

Heppner JV girls take win over Spray

The Heppner JV girls returned to the hardwood court after the Christmas break, stepping up in competition, taking on the Spray Eagles girls' varsity team.

It was a defensive game from the start with both teams getting some good looks at the basket but not being able to put it in. The Heppner girls used a variety of defenses, keeping the Eagles from getting into an offensive rhythm.

In the first quarter the Mustangs jumped out to an 8-2 lead with balanced scoring again. They kept up the scoring along with good defense in the second quarter and took a half-time lead of 15-4 into the locker room.

In the second half the Mustangs went cold and only managed eight points for the half. They did maintain their defense, though, and held the Eagles to 10 points for the half. Taking

away a 23-10 win over the Eagles, pushing their record to 5-2.

The Mustang scoring was led by Alana Wilson with nine, Makenzie Correa with four, Baily Bennett with three, Natalie Rauch with three, Maggie Collins with two, and Emma Osmin with two. Emilie Blak Anderson, Collins, and Bennett led the team in rebounding with five each and Alana Wilson had a team high of four steals.

Mustang JV girls improve record to 6-2

The JV Mustang girls ran their record to 6-2 with a big win over the Union Bobcats on Friday.

The first quarter was close with a score of 7-4 at the end. But in the second half the Mustangs kicked it up and outscored Union 20-3, led by Maggie

Collins with eight points.

Taking a 28-7 lead at the half, they kept up the offensive explosion and, combined with great defense, outscored Union 14-1 in the third. The Mustangs cruised the rest of the way and ended with a final score of 53-18.

The scoring was led by Maggie Collins with 15, Baily Bennett with 12, Natalie Rauch with eight (including two three-pointers), Emma Osmin with six, Alana Wilson with six, and two each for Makenzie Correa, Chantal Creutz and Emilie Blak.

Heppner girls hold on to perfect conference record with weekend wins

The Heppner Lady Mustangs kept their perfect conference record this weekend with wins against Union and Weston-McEwen. With the wins, Heppner improves to 4-0 in the Blue Mountain Conference and 10-2 overall.

Friday night Heppner hosted Union in a game that featured two of the top teams in the conference. Heppner started hot, jumping out to a 32-17 lead at halftime. A Mustang slow start to the second half and an injury to forward Joanna Patton kept Union in the ballgame, setting up an exciting end to the ballgame. Clutch free throws down the stretch helped Heppner hold off Union's fourth quarter rally to win 46-42 and stay in a tie for first place with Pilot Rock. The Mustangs took advantage of 26 trips to the free throw line, converting 16.

Patton and Erin Price lead the Mustangs with 13 points apiece. Union's Jessica Reynolds scored a game high 23 points.

Saturday night,



The Heppner Mustangs held on to their perfect conference record with their 45-24 win over Weston-McEwen. -Contributed Photo

Heppner traveled to Athena to take on a young Weston-McEwen team. Still without Patton, the Mustangs were able to jump out to a 21-4 halftime lead and cruise to their fourth league victory. Everyone on the Mustang bench saw minutes and eight scored points.

Jessica Hughes took advantage of being on the back line of the zone to lead the team with nine rebounds to go along with

her 11 points, also a team high. Brynna Rust scored 10, all in the first half, and had five steals to lead the team defensively. Heppner continued its good free throw shooting, converting on 13 of 15 from the stripe.

Heppner will host Enterprise on Friday and Elgin on Saturday.

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Heppner JV girls down TigerScots 44-17

On Saturday the Heppner JV girls traveled to Athena for a game against the Weston McEwen Tiger Scots. The Mustangs won 44-17, pushing their record to 7-2.

The Mustangs started the game fast with 12 points in the quarter, led by Baily Bennett's six points and a great defensive effort that held the TigerScots scoreless. They

kept up the scoring with 11 points, 11 points and 10 points scored in the next three quarters.

Alana Wilson led the scoring with 15 points, followed by Baily Bennett with 12. Larissa Gray had four points, Maggie Collins and Tayllor Gould had three points each, Chantal Creutz, Emma Osmin, and Makenzie Correa had two points each, and Emilie

Blak had one point. Bennett led the team with 10 rebounds, followed by Collins with seven, Black with five offensive rebounds. Alana Wilson had 10 steal: for the game and Natalie Rauch had three assists to lead the team.

The girls' next games will be on January 15 and 16 versus Enterprise and Elgin.

Spaghetti feed to be held Saturday

The AP Biology class at Heppner High School will hold a spaghetti feed on Saturday, January 16, from 3-7 p.m. during the Heppner versus Elgin basketball games.

Spaghetti, salad, bread, and a dessert will be served for \$5 per person.

Elks hold annual Hoop Shoot competition



Pictured are participants in the annual Elks Hoop Shoot held on January 9 along with chairman Corey Sweeney and assistant Jim Schlaich. -Contributed Photo

On Saturday, January 9, 24 young athletes participated in the Annual Elks Hoop Shoot competition, whereby local students attempt 25 free throw shots, with the winners advancing to the regional competition to be held in Hermiston. Each participant was awarded an Americana basketball for their efforts, courtesy of Heppner Lodge #358.

Winners by age group were:

Boys 8-9 year old: 1st place - Dakota Howard, 2nd place - Hunter Nichol, and 3rd place - Derek Howard. Boys 10-11 year old: 1st place - Wyatt Steagall, 2nd place - Alex Lindsay, and 3rd place - Kane Sweeney. Boys 12-13 year old: 1st place - Seth Taylor, and 2nd place - Tate Gentry. Girls 8-9 year old: 1st place - Shayna Osmin. Girls 10-11 year old: 1st place - Ivy Sandford, 2nd place - Riley Kollman, and 3rd place - Sydney Qualls. Girls 12-13 year old: 1st place - Kaelyn Lindsay, 2nd place - Macy Gibbs, and 3rd place - Jessica Kempken.

Chairman of the annual Elks Hoop Shoot was Cory Sweeney, assisted by Jim Schlaich.

HHS cheerleaders to hold dessert auction



The Heppner High School varsity cheerleaders will hold their 10th annual dessert auction on Friday, January 29, during half time of both the girls' and boys' varsity basketball games. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

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Union- Jessica Reynolds 23, Shalee Kimball 9, Kaylie Graves 4, Anna Courtney 2, Sara Bauer, Brie Bunkers, Kaci Langford, Kathy Hammond.

Heppner- Joanna Patton 13, Erin Price 13, Brynna Rust 7, Torri Lovgren 6, Jessica Hughes 3, Taylor Dougherty 4, Lindsay Cutsforth, Emily Thompson.

Heppner 45, Weston-McEwen 24

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Heppner- Brynna Rust 10, Jessica Hughes 11, Wilson 2, Dougherty 4, Cutsforth 5, Price 5, Thompson, Bennett, Collins, Rauch 2, Lovgren 6.

Weston-McEwen- Paula Thompson 1, Makayla Christopher 4, Haley Freske 7, Sydney Porter 6, Tiffany Cain 2, Shaelin Youncs 2, Jaymie Zimmerman 2.

HHS girls' basketball program to host feed

The Heppner High School girls' basketball program will host a baked potato feed on Friday, January 15, from 4-8 p.m. at HHS.

The feed will consist of baked potatoes, chili, salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks for \$5.

Openings available at Umatilla Morrow Head Start

The Umatilla Morrow Head Start currently has two openings available in their Heppner classroom.

Head Start is a comprehensive program that includes education, social services, health, and nutrition. Children must have turned three years of age by September 1. This program is for children ages 3-5.

Application can be picked up at Heppner Elementary School or by contacting Candy Green at 541-676-5482.

Ione basketball teams fall to Nixyaawii



Top Photo: Makenna Ramos goes up for a shot during their game against Nixyaawii on January 8. The girls lost 38-37. Bottom Photo: #11 Matt Hams passes to #34 Tanner Rietmann. The boys lost 93-78. -Photos by Theresa Crawford

Oregon East Symphony's Youth Ensemble to present free concert

The Oregon East Symphony's youth ensemble, the A Sharp Players are ready to show off their talents in a winter concert on Monday, January 18. The concert will take place at 7 p.m. in the Vert Auditorium.

Admission to the event is free and everyone is invited.

The A-Sharp Players Symphony Orchestra, directed by Bruce Walker, will perform a repertoire featuring Contrapunctus No. 1 for the Art of Fuge by J.S. Bach, Rosymedre by Ralph Vaughan Williams, The Impresario Overture by W.A. Mozart and Tchaikovsky's Symphony # 2 in C Minor.

For more information on youth programs contact the symphony office at 541-276-0320.

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