

## Mustangs wrestle into second "Middle of pack" overall in La Grande tournament

The Heppner wrestling team competed Friday and Saturday at La Grande in the 20-team Muilenburg tournament.

The Muilenburg features teams ranging in size from 1A to 6A from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Heppner finished second to Enterprise among the small schools in the tournament, and in the middle of the standings overall. Sam Barlow high school from Gresham won the tournament, followed by Oregon City in second place.

Sophomore Jared Lemmon finished the highest individually for the Mustangs. Lemmon made it to the championship semifinals on Saturday before losing his first match to Kyle Sether, the returning 6A state champion from Oregon City. Lemmon went on to finish fourth in the championship bracket.

Senior Garrett Gibbs, in an effort to score team points, wrestled in the 285-pound bracket despite

weighing in at only 209 pounds. After losing his first match, Gibbs went on to win the next four in a row by pin, including a double overtime win over his much larger La Grande opponent in the consolation bracket semifinals. He won the consolation bracket championship and fifth overall.

Jesse Boyd, Tim Nelson, and Wade Matthew each made it to the championship quarterfinals before losing their first match. Boyd and Nelson finished 3-2 for the tournament and one win away from the medal round, while Matthew did not compete on Saturday due to injury.

Earl Propheter and Treston Maben were 3-2 for the tournament and made it to consolation-bracket semifinals before being eliminated from the tournament. Alex Smith and Andrew Bara were 2-2.

Heppner next has a home meet against Irrigon and Pomeroy, WA on Thursday, December 15 at 4 p.m.

## Mustangs split weekend at Classic

At the Heppner Hoop Classic last weekend, the girls' varsity team fell to a hot, outside-shooting Wallowa team 48-41.

The Cougars shot seven for 11 from outside, but the Mustangs continue to improve and competed well throughout the game. With the second quarter at 14-7 in the Cougars' favor, and down by nine points at the half, the Mustangs couldn't overcome Wallowa's lead. Alana Wilson and Bailey Bennett lead the Mustangs in scoring, and the team shot just under 50 percent from the line.

In the boys' varsity line against the Cougars, the Mustangs held a seven-point lead at the half. Both teams executed the fast break well. The Mustangs' inside passing game picked apart the Cougars' zone defense. The Cougars—down 53-46 with one minute left—made two quick baskets to make it a three-point game with 12 seconds left on the clock. A Heppner turnover by the Cougar press gave them the

ball. Wallowa inbounded on their end but traveled with the ball. With the ball now to Heppner, the Cougars had no choice but to foul. The Mustangs made both free-throws, winning the game 55-50. Heppner was 12-13 from the line.

On Saturday, the Heppner Mustang girls' basketball team defeated the Crane Mustangs in the consolation game for their first win of the season. Heppner's shooting improved and they were up by seven at halftime. They out-rebounded their opponent, cruising to a 31-16 final score.

The boys' varsity team lost to the Crane Mustangs in the championship game, 51-46. The Heppner team—down by seven at halftime—made a good run in the fourth quarter but made too many mistakes to catch the Crane team.

League games begin Friday with Heppner hosting the Elgin Huskies. Competition begins at 3 p.m., with varsity at 6 p.m.

## Lady Cards win Heppner tournament

The lone Lady Cardinals won the Heppner Hoop Classic December 9 and 10 with easy wins over Crane on Friday and previously unbeaten Wallowa on Saturday. The Cardinals will host Horizon Christian on Friday, December 16 for the first league game of the year and their only home appearance until January.

A low-scoring first quarter gave way to a run-away against Crane on Friday as the Lady Cards turned a 6-4 lead into a 19-8 halftime edge. From there they were able to substitute freely in the 48-22 win. JoAnna Patton led all scorers with 18 points. Shadow Kendrick with 12 and Makenna Ramos with 10 were the other Cards in double figures.

On Saturday, the outcome was never in doubt as the Cards bolted out to a 17-2 first quarter lead on their way to a lopsided 63-31 win over Wallowa. Stacey Halvorsen led all scorers with 17 points while JoAnna Patton and Shadow

Kendrick each added 14.

**Ione 48, Crane 22**  
Ione (2-1): JoAnna Patton, 18; Shadow Kendrick, 12; Makenna Ramos, 10; Stacey Halvorsen, 4; Jackie Juarez, 2; Emily Holland, 2.

Crane (1-3): Hannah Steeves, 14; Becca Clark, 4; Paige Landon, 2; Cassidy Corrigan, 2.

Three-point field goals: Ione, 2; Crane, 0. Free throws: Ione, 0-0; Crane, 2-5. Personal fouls: Ione, 14; Crane, 6.

**Ione 63, Wallowa 31**  
Ione (3-1): Halverson, 17; Kendrick, 14; Patton, 14; Rietmann, 8; Cason, 4; Ramos, 4; Thompson, 2.

Wallowa (4-1): Jameson, 8; M. Waters, 6; Harshfield, 6; S. Waters, 5; Vreanna Wallace, 2; Young, 2; Blair, 2.

Three-point field goals: Ione, 4; Wallowa, 1. Free throws: Ione, 7-10; Wallowa, 8-12. Personal fouls: Ione, 10; Wallowa, 8. Technical fouls: None. Fouled out: None.

## Basketball schedules available

Heppner High School basketball schedules are available at the Heppner Gazette-Times. Copies of the schedule are free; anyone who would like a schedule is invited to stop by the Gazette-Times office on Willow Street and pick up a copy.

## Heppner junior high boys' basketball sweeps weekend

The Heppner junior high boys' A and B teams won all six games against Riverside, Helix and Weston this past weekend. The A team beat Riverside 43-23, Helix 44-8 and Weston 39-14, improving its record to 10-1. The B team improved to 6-5.

"Both teams are playing great man-to-man defense and are nearly out-rebounding every team two

to one. I am very proud of how we are playing team basketball," said Coach Swanson.

This Friday, the Heppner junior high boys and girls will be hosting the Condon, Arlington and Ione girls, and Wheeler and John Day boys. Games start at 8 a.m. with the girls playing at the high school and the boys playing at the middle school.

## HES students of the month



Heppner Elementary School announces its Students of the Month for November. Bottom (L-R): Cara Arbogast, Tarin Troxell, Amber Manning, Kaden Combe, Noah Stone, Madison Palmer, Harley Anderson, Paul Lindsay and Teagan Ramsey. Top (L-R): Morgan Burch, Kendall Dowdy, Alex Lindsay, Zach Bredfield, Dylan Rill, Tresslyn McCurry, Naleah Stone, Hannah Palmer, Kenneth Troxell and school mascot, Spirit. The character trait for the month of November was compassion. —Contributed photo

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## Knowles 4th in NFR

Heppner cowboy Blake Knowles placed fourth in steer wrestling with a time of 3.8 seconds at the National Finals Rodeo at Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas last Friday. His ninth-round showing earned Knowles \$7,500.

## Local organizations receive grant money

Two Morrow County organizations have received grants from Wildhorse Foundation to help improve community services in the county. The two are among 30 third-quarter grant recipients announced by the foundation this week.

The quarter's largest grant was \$20,000 given to The Oregon Trail Library District to help fund the construction of a public library in Irrigon. To date, Irrigon has raised more than \$900,000 for the construction of the much-needed library, but there is still a significant portion that needs to be raised before construction can begin. In a petition from 1999, Irrigon residents overwhelmingly supported the need for a public library. While funds were being raised,

a renovated former school bus served as a non-mobile, Wi-Fi bookmobile for the town. The bus is parked outside a convenience store in Irrigon. It is open two days a week and is well used; about a quarter of the population has library cards. Pending funding, the town hopes to break ground on the project in January.

Wildhorse Foundation also gave a \$2,500 grant to Heppner Day Care to enhance and upgrade its preschool curriculum.

Wildhorse Foundation is a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. A total of \$178,394.37 was awarded to 30 recipients during the third quarter, bringing the total for 2011 to more than \$570,000.

## HHS math students of the month



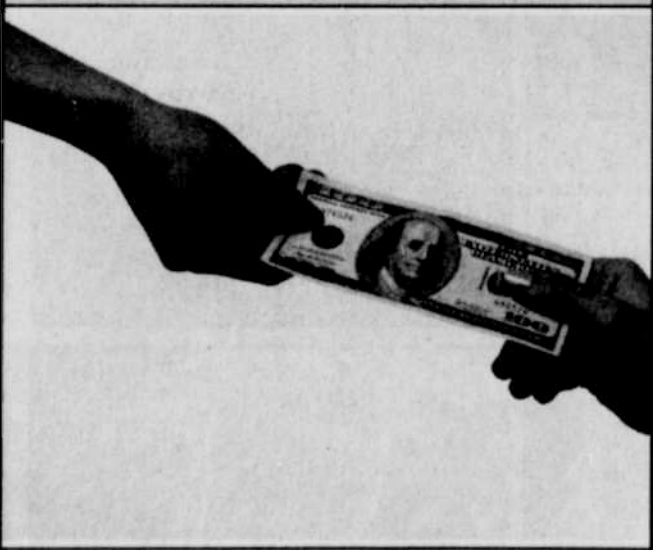
Heppner High School math teacher Troy Morgan announces the math Students of the Month for November (L-R): Algebra 2, Savannah Seewald and Ashlie Hanson; Algebra Connections, Andrew Clark; Geometry, Harley Bishop; Algebra, Caitlynn Bailey and Jessica Kempken. —Contributed photo

## Community lunch menu

United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, December 21 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches, green salad, rolls, and Black Forest cake. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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