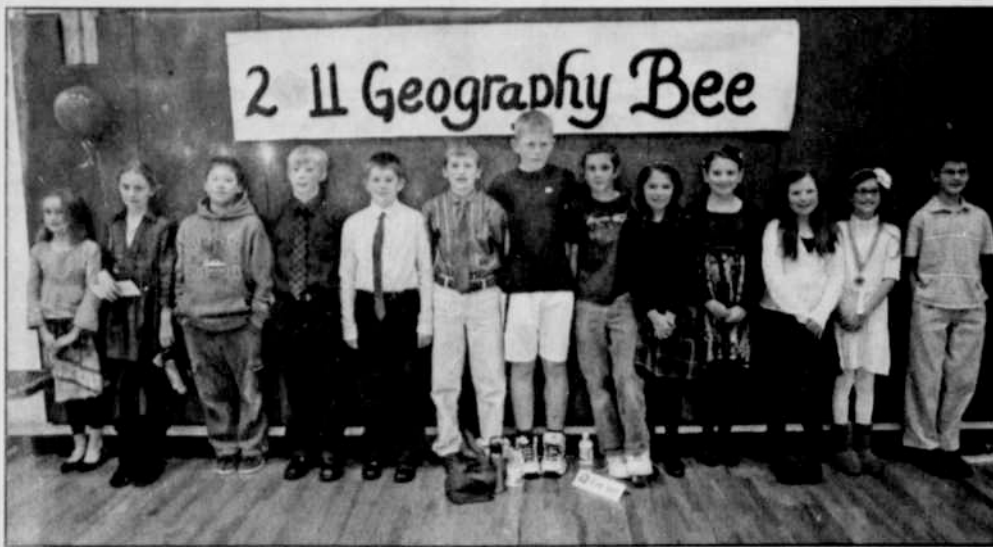


Mahoney wins Heppner Elementary School Geography Bee



Top Photo (L-R): Olivia Schmidt, Demi Schmidt, Lane Wilhelm, Kevin Murray, Kolby Currin, Logan Grieb, Chris Brown, Kevin Smith, Sophie Grant, Sydney Qualls, Claire Grieb, Jaiden Mahoney and Kane Sweeney. Right Photo (L-R) Demi Schmidt, first runner up; Logan Grieb, second runner up; and Jaiden Mahoney, winner. -Contributed Photos



Jaiden Mahoney, a fourth grader at Heppner Elementary, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 6. This victory gives Mahoney a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions asked by Heppner High teacher John Flaherty, was the first round in the 23rd annual

National Geographic Bee. The Bee is sponsored by Google and the National Geographic Society.

Competing with Mahoney in the final school round were: Kolby Currin, Kane Sweeney, Demi Schmidt, Claire Grieb, Lane Wilhelm, Kevin Murray, Logan Grieb, Olivia Schmidt, Sophie Grant, Chris Brown, Sydney Qualls and Kevin Smith. First runner up was Demi

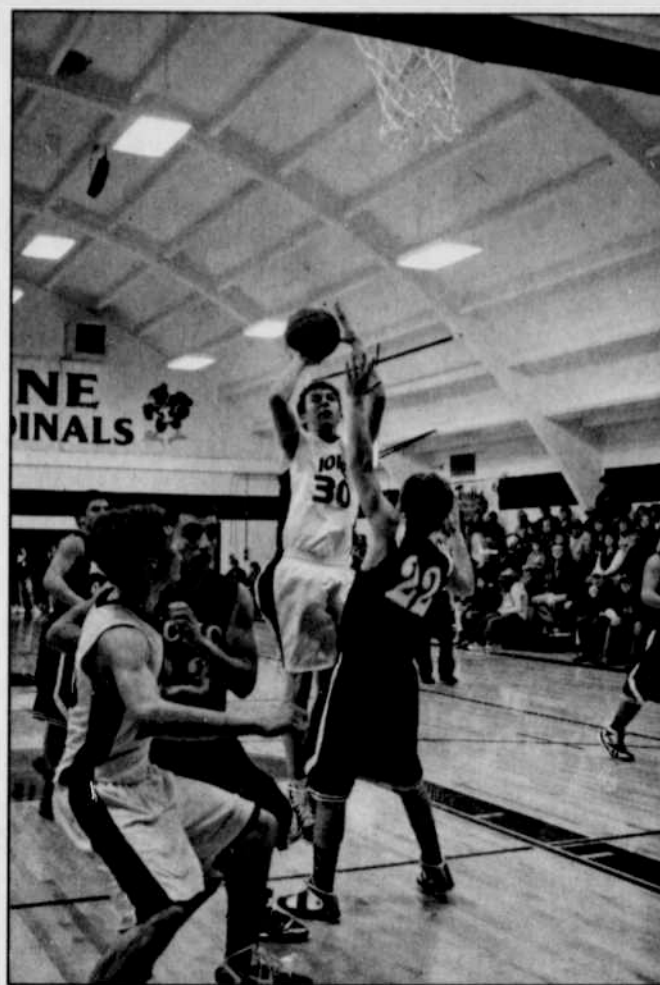
Schmidt, and second runner up was Logan Grieb.

Following the HES Bee, Mahoney took a written test to determine if she will advance to the Oregon Bee on April 1. The National Geographic Society and Google will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC for state champions and teacher-escorts. The National Bee is May 24 and 25 and it will be televised.

By Paula Emmel

The Ione Cardinals started the game outscoring the Echo Cougars, to end the first half ahead by 10 points. In the third quarter, Echo closed the gap to end it in a tie at 38. From then on the score was tied several times, ending regulation play tied at 55. Moving into Overtime the Cards outscored the Cougs by four points. The four minute overtime had Adam Collin making his free-throw to bring the score to 61-59. Then Steven Holland blocked a shot put up by the Cougars, followed by two free-throws points by Zac Orem, sealing the win at 63-59.

Orem led the team with 24 points, with half of his points from three-point shots. Tanner Rietmann and Collin also had double-digit scores with Rietmann at 16 and Collin with 12 points, with both of them having one three-point each. Holland had six points and Micah Stillman had five points. Rietmann led with seven assists, Orem gave four assists, Collin and Stillman had two each, and Holland dished out an assist. Rietmann also led the boards with three offensive rebounds and 14 defensive rebounds. Holland came in with one offensive rebound and eight defensive rebounds for nine. Collin grabbed four defensive rebounds and Orem nabbed



Adam Collin puts up a shot against Echo. -Photo by Paula Emmel

two defensive rebounds. Marco Juarez and Alex Rietmann each had a defensive rebound. Holland blocked seven shots, followed by Rietmann with two blocks. Juarez led with two steals, followed by Stillman and Collin, each with one.

Ione beat Echo with defensive rebounds, assists and blocked shots;

yet both teams were pretty evenly matched.

Coach Stefani commented on the win saying, "I thought the kids played good game. We still have some things to work on, like keeping our turnovers down and offensive rebounding. But I like the fight in the kids and I believe that is what won this game for them."

Cheerleader Dessert Auction to be held Jan. 29



Ryan Dougherty, Jordan Jones, Amber Holm, Kellie Nelson, Mayci Garrett, McKayla Kindle, Louise Torell, Samantha Lemmon. Advisor: Virginia Grant. - Photo by Sandy Matthews

The 11th annual Heppner High School Cheerleader Dessert Auction will be held on Saturday, January 29. The auction will be held during half-time of both the varsity girls' and boys' games.

Items being auctioned include: lemon torte (Dawna Dougherty); chocolate-chip mint ice cream log (Dawna Dougherty); "The Perfect 3-Layer Chocolate Cake" (Roberta Lutchter); "Melt-in-Your-Mouth" sugar cookies (Bev

Sherman); assorted truffles (Peggy Fishburn); Chocolate Pound Cake (Nicki Holmes); mini brownie truffles (Nicki Holmes); chocolate pecan fudge ripple cake (Zech Hintz); German sweet chocolate pie (Ann Jones); turtle cheesecake (Ann Jones); Ukiyah huckleberry cheesecake (Sandy Matthews); "Better-than-anything" cake (Becky Kindle); apple dumplings (Alaina Lemmon); and lemon squeeze cake (Stephanie and Patty Rill.

Mustang JV girls take win over Weston-McEwen

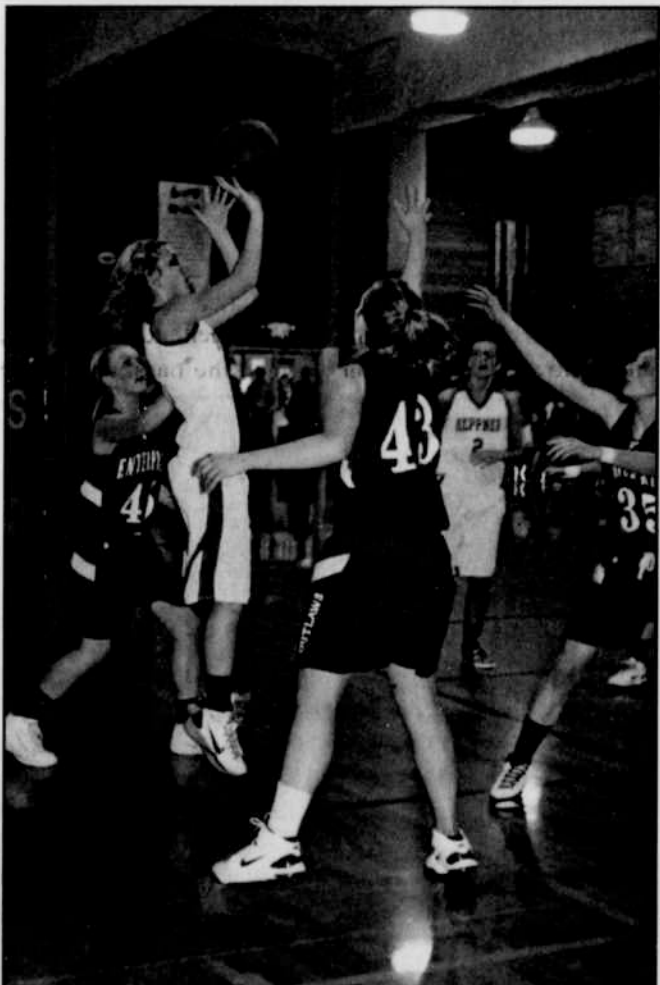
The Mustang JV girls beat Weston-McEwen last Saturday, January 15, 35-29.

They got off to a good start out scoring the Tiger Scots 13-4 in the first quarter led by six points from Carrie Haguewood and four from Lilly Sandford. The second quarter was even at seven and the teams went to half with the Mustangs ahead 20-11. The third quarter the Tiger Scots took control out scoring the Stangs 12-5, but Heppner still had a slim lead 25-23.

The Mustangs finally put the game away in the fourth putting up 10 points to the TigerScots four and took home a 35-29 win. Which puts their record at 5-4.

The scoring was as follows: Correa, 7; Haguewood, 7; Osmin, 5; Sandford, 4; three each for Greenup and Hintz; and two each for Day, Kindle, and Gray. The leading rebounders were Correa and Sandford with five each and three steals each for Osmin and Sandford.

Lady Mustangs lose to Outlaws



Heppner Mustang Alana Wilson goes up for a shot against Enterprise. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

On Friday, January 21, the Lady Mustangs lost 39-41 in a close contest against the Enterprise Outlaws. The Mustangs led until halfway through the fourth quarter.

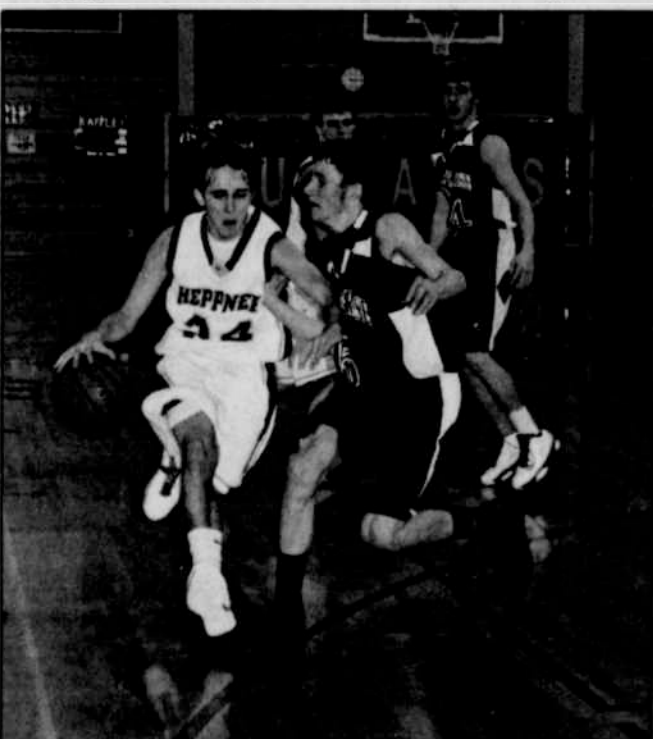
Up by four points at the half and getting some good inside play by Bailey Bennett, the Mustangs split the third quarter with the Outlaws. The fourth quarter turned towards Enterprise. With 20 seconds left Heppner was down by one point and needed to foul. The ensuing call was considered intentional by the referee, which was a technical on

the Mustangs.

The Outlaws made one free throw and received the ball. The Mustangs regained control of the ball with 10 seconds to go but couldn't get a good shot off at the buzzer. Bennett led all scores with 16 points and 20 rebounds, Lindsay Cutsforth scored nine, and Alana Wilson had 10 points for Heppner.

The Lady Mustangs are 4-4 in league and will travel on Friday to play Pilot Rock and will play at home Saturday against Weston McEwen.

Heppner boys fall to Enterprise



Jake Bowles brings the ball down the court during the Enterprise game Friday in Heppner. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

On Friday, January 21, the Heppner boys' basketball team played a quick Enterprise team. Heppner was outscored in the first quarter 13-8, but played even in the second quarter for a halftime score of 27-22 Enterprise.

The Mustangs played with good energy in

the second half but couldn't hold off the Outlaws, losing the game 55-47.

Heppner shot 5-15 from outside and six for 11 from the line. Cody Orr led all score with 19 and Jared Hedman had 13 to lead Heppner. The Mustangs are 4-4 in league play, with a tough schedule ahead.

Heppner varsity teams take wins over Elgin

On Tuesday, January 18, the Heppner Mustangs hosted the Elgin Huskies. The lady Mustangs trailed most of the game, staying close at the half 15-12.

By the end of the third quarter, the Mustangs were down by only one point. Heppner took the lead for the first time with 1:30 left in the fourth. Shooting 6-11 from the free throw line, the ladies earned their first win under Coach Rauch, 33-28.

Lindsay Cutsforth led the Mustangs with 12 points. Taighler Dougherty had seven points and Alana Wilson had five points.

The Heppner boys basketball team put together a total team effort to hand the Huskies a loss 55-33.

The Mustangs led 24-12 at the half and outscored Elgin 29-16 in the second half to win all four quarter point totals. Of the game, eight Mustangs scored in the contest, led by Cody Orr with 11.



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