

Two junior Mustangs win regional championships, three qualify for state

The Heppner Jr. High wrestling team competed in the Eastern Oregon Regional Championship tournament in Boardman on Saturday. Middle school teams compete by region rather than school size, so all middle teams from 1A to 5A in the region were present. The top four placers in the 18 weight classes qualify for state in Woodburn on March 14. The Eastern Oregon tournament included teams from Baker, Boardman, Halfway, Hermiston, Heppner, Hood River, Irrigon, John Day, La Grande, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton, Ontario, The Dalles, and Union.

Prior to 2009, no one in a Heppner uniform had ever competed in the regional finals. This year two wrestlers, Jared Lemmon and Tim Nelson both advanced undefeated through their weight brackets to the championship round.

Lemmon wrestled first on the championship mat at 90 pounds and faced a returning state placer from Milton-Freewater that had beaten him four times last season, including his elimination loss at the 2008 state tournament. Lemmon showed his progress over the past year and won decisively by a 10-2 score to become the first ever Mustang regional champion.

Nelson faced a La Grande wrestler in the 165 pound championship match. He didn't take long to claim his gold medal as he pinned his opponent in less than one minute of the first round. It was Nelson's first time to place at the regional tournament and qualify for state.

"There are only 18 kids in the whole region that can say they are middle school regional champions and only 72 in the entire state per year—two of those

8th graders raffling off getaway basket

Heppner High School's 8th grade class will be raffling off a getaway basket. The basket will include a two night stay in Pendleton, dinner and gas cards. Students will be selling tickets at the motocross and downtown.

For more information contact Alita Nelson at 676-8733.



Top Photo: Pictured left to right are Coach Mark Lemmon, Jacob Moore-4th place, Jared Lemmon-1st place, Tim Nelson-1st place, and Coach Ken Bailey. Bottom Photo: Pictured is Tim Nelson as he works on pinning his opponent. —Contributed Photos

are from Heppner this year," said Coach Mark Lemmon. "Jr. High practice officially started in January but Jared and Tim started with the high school in November. They hardly missed a practice all year including during Christmas break. By rule junior high and high school kids can't wrestle each other, so they often had to be drill partners despite the difference in size since they were the only Jr. high kids there. Wrestling is a sport where you get back what you put into it. It's no coincidence that the two guys that put in the extra effort are Heppner's first regional champions."

Jacob Moore, an eighth-grade first year wrestler at 195 pounds, competed in his first regional tournament. Conditioning and hard work also paid off for Moore as he battled his way back through the consolation

bracket to claim fourth place and a berth to the state tournament. "It's unusual enough for a first year wrestler to qualify for state," said Lemmon, "but for a 195 pound first year wrestler to do that well, is really tough. We don't have a lot of big guys in Heppner; Jacob is going to be a very welcome addition to the high school team next year."

Austin Harris made it to the championship semi finals and was one win away from qualifying for state before losing in overtime to a Hermiston opponent. Treston Maben and Earl Prophet got two wins each and also just missed qualifying for state. Ross Cutsforth, Alex Smith, and Wade Matthew all picked up their first regional tournament wins on Saturday. Shane Miles, John Prophet and Ethan Ashbeck also competed for the Junior Mustangs.

Oregon Wheat Grower's League to hold meeting

Oregon Wheat Grower's League will hold a marketing meeting via Polycam on Thursday, March 12, at 8 a.m.

The agenda is as follows: Morrow County Grain Growers' Trent Harrison will provide an update on spring fertilizer availability, prices and forecast; Mid Columbia Producers' Jeff Kaser will talk about fuel prices and outlook; Dan Steiner will discuss potential implications of CRC on markets for August forward (Dave Paul

will be available via audio feed to answer questions and explain the program); Darren Padgett will present a brief report on a potential new insurance product he just learned of called Crop Margin Coverage that is in development; and there may also be a brief report on spring seed availability.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to contact your local office to determine their participation and RSVP your attendance.

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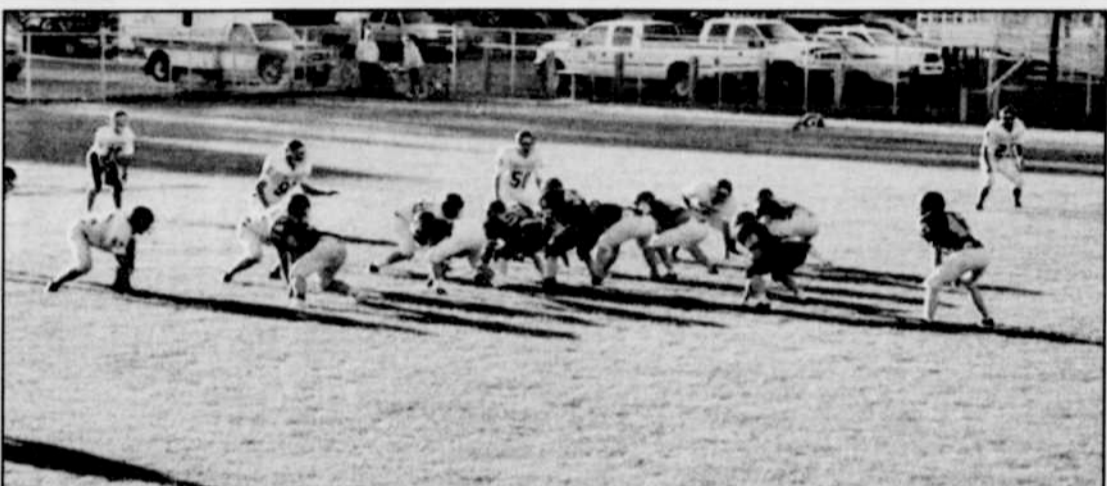
AT THE TWO MORROW COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS HOURS OF OPERATION SATURDAY AND SUNDAYS 9:00 - 4:00. ITEMS ACCEPTED ARE FURNITURE (CHAIRS, TABLES, LOVESEAT, RECLINERS AND SOFA'S). HOME APPLIANCES (REFRIGERATOR, STOVE, DISHWASHER, FREEZER, HOT WATER TANKS, WASHER / DRYER, MICROWAVE AND MATTRESSES) FOR RESIDENTS OF MORROW COUNTY. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN THE COUNTY WITH IDENTIFICATION. WE HOPE THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS POLICY. COUNTY RESIDENCE CAN ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE E-CYCLING TOO; THIS INCLUDES FREE DISPOSAL OF COMPUTERS (DESKTOPS AND LAPTOPS), COMPUTER MONITORS AND TELEVISIONS. MORE QUESTIONS ON E-CYCLES GO TO WWW.OREGONCYCLES.ORG OTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CAN BE VOICED AT MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE, 365 W HWY 74, P.O. BOX 428, LEXINGTON, OR. 97839. (541)989-9500.

Colt basketball finishes season



Colt basketball finished their season with a "round robin tournament" at Heppner Elementary School. —Contributed Photo

Heppner alumni football game planned for June



The Heppner alumni football game will be held on June 20, Father's Day weekend. This year, fathers who have children enrolled in Heppner schools will be allowed to play in the game. To sign up, send a check for \$30 dollars to Jess Osmin at 58794 Balmfork Road, Heppner, OR 97836 or call 676-9079. —Contributed Photo

Garrett finishes senior season with Lady Mustangs



Mercedes Garrett keeps Heidi Halemeier at bay during the Lady Mustangs' game against Santiam on Saturday, February 28. —Contributed Photo

OSU taking applications for Middle-School Summer Science Camp

Oregon State University is taking applications for 48 Oregon middle school students to attend the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp this summer at OSU. All selected campers will be funded by scholarship.

Application deadline is Wednesday, April 15. The application involves application information, a student essay, and recommendations from science and math teachers. Information is available on line at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/summer-science-camp>. You can request a printed copy from Camp Coordinator Andy Hoffmann by calling 541-737-4081 or email fourhsicamp@proaxis.com.

The two-week residential camp, which is Aug. 4-15 on campus, offers students entering grades six, seven and eight innovative ways to enhance their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Leadership and citizenship are main themes, and students are encouraged to stay in school.

The full cost of the camp's education program, field trips, food and lodging is covered by a grant from the ExxonMobil Foundation and The Bernard Harris Foundation.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Christopher Michael Swope, 30, was convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration with 180 days suspended, two year bench probation, 80 hours of community service and other numerous conditions. He was also convicted of Harassment, a Class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration with 90 days suspended, two year bench probation, and other numerous conditions. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$1,621.

-Dana Jo Harris-Willis, 45, was convicted of Attempt to Commit a Class B felony (Robbery-2), a Class C felony and was sentenced to 13 months incarceration, three post-prison supervision, other numerous conditions, and pay \$2,903 fines, fees and restitution.

-Dana Jo Harris-Willis, 45, was convicted of Theft in the First Degree, a Class C. felony, and was sentenced to six months incarceration, one year post-prison supervision, other numerous conditions, and pay \$528 in fines, fees and assessments.

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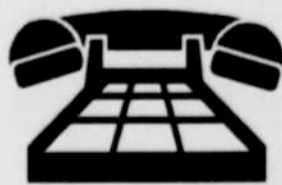
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