

Lady Mustangs fall in championship game

The Heppner Lady Mustangs went into the district tournament in Pendleton eyeing the number one seed to the state tournament and a home playoff game. In 32 minutes on the court at the Pendleton Convention Center those dreams were dashed.

Heppner was able to rest on the first night of the tournament and watched as Pilot Rock beat Union for the right to play for the conference championship. From the start of the game Saturday night it looked as though Pilot Rock benefited from playing the night before. In a hard fought, back and forth game the Lady Mustangs were never able to make a run that would put them over the top.

Many games this year, the Mustangs held a considerable edge at the free throw line. On Saturday night, however, the free throw attempts were even (11) although Heppner had nearly twice as many fouls as Pilot Rock (20-11).

Pilot Rock led 19-16 at the half and built on that in the third quarter when they held Heppner to just three points in the period. Late three-point field goals by Jessica Hughes and Brynna Rust that looked as though they might be the spark needed to take the lead each time were answered by Pilot Rock.



Hughes led the Mustangs with 10 points. JoAnna Patton added nine points and six rebounds. Erin Price chipped in nine rebounds and five points. Rust led the defensive effort with four steals.

Heppner will now travel across the state to play Friday in Riddle, who is the Mountain View Conference #2 seed to the state tournament. Riddle comes into the game with an 18-7 overall record and 9-5 in conference play.

Heppner was well represented on the all-conference teams with four players earning recognition from the league's coaches. Erin Price was voted to the first team. Jessica Hughes and Brynna Rust were named to the second team and Torri Lovgren



Top Photo: The Lady Mustangs with their Blue Mountain Champion banner. Bottom Photo: pictured left to right are Brynna Rust (2nd Team), Erin Price (1st Team), Torri Lovgren (Honorable Mention), and Jessica Hughes (2nd Team). -Photos by Sandy Matthews

was an honorable mention selection.

Pilot Rock 39, Heppner 33
PRHS 11 8 6 14 - 39
HHS 10 6 3 14 - 33
Pilot Rock - Liz Willingham 15, Amylee Perrine 9, Erica Drake 8, Renee Mulcare 4, Jordan Jeppe

3, Kylee Jensen, Ashley Gambill, Taryn Ostrom. Heppner - Jessica Hughes 10, JoAnna Patton 9, Erin Price 5, Torri Lovgren 4, Brynna Rust 3, Lindsay Cutsforth 2, Taighler Dougherty, Emily Thompson.

Alumni softball game to be held March 12

The 2010 Heppner High School Softball Program will be holding an alumni softball game during St. Patrick's Day weekend.

The game will be played on Friday, March 12, at 4 p.m. on the Bob Kilkenny Field. Any female alumni from Heppner High School, having played softball or not, are welcome to play. Those planning to participate are asked to RSVP before March 1.

Anyone interested in participating or for more information contact Petra Payne at (541) 676-9138 ext.2518, or email: Petra.Payne@morrow.k12.or.us.

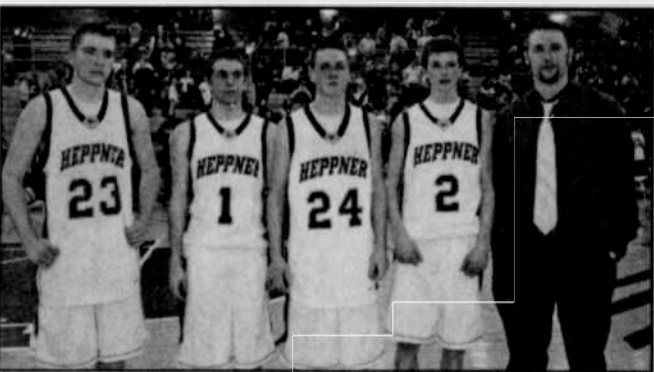
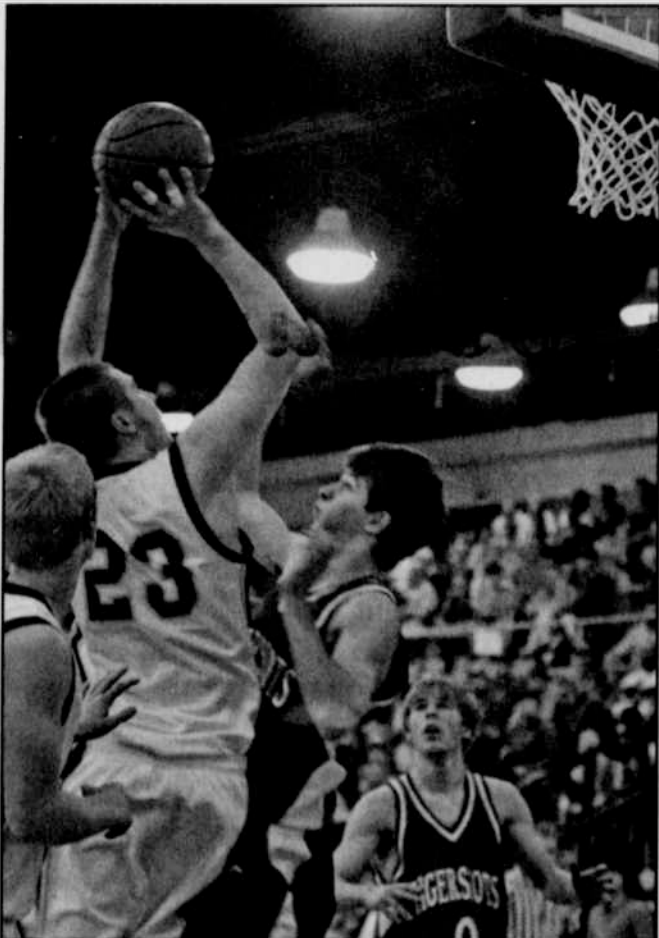
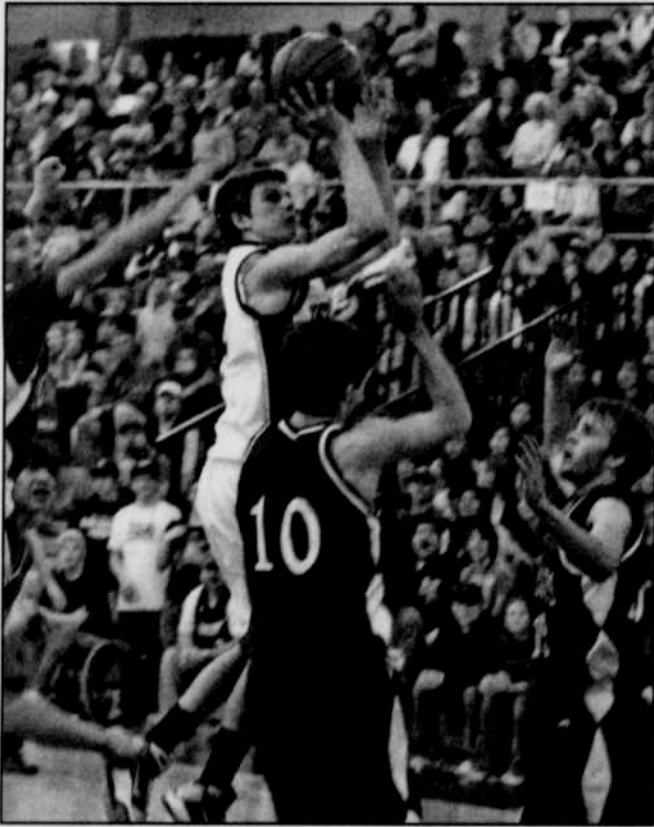
The community is invited to help support the softball program and cheer on the Heppner alumni players with their season opening event.

Wrestlers place in district competition



The Heppner wrestling team traveled to Union this past weekend to participate in the district wrestling competition. Pictured top to bottom are: Andrew Bara (5th place), Austin Harris (4th place), Cody Nelson (2nd place), Tyler Robinson (3rd place), and Wacy Coil (2nd place). Also placing individually during the competition are: John Nelson (6th place), Chance Day (2nd place), Earl Propheter (6th place), Jacob Moore (5th place), and Tim Nelson (5th place). Heppner as a team place fourth overall. -Photos by Alita Nelson

Mustangs set to play state playoff game on Saturday



Chris Lien (top left) and Cody Orr (right) put up shots during last weekend's district tournament in Pendleton. Bottom left photo (L-R): Cody Orr received an honorable mention, Bryan Holland was named to second team, Jared Huddleston was named to first team, Chris Lien was named Player of the Year, and David Norton was named Coach of the Year. The Mustangs will travel to play on Saturday, February 27, against De La Salle N Catholic at the Salvation Army Community Center at 4 p.m. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

Students place in Chess for Success tournament

The Chess for Success tournament was held this past Saturday, February 20, at Sandstone Elementary School in Hermiston.

Tomas Elguezabal placed second in the high school level, Kai Arbogast placed first in the 6th-8th grade level, and Joe Jones placed first in the K-5th grade level. The K-5th grade team placed first in their division.

K-5th team members were: Joe Jones, Jackson Lehman, Patrick Burch, Gavin Hanna, Leo Waite, Alex Lindsay, Zach Bredfield, Jorden Sweeney, Sabashian Futter.

The first place individual winners, Joe Jones and Kai Arbogast, will be going to the Chess for Success State Tournament in Portland on March 12 and 13. The K-5th grade team will also be competing in the state tournament.

This year's volun-



Pictured are members of the Chess for Success team from Heppner. The team participated in a tournament this past weekend in Hermiston. Joe Jones and Kai Arbogast won their divisions and will travel to Portland to compete in the state tournament. -Contributed Photo

teers for Chess for Success were: James Pappas, Bridget Waite, Cherry Webber, Tomas Elguezabal, Doris Brosnan, Meeka Boyd, Dick Jones, Wayne Sietz and teachers Debbie Camp-

bell, Sherry Matteson, and Mary Ann Elguezabal. Individuals and organizations that made donations to the program include: Howard Bryant, Dan and Doris Brosnan, Terry and Karen

Thompson, Brian and Amy Kollman, Odd Fellows, Columbia Basin Electric Company, Community Bank, Bank of Eastern Oregon, and Heppner Family Foods.

HHS announces first semester honor roll

Heppner High 11th Grade

School recently announced the honor roll for the first semester. The students are:

7th Grade

Maddie Lindsay, Paige Grieb, Julissa Sanchez, Alexis Victorio, McKenzie Estabrook, Makenzi Hughes, Timothy Patton, Joseph Schmidt, and Rily Wilson.

8th Grade

Clayton Cook 4.0, Ali Lovgren 4.0, Blake Greenup, Micha Hintz, McKayla Kindle, Ryan Dougherty, Tate Gentry, Andrew Hatfield, Nicole Kempken, and Jared Lemmon.

9th Grade

Maggie Collins 4.0, Brayden Cook 4.0, Bryce Fowler 4.0, Earl Propheter 4.0, Sidney Coster, Alex Smith, Austin Gutierrez, Jacob Moore, Garrett Robinson, Ashlie Hanson, Larissa Gray, Kyle Harrison, Stephen Thompson, Jordan Jones, and Tessa Gould.

10th Grade

Justin Pranger 4.0, Natalie Rauch, Cody Orr, Zechariah Hintz, Conner Pappas, and Justin Bailey.

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4.0, Brett Harrison 4.0, Donald Matthews 4.0, Ian Murray 4.0, Devin Robinson 4.0, Victoria Bosch 4.0, Elisabeth Braten 4.0, Job DeJong, Lok Yiu Chan, Susanne Fischer, Kelsi Putman, Justin Gutierrez, Joseph Armato, Birta Siedentop, Lindsay Cutsforth, Taighler Dougherty, Laerke Nielsen, Maria Foensskov, Ida Roeine, Camilla Pederson, David Bernsten, Kolleen Chapa, Nuria Zellweger, Maria Knudsen, and Cory Silvia.

12th Grade

Jodessa Chapa 4.0, Jordan Hatfield 4.0, Keenan Jack 4.0, Cherrise Lemmon 4.0, Chris Lien 4.0, Julia Meyer 4.0, Erin Price 4.0, Brynna Rust 4.0, Emily Thompson 4.0, Lacie Waggoner 4.0, Ashley Wolff 4.0, Lane Wright 4.0, Jessica Hughes, Andrew Johnson, Frank Meyer, Brent Eckman, Jared Huddleston, Kellee Jones, Bryan Holland, Katy Arnsperger, and Mark McCabe.

Red Hat no-host luncheon to be held

The Red Hat no-host luncheon will be held at John's Place at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 18. All local women are invited to attend.