

HES holds Geography Bee



Pictured are participants in this year's Geography Bee at Heppner Elementary School. Kevin Murray (Center) was the winner. -Contributed Photo

The annual Geography Bee was held January 6 at Heppner Elementary School. This competition is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Google. This was the 22nd year for the competition which takes place in thousands of schools around the country and in five U.S. territories, as well as Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world.

Students in grades 4-6 took a qualifying test before Christmas to determine who would participate in the Geography Bee. Then the 13 qualifiers practiced their geography skills to prepare for the competition. The students earning spots in the Bee were: Kolby Currin, Sydney Qualls, Demi Schmidt, Brian Rill, Will Lucher, Caitlynn Bailey, Lexi Bray, Kane Sweeney, Patrick Collins, Kai Ar-

bogast, Tommy Bredfield, Kaden Clark-Lehman and Kevin Murray. Bailey was absent the day of Bee.

John Flaherty, social studies teacher at Heppner High School, served as the moderator for the event which was held in the HES gym. Parents and friends, as well as students in grades 3-6 attended the bee.

Following the preliminary round, students moving into the final round were: Qualls, Bray, Sweeney, Arbogast, Bredfield, Clark-Lehman, and Murray. Difficult questions narrowed the field to three - Qualls, Sweeney, and Murray, and then finally to two participants in the championship round. The two competing in that last competition were Qualls and Murray. After the three final questions, Kevin Murray was crowned the 2010 Geography Bee Champion.

This is Kevin's second victory, as he was the school winner in 2009 also. Following the event, contestants and their families were invited to a reception of international cookies and cocoa.

The HES Bee was the first step toward a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship. Kevin took a written test which was submitted to the state competition. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 9. The national championship rounds are to be held May 25 and 26 in Washington, D.C. The finals on May 26 will be aired on television.

Everyone can test their geography knowledge with the GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee.

Lady Cards improve league record to 5-1

The lone Lady Cardinals improved their league record to 5-1 with hard-fought wins over Condon/Wheeler and Sherman County last weekend. The two wins finally pushed the Cardinals' season record over .500 and now stands at 8-7.

Ione hosted Condon/Wheeler on the night of Friday, January 15. Freshman, Shadow Kendrick, got the ball rolling with the first six point of the game for Ione. The Lady Cards led 9-6 at the end of one and played even in the second to hold a 20-17 halftime lead. The third quarter was key for the Cardinals as they outscored the Knights 16-4. Makenna Ramos scored seven in the period and five Lady Cardinals put points on the board. Ione entered the final frame leading 36-21. The Lady Cards lengthened the lead to 19 by canning the first four points of the fourth quarter. Condon/Wheeler went on a 10-2 run to make things momentarily interesting but it was too little and too late for the visitors as the Lady Cardinals took the game 47-33.

"It was a really physical game," said Coach Mike Garrett. "I thought the girls responded well and they played great defense." He was glad to collect the important conference win and maybe it was "a little



#24 Tyree Svetich shoots against Condon. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

payback for them beating us at home last year."

Beth Morter and Makenna Ramos led the team in scoring with 11 points each. Shadow Kendrick and Stefanie Archer added eight each and Tyree Svetich had seven.

The Lady Cardinals traveled to Moro on Saturday, January 16 to take on Sherman County. Four Cardinals put up points in the first quarter as Ione jumped out to a 14-5 lead. They extended the lead to 28-15 at the half. But the Lady Huskies came out determined in the second half and outscored Ione 13-4 in the period. The Ione lead was cut to as little as two before Shadow Kendrick's jumper with 12 seconds to go left Ione leading 32-28 heading into the fourth quarter. Tyree Svetich was clutch in the fourth scoring seven points and hitting three of four badly needed free throws. The Lady Cards were able to build a six point lead only to have Sherman claw back to as little as a three point margin with 4:04 remaining. From that point, Tyree Svetich swished a shot on an inbounds play and a minute later, sophomore reserve, Collette Cason went down the middle with a nice lay-in to rebuild the lead to seven. Sherman responded with a bucket and a couple of free throws but in the last minute, the Lady Cards went to the line six times and made five to take the 48-39 win.

Tyree Svetich had a career high 12 points to lead the team in scoring. Shadow Kendrick, Beth Morter and Makenna Ramos all contributed eight points to the winning effort.

"The first half was probably the best half we've played all year," noted Coach Garrett. "We let down in the second half and they changed to a 1-3-1 defense that gave us some problems. But our pressure defense in the fourth quarter and good free throw shooting iced the game."

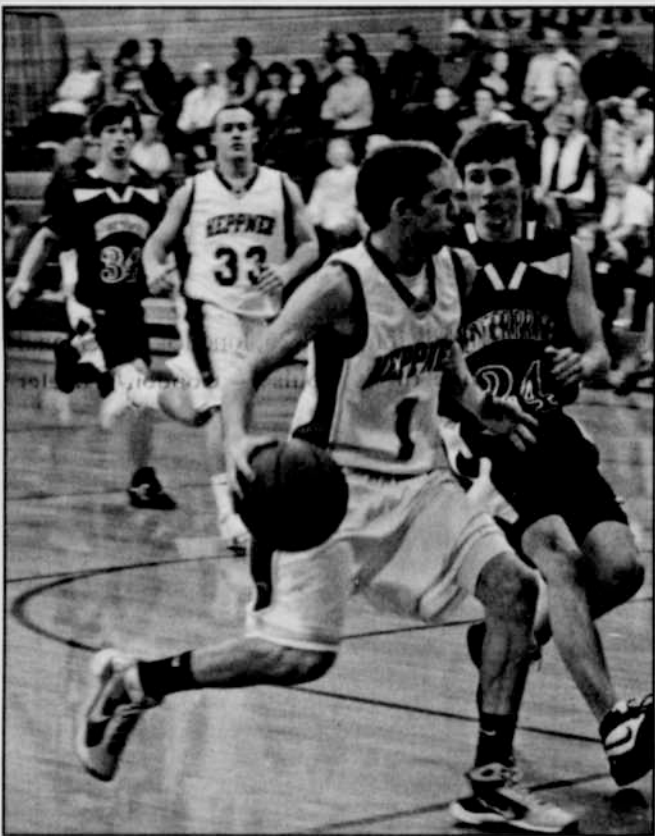
The Lady Cardinals face another tough conference foe this Friday on the road in Echo.

Ione 47, Condon-Wheeler 33
CW 6 11 4 12 — 33
IHS 9 12 16 11 — 47
Condon-Wheeler — Fitzsimmons 9, Logan 8, Schneider 8, MacInnes 4, Lyda 4.
Ione — Beth Morter 11, Makenna Ramos 11, Shadow Kendrick 8, Stephanie Archer 8, Tyree Svetich 7, Collette Cason 1, Sara Stillman 1.
3-point field goals — Condon-Wheeler 2, Ione 1. Free throws — Condon-Wheeler 5-11, Ione 16-31. Personal fouls — Condon-Wheeler 19, Ione 15. Fouled out — Logan, MacInnes (C-W), Ramos (I).

Ione 48, Sherman 39
IHS 14 14 4 16 — 48
HOME 5 10 13 11 — 39
Ione (8-7, 5-1 BSC) — Tyree Svetich 12, Shadow Kendrick 8, Beth Morter 8, Makenna Ramos 8, Collette Cason 4, Stefanie Archer 4, Brianna Peterson 4, Sarah Stillman. Sherman (6-8, 2-4 BSC) — A. Mobley 13, Coons 8, Vonborstel 6, Cunningham 4, Kaseberg 3, Beers 3, Perisho 2, Padgett.

3-point field goals — Ione 1; Sherman 1. Free throws — Ione 11-16; Sherman 16-26. Personal fouls — Ione 23; Sherman 16. Technical fouls — none. Fouled out — Morter (IHS); Kendrick (IHS).

Mustangs take wins over Enterprise and Elgin



Heppner Mustang Bryan Holland goes in for a basket against the Enterprise Outlaws Friday in Heppner. Holland and Chris Lien both added 16 points each for the win 61-47 over Enterprise. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



Heppner Sophomore Cody Orr scored 20 points against the Elgin Huskies. The Mustangs beat the Huskies 72-61 Saturday in Heppner. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Loss to Nixyaawii gives Lady Cards first league loss

The lone Lady Cardinals split their league contests the weekend of January 8, barely missing out on defeating Nixyaawii on Friday but solidly downing Arlington on Saturday. The girls' record now stands at 3-1 in the Big Sky League. The one point loss to Nixyaawii was Ione's first Big Sky defeat and after the weekend, the girls league record stands at 3-1. At the present time, the Lady Cards sit in second place in the Big Sky East behind Nixyaawii.

The Cardinals came oh so close to knocking off Nixyaawii, the top team from the Big Sky East, in a slugfest played in Ione on Friday, January 8. The biggest margin either team was able to open over the other was eight points and that was midway through the second quarter when Nixyaawii led 16-8. From there on out, it was a roller coaster ride of lead swaps and tie games with the Golden Eagles escaping the Ione gym with a 38-37 win.

Nixyaawii opened the second quarter with five unanswered points to build their biggest lead of the day, 16-8. But the Lady

Cards rallied right back and when Stefanie Archer's offensive rebound tipped in at the buzzer, the halftime score was knotted at 18. The third quarter was tight with Ione outscoring Nix 8-5. Brianna Peterson put the Lady Cardinals up by three points hitting a basket with seven seconds showing on the clock. Ione led in the fourth quarter by as much as four points until the Golden Eagles capitalized on a three point play to take a 32-30 lead. Ione got the lead back shortly afterwards when Beth Morter tipped a rebound to Shadow Kendrick, who knocked down a 10 foot jumper. Nixyaawii regained the lead moments later and with 1:07 remaining, took a three point lead. Tyree Svetich swished a crucial bucket with 30 seconds on the clock to bring Ione within one, 36-37. Nix went to the free throw line and hit the second of two free throws with 27.5 seconds on the clock. Both teams had untimely turnovers but Beth Morter came up with a big steal for the Cards with six seconds on the clock. She hit Shadow Kendrick who was fouled on her lay-up attempt. Kendrick hit one

of two free throws and the Golden Eagles were able to run out the clock.

Makenna Ramos led the team in scoring with 11 point and added eight steals. Beth Morter had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

"It was a good game," said Coach Mike Garrett. "Their strength is their inside game and our strength is our pressure defense. Neither one of us was able to establish consistency and that kept the game close."

Coach Garrett lamented that the close game got away but noted that it was good to know that the Lady Cardinals "played right with the fifth ranked team in the state and had a shot at the win."

Against Arlington, the Lady Cardinals only trailed once in the game, early in the first quarter as they battled their way through a foul-filled contest to take the 54-39 league win. The game was played in Arlington on Saturday, January 9.

Ione was sitting on a decent 37-28 lead in the third quarter when Stefanie Archer supplied the team with her very own personal

13-point run. She canned the last nine points of the third quarter and added two more baskets to start the fourth to put the game out of reach at 52-30. The Cards were able to run out the clock for the final margin.

Stefanie Archer led the team in scoring with 16 points. She added 14 rebounds. Shadow Kendrick, starting in place of Mary Rietmann who was injured in the Friday game, scored 14 points and had eight boards. Beth Morter added seven points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

"I'm glad we only have to play them once," noted Coach Mike Garrett. "Arlington came out and played really scrappy." The game was called tight resulting in 46 fouls being called between the two teams, thirty in the first half. "At half time, we told the girls that we had a 'no touch' policy for the second half," as he tried to keep the entire team from fouling out. Coach Garrett was also pleased to see the team score more than 50 points for the third time this season. "It was a good league win."

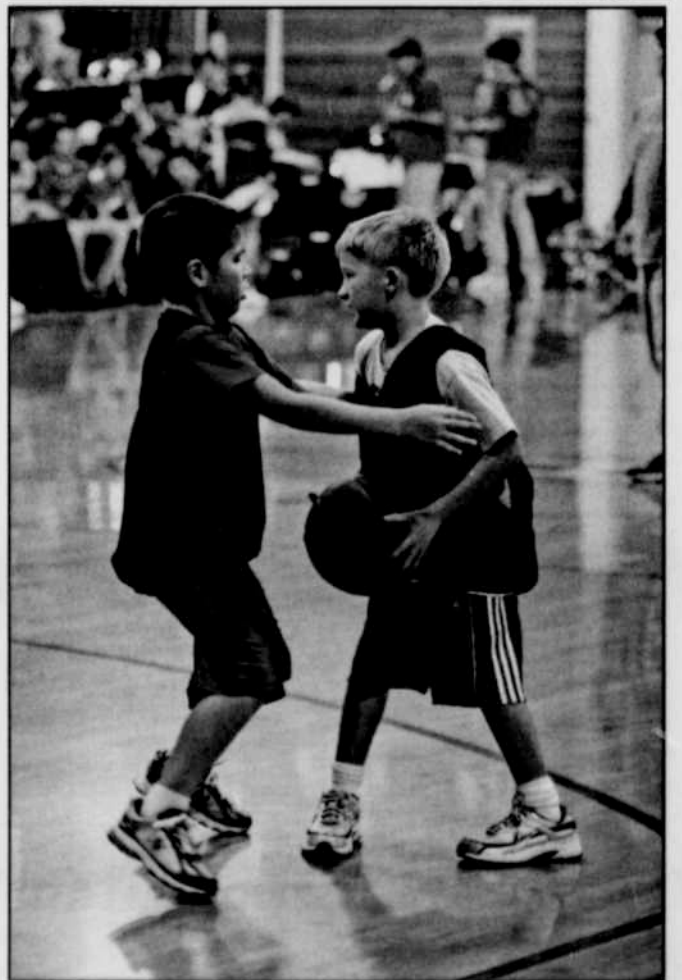
4-H enrollment deadline approaching

Anyone planning to participate in the 2010 Morrow County 4-H fair must be enrolled in 4-H by January 31. Forms are available online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/4h> or at the Morrow County Extension office.

Fees to join 4-H are \$20.

For more information contact Claire at the 4-H office at 541-676-9642.

Colt Basketball program holds halftime scrimmage



Kellen Grant keeps a close guard on Kegan Gibbs during a halftime scrimmage during a Mustang basketball game this past weekend. -Photo by Sandy Matthews