forfeit.

Smith, back for the first time after sitting out several weeks due to injury, made the most of his return to the lineup and was the only Mustang to wrestle and win all four matches, including the most exciting match of the day against Irrigon. Smith was leading 2-1 late in the bout when he gave up a two point takedown as the wrestlers tumbled out of bounds, putting Smith behind 2-3 with just 10 seconds remaining. When the wrestlers restarted, Smith rolled a lightning fast granby off of the whistle coming up on top with a head and arm to score 5 points and a 7-3 win as time ran out.

"It all went so fast, I don't really even remember it all happening," the jubilant Smith said after the match. "I just remember tripping up and the next thing I knew I was on top!"

The Mustangs will next be at home on February 7 at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational. Thirteen teams will be coming to Heppner for the 14-team tournament. Action begins at 10 a.m. at the high school.

They scored 19 points while only allowing the Knights two.

Nine of those fourth quarter points came from sophomore Keshawna Talamantes who came off the bench in the fourth quarter to share the leading scorer spotlight with Taighler Dougherty who also had nine points. JoAnna Patton added eight points.

Despite experiencing some missed layins, the Mustangs anticipated the Knights passes and finished the game with plenty of steals.

The Lady Mustangs finished the game with a powerful fourth quarter.

HHS Civics Club attend presidential inauguration



Pictured are: back row (L-R) Elizabeth Ballard, Emily Thompson, Frank Meyer, Luisa Horsten, Curtis Harper, and Drew Johnson. Front row (L-R) Ashley Wolff, Sherilyn Peck, Maggie Armato, Katie Moore, Sarah Ballard, Catherine McElligott, Jordan Hatfield, Dillon Lutchter, Spencer Palmer, and Matt Holland. Kneeling in front is bus driver Pat. -Contributed Photo

By Ashley Wolff

On the morning of January 20, 2009, there were lines winding along every street even remotely near the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Our group, the Heppner Civics Club, arrived around 4 a.m. to get in line for the ticketed sections. As we stood in line trying to keep warm, we reflected on what we'd gone through to get there.

A total of 15 students and two chaperones came on the trip, seniors Spencer Palmer, Dillon Lutchter, Matt Holland, Sarah Ballard, Maggie Armato, Sherilyn Peck, and Katie Moore, and Juniors Jordan Hatfield, Drew Johnson, Curtis Harper, Frank Meyer, Emily Thompson, Catherine McElligott, Luisa Horsten, and myself, as well as teacher John Flaherty and parent

Elizabeth Ballard.

We had all been fundraising for a full year, earning money to cover the cost of the trip and to have spending money once we were there. We washed dishes, bussed tables, returned cans, and sold raffle tickets, all the while keeping our eye on the prize: the trip to Washington, D.C. And now, standing in line, we met our final obstacle: It was COLD.

Very few of us were used to being somewhere where it was both very cold and very humid, and no matter how many layers we had on, it still chilled us to the bone. When they finally started the line through security and we were able to get onto the Mall it was worth the wait.

Through sheer luck and a bit of old-fashioned

ingenuity, we managed to find a place to stand that had a clear view of the platform on which the ceremony actually took place, and also the Jumbotron, which broadcast close-up images of all of happenings. We stood right on the edge of the reflecting pool in front of the Capitol Building, and were only 1,000 feet away from where President Obama was sworn in.

The ceremony itself was short and concise, as was Obama's speech, but the impression it made on us all will last a lifetime. We were a part of history that day, lost in a sea of people, a joyous mob all together for one purpose. I'm sure that I won't forget my experience anytime soon, and I don't think any of my classmates will, either.

Lady Cards lose two league games

The Ione Lady Cardinals had a disappointing weekend, dropping both of their league games. The Lady Cards traveled to Horizon Christian in Hood River on Friday and fell in overtime to the hosts. On Saturday, they could not overcome an early game deficit and lost to Condon/Wheeler.

The Horizon Christian ladies came out hustling as the Lady Cards played their first game in Horizon's beautiful new gym. Ione didn't get on the board in the first quarter until there was just 35 seconds remaining. Stefanie Archer put down a couple of free throws and the Cards trailed 4-2 after one. Beth Morter had five points in the second quarter and when Stefanie Archer hit two more free throws with 1:46 remaining in the half, the Cards trailed by just two. Horizon scored in the last ten seconds to take a 14-10 half time lead.

In the third quarter, Briana Peterson hit carbon copy buckets early in the quarter to tie up the game. The score saw-sawed until Stefanie Archer put back an offensive rebound to tie the game at 20 with 1:15 left in the third. The Lady Cards took the lead early in the fourth on two Beth Morter free throws before the Lady Hawks scored five points in less than 30 seconds to build a three point lead.

The Lady Cards clawed back into the game with two buckets. Then Beth Morter hit two free throws to go up 28-27. Horizon missed a pair before Briana Peterson hit a basket with 1:43 on the clock to put Ione up by three. Horizon answered with 1:10 remaining but still trailed by one.

With 20 seconds left, Ione had a costly turnover when an inbounds pass was



Makenna Ramos puts up a shot against Horizon Christian. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

called over and back. The Lady Cardinals pulled down a Horizon rebound and Beth Morter was fouled with 9.4 second left in the game. She hit the front end of a one and one to build a two point lead. But Horizon wasn't done, taking the ball down court making to tie the game at 31 as time ran out.

The Lady Cards hung in with another Beth Morter free throw and basket alternating with a couple of Horizon baskets. The Lady Hawks took their one point lead and held the ball, forcing Ione to foul. Horizon went to the free throw line six times in the last minute and didn't make any until two went in with .8 seconds remaining, giving Horizon the 37-34 win.

Beth Morter led the team in scoring with 17 points. Stefanie Archer and Briana Peterson each added six. Stefanie Archer had another good night on the boards, pulling down 14 rebounds and Beth Morter grabbed seven steals.

"We played a good game and I was proud of the team for working hard and fighting back," said Coach

Mike Garrett. "There are a lot of things that we are going to be able to take from this game and improve on in the next couple of weeks. I expect Horizon Christian will be at the district tournament. They are one of the better teams we have seen this year."

After a long trip back from Hood River and a short night, the Lady Cards took the court against Condon/Wheeler in Ione Saturday afternoon looking a little weary. The Lady Knights used a 12-0 run spanning the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second quarter to put the Lady Cards in an 11 point hole at halftime, 19-8.

Condon/Wheeler hit the first score of the third quarter but finally Ione showed a spark of life, making eight unanswered points to pull within five points midway through the period. The Cards got within five again when 5:52 remained in the game but the Lady Knights had an answer, rebuilding the lead to nine with 2:25 left in the game. Beth Morter hit three

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