

Heppner wrestling team opens season

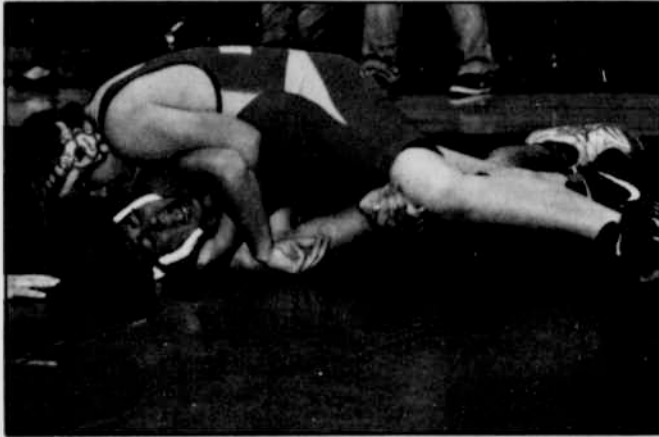
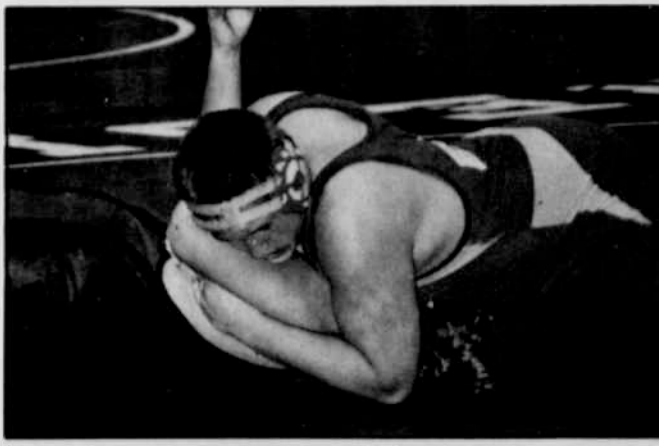
The Heppner wrestling team opened the season in John Day at the Grant Union kickoff tournament. The tournament included some of the highest ranked 1A to 4A teams in the state. Teams competing were Burns (#1-3A), Baker, Crane (#5-1A/2A), Grant Union (#8-3A), Heppner, La Pine, Mac Hi (#2-4A), and Pine Eagle (#10-1A/2A).

The Mustangs' only senior, Jarreid Miller, led the team in wins at the tournament. He went 3-1 and brought home a bronze medal. All three wins were by fall in the 140 lb weight class.

The team's highest place winner was freshman Jared Lemmon who finished second, losing only in the championship match against Levi Gagnon, a senior ranked #1 in 3A from Grant Union.

Garret Gibbs, went 2-2 on the day and finished fourth.

Freshmen Treston Maben and Clayton Cook earned their first high school



Top Photo: Garret Gibbs in route to his third place finish. Bottom Photo: Jacob Moore close to a pin in his consolation semi-final win. Moore went on to place fourth. -Contributed Photos

wins in their first matches. Not only was it Cook's first high school match, it was his first wrestling match

ever. "No one sits on the bench in wrestling tournaments," said head coach

Mark Lemmon. "Every eligible wrestler gets an equal opportunity to compete. Clayton came out with no experience and learned what it feels like to win the first time he stepped on the mat. He simply outworked his opponent and pinned him in the third round when the score was 9-10. It was an exciting match. The whole team was on their feet cheering for him."

Other Mustangs picking up first of the season wins were sophomores Jacob Moore and Earl Propher.

"With only one senior and two juniors, this was a tough tournament to start the season," Coach Lemmon went on to say, "but I was very pleased with the composure and attitude of every one of our wrestlers. We will only get better as the season progresses."

The Mustangs next compete Friday and Saturday at the largest annual wrestling tournament in Eastern Oregon, the Muilenberg Tournament in La Grande.

Lady Cards kick off basketball season

The lone Lady Cardinals kicked off their 2010-2011 campaign with a weekend split at their home tournament, the lone Basketball Bonanza.

The Cards didn't look like a team playing their first game of the new season, especially a team dealing with an abbreviated practice schedule due to volleyball success and snow days. The team moved the ball well and kept the turnovers to a manageable level, actually tallying more steals (18) than turnovers (17) in the contest. Playing Riverside, the Cards never trailed in the game, taking a 12-9 first quarter lead and building it to a 23-13 halftime lead. The Lady Cards were able to keep that same 10 point cushion until late in the fourth. Riverside closed the gap to a seven point margin midway through the fourth but lone held on for the 36-28 win.

Shadow Kendrick led all scorers with 14 points. Beth Morter tallied

a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. She also had seven steals. Joanna Patton grabbed 11 rebounds and Makenna Ramos had four assists.

"It was a good start to our season," said head coach, Mike Garrett. "We passed well and controlled the interior of the key. When we came out, we looked really good."

On Saturday, the opponent was an aggressive Enterprise team and the game was close the whole way. Shadow Kendrick's three pointer at the first quarter buzzer pulled the Lady Cards to within one point but they trailed the Outlaws, 9-10. A back and forth second quarter ended with lone trailing by the same margin, 15-16. Enterprise led 23-21 heading into the fourth quarter and after breaking the Cardinal press a time or two, it looked like they might pull away, leading by six points with a minute left to play. Joanna Patton completed a three-point play with a basket and a free throw to pull lone within three. Enterprise stole the ball and scored with 10 seconds remaining and the Lady Cardinals ran out of time and chances, losing the game, 33-29.

"It was a good hard fought game," said Coach Mike Garrett. "Although I'm disappointed with the loss, I thought the weekend was a good start to our season."

"We had too many turnovers though," said Garrett, noting that his team doubled their turnover output from the previous night.

Joanna Patton led the team in scoring with 10 points. Shadow Kendrick added nine. Beth Morter had six points including four of four free throw shooting along with 11 rebounds, four assists and three steals. Joanna Patton added nine rebounds, 1 block and 2 steals.

The next outing in the young season will find the Lady Cardinals taking on Crane at the Heppner Tournament on Friday, December 10.

Heppner Varsity Wrestling Schedule

- Dec. 10-11 - Muilenberg Tournament-La Grande, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 16 - Pomeroy at home, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Christmas Tournament-Milton Free-water, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 29 - at Pomeroy, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 30 - at Imbler, 2 p.m.
- Jan. 7 - at Riverside (Duals), 2 p.m.
- Jan. 8 - at Riverside Rumble, TBA
- Jan. 14-15 - at Oregon Classic-Redmond, 10 a.m.
- Jan. 20 - Heppner 5-Way, 5 p.m.

HEROES to host pizza feed during basketball games

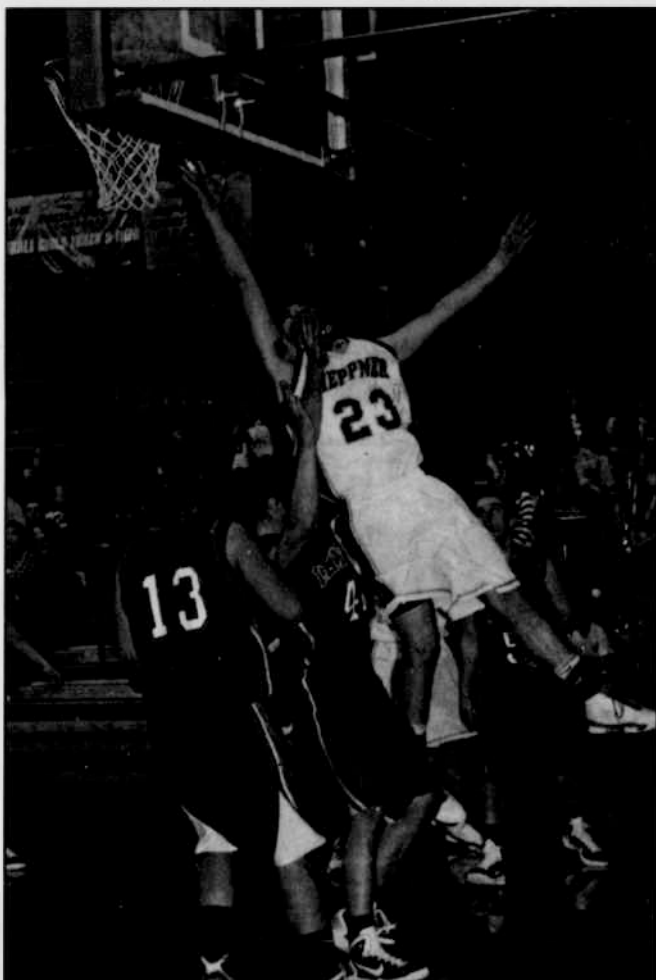
HEROES reading program will be hosting a pizza feed at the basketball games in Heppner this Friday, December 10, from 4:30 until sold out. The cost

for a large slice of Papa Murphy's pizza along with salad, juice/punch and a cookie will be \$5.

Anyone from the HEROES program who

would like to volunteer to help bake cookies or help in the concession stand can call Barb Moore at 541-676-9128 ext. 2630 or 541-676-5272.

Mustangs play season opener



The Heppner Mustangs kicked off the 2010-2011 basketball season against Imbler on December 3. The Mustangs lost 45-41. Pictured is Cody Orr putting up a shot. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Heppner Jr. High Boys' Basketball Schedule

Dec. 10 - at Echo, 9 a.m.

Dec. 11 - Heppner Tourney, 9 a.m.

Dec. 17 - Heppner Tournament, 9 a.m.

Heppner Jr. High Girls' Basketball Schedule

Jan. 7 - lone at Heppner, TBA

Jan. 8 - at Dufur (A team only), 9 a.m.

Jan. 15 - at Umatilla, 8 a.m.

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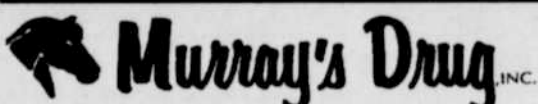
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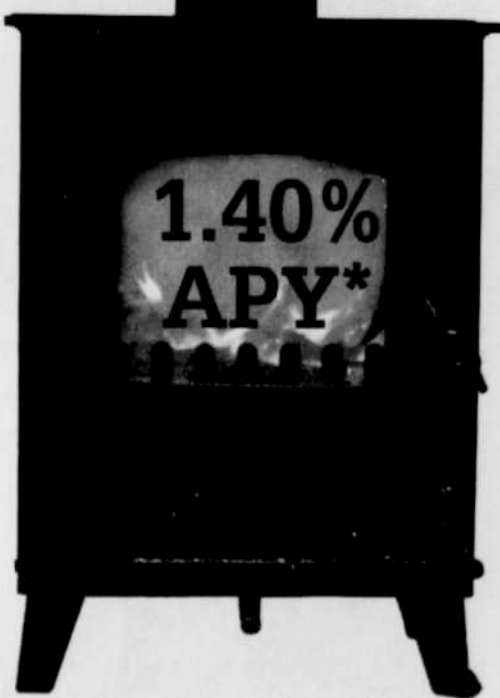
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