

## Lady 'Stangs charge into basketball season

The Heppner Lady Mustang varsity basketball season began on Friday, Nov. 30, at home against the Imbler panthers.

The Panthers have always been a tough opponent in pre-season play, and this contest was no different. In the first half, the two teams matched up fairly evenly. Imbler's high-post pick and roll was effective against Heppner's main defense. Meanwhile, the Mustangs were executing their own

offense effectively, moving the ball and finding the open shot. Getting it inside to the bigs created looks from the outside.

Tied at the half, 22-22, the Mustangs began to unravel Imbler's offense, outscoring them 16-3 in the fourth quarter and crashing the boards for rebounds.

The final score showed Heppner on top 49-31 for the win. Baily Bennett scored 16 and Mackenzie Correa added 11 for Heppner.

They looked sharp for their first contest of the 2012-13 season. This year's team has five seniors, three juniors and three sophomores on the roster. They look to be a well-rounded team this year.

Heppner will host a tournament on Dec. 7-8, inviting Crane, Wallowa and Lone. The girls will play Friday at 4 p.m. and the boys' first game will follow.

## Junior high basketball starts season

The Heppner Junior High School Mustangs basketball teams opened their season at a three way tournament in Stanfield on Nov. 17. The A team, which is made up of most of the seventh and eighth grade members of the team, finished the day with a 2-1 record.

The Mustangs lost their first game of the day to a strong Stanfield team, 51-29. The game was close through the first half, but the constant pressure and the size of the Tigers eventually wore the team down. Leading the way in scoring for the Mustangs was Logan Grieb with 16 points. Jake Lindsay had seven and Caden Hedman scored four. Grieb also had a team high of five rebounds, and Kevin

Murray added four.

In the second game, against Echo, the Mustangs came out strong and dominated the entire game. They beat the Cougars with a score of 34-10. A balanced scoring attack was led by Alex Lindsay and Kevin Smith with seven points each. Hedman had six, and Grieb and Bryan Fowler both scored four. Kolby Currin, Kane Sweeney and Jake Lindsay all had two points. Smith also did some major damage on the backboards as he recorded 13 rebounds, and Alex Lindsay was next with seven. Coby Dougherty had five assists for the game.

In the final game of the day, the Mustangs sunk the ship of the Riverside Pirates by a score of 24-13.

A close game for most of the contest, Heppner used some full-court pressure to seal the victory in the end. Leading the way in scoring was Grieb with 17 points, while Murray had four and Hedman finished with three. Grieb also led the team with nine rebounds, while Murray secured eight and Hedman, seven. Jake Lindsay was a shooter's best friend as he dished out six assists for the game.

Mustang coach Luke Swanson commented that he was pleased with his team's performance on the day. He says he knows the boys will continue to work hard in practice and improve in certain areas.

"I'm looking forward to a great season with this team," Swanson said.

## Mustang wrestlers launch season in big way

The Heppner wrestling team launched its 2012-2013 season at the Enterprise Kickoff Tournament on Friday, Nov. 30. Overall, the Mustangs finished third of 12 teams behind first place Clarkston, WA and second place Mac Hi. Individually, six Mustangs placed in the top four of their respective weight classes, including three champions.

After a first-round bye, junior Jared Lemmon won his next three matches by fall at 132 pounds, including a 13-second pin over his Baker opponent in the

championship finals.

Tim Nelson also finally pinned his way to a championship at 220 pounds after falling behind in the second round of the championship bout 5-2.

Sophomore John Propheter weighed in at 205 pounds but wrestled up in the 285-pound bracket. Despite giving up a sizable disadvantage in size, he won both his matches and brought home his first gold medal of his high-school career.

Other Heppner placers were Treston Maben, third at 160 pounds; Alex Smith,

fourth at 145 pounds; and Earl Propheter, fourth at 170 pounds.

Freshman Will Luther and sophomore Jesse Boyd each picked up a win during competition and went 1-1 for the day.

Next Friday and Saturday, the Mustangs travel to La Grande to compete in the Muilenberg Tournament that includes 1A to 6A teams from all over Oregon, as well as teams from Washington and Idaho. Annually, it is the largest wrestling tournament in Eastern Oregon.

## Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

The Mustang football boys had a good season. Now that football and volleyball are over, it is time to start cheering on our Mustangs for basketball season. The basketball varsity girls won a victory against the Imbler Panthers last week. The girls next have a basketball game on Friday, Dec. 7; this game will be against the Crane Mustangs at 6 p.m. The boys varsity will also have a basketball game on Friday, Dec. 7, against the Crane Mustangs; this game will take place at 7:30 p.m. The boys and girls varsity basketball teams will both have games on Saturday, Dec. 8. The who and when are yet to be determined.

Our first senior for the week is Michaela Alyssa Whalen. Her parents are Ronald and Chris Whalen; she has three siblings. Whalen's siblings are Robert Whalen, Zach Whalen and Jennifer Whalen. Whalen does not participate in any extracurricular activities; however, she does enjoy reading, writing, watching movies and playing video games. Whalen's favorite colors are blue and pink; her favorite food is orange chicken from the Golden Palace. After high school, Whalen would like to move to Michigan for a few years so she can obtain a job and continue her education in writing or journalism. She says she would like to continue her education in writing so that

she can study the different styles.

This week's other senior is Emma Kate Osmin; her parents are Amy Betts and Jess and Staci Osmin. She has four siblings, Harley and Reagan Davis, and Shayna and Kael Osmin. Osmin's favorite color is purple and her favorite food is homemade mac and cheese. She is involved in volleyball, basketball, track and 4-H. In Osmin's spare time, she enjoys going to the mountains with her family, being a role model to her siblings, and staying out late with her friends. After high school, Osmin would like to attend Linn Benton Community College and major in physical therapy.

## Oregon Trail Library District celebrates 20 years

In 1992, the Oregon Trail Library District was formed to serve the communities of Boardman and Heppner. At that time, there were no computers and no internet at the libraries. Now, the district has a website, online databases and Wi-Fi, as well as many computers for the public to use.

The district belongs to the Sage Library System, with a shared catalog of more than one million items from more than 75 libraries, including several community colleges and Eastern Oregon University. The district also has an early

literacy outreach program with a storyteller who visits day cares and Headstart classes in Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon.

The community of Irrigon joined the library district in 2000 and, on Nov. 29, the district broke ground for the new 6,000-square-foot library facility there.

OTLD invites everyone to join them in celebrating the district's 20 years of progress, including refreshments and the chance to see the plans for the new Irrigon branch from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, in Heppner and on Monday, Dec. 10, at 200 South Main Street in Boardman.

## Library district breaks ground for new Irrigon branch

On Nov. 29 at noon, the Oregon Trail Library District held a groundbreaking ceremony for the start of construction on the OTLD Irrigon Branch Library. The new building will attach to the Irrigon City Hall and will share a common lobby. The library building will be approximately 6,000 square feet, including a children's area, reading areas and a public meeting room.

"We are excited to be finally starting construction on this much-needed branch library for Irrigon. This is the result of six years of hard work and fundraising



Pictured scooping the first shovel-full of dirt are Anne Spicer, OTLD board chair (left), and Barb Huwe, OTLD board member (right). Other OTLD board members not pictured are: Blaine Ganvoa, Sally Walker and Alice Ellis. -Contributed photo

by the library district and the Irrigon Friends of the Library," stated District Director Marsha Richmond.

"We will be so pleased to finally have a building in Irrigon so we can retire the old bus!" added OTLD

Chairman Ann Spicer.

Work on the building is expected to take up to a year before it will be open to the public. "We plan to be open and all moved in to the new building by this time next year," said Richmond.

## Heppner schools to hold winter concert

Heppner Elementary School and Heppner Junior/Senior High School will hold a joint winter concert next Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. in the HES gym. The community is invited to attend.

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## Handel's Messiah to be presented in Echo

The Inland Northwest Chorale & Orchestra will present performances of Handel's Messiah at the Echo Community Center Ballroom, 20 So. Boñanza, Echo, OR next week. Friday, Dec. 14, and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

The chorale and orchestra, under the direction of R. Lee Friese and accompanied by Myrna Van Cleave on the harpsichord, will present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah.

Included will be selections such as And the Glory of the Lord, For Unto Us a Child is Born, Hallelujah Chorus and Amen Chorus, as well as arias sung by soloists RaNiel Dunn, soprano; Mary Finney, alto; Phillip Ruud, tenor; and Harvey Foreman, bass. Both concerts are free.

However, due to past popularity of these concerts, all interested in attending are asked to contact the Inland Northwest Musicians office at 541-289-4696 or inwm@machmedia.net with a reservation request for their preferred performance time, including name, phone number and number in the party.

Donations will be accepted at the door. A reception follows each concert, enabling the audience to meet and greet the performers.

For additional information or questions about Inland Northwest Musicians, playing or singing in one of the ensembles, or the concerts, check the website above, visit their Facebook page, or contact Judi Mason at judimasn@eoni.com or 541-314-5407, or R. Lee Friese at 541-377-1865.

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