

Heppner TSA attends competition



The Heppner TSA attended the regional competition and came home with several awards. Pictured are (front L-R): Kai Arbogast, Tim Nelson, Rylee Wagoner, Zach Kissler and (back L-R) Cade Arbogast, Wade Matthew, Jesse Boyd and Kellie Nelson. —Contributed photo

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Heppner Technology Student Association (TSA) chapter competed in the December TSA Regional Competition.

The events were Flight Endurance, involving rubber-band powered airplanes; Manufacturing Proto-

type, involving designing and building 20 Christmas toys for charity; and the Technology Bowl knowledge competition.

Rylee Wagoner took first place in Flight Endurance, with Zach Kissler taking second and Kai Arbogast taking third. The

Heppner team, led by Kellie Nelson, won third place in Manufacturing Prototype.

The high schools involved in this event included Heppner, Riverside, Umatilla, Ukiah and Mac High. The next TSA Competitions will be in February and April.

Mustang girls sweep court in Classic

Boys play strong but fall to Cardinals for split weekend

At the Heppner Hoop Classic on Dec. 7-8, Heppner fans had the chance to see even more pre-season action on the court from their Mustangs.

The girls first played the Crane Mustangs. The game was an even match, with Crane holding a slight edge at the half, 17-20. In the second half, Heppner came on strong to pull ahead 36-33 with two minutes left in the third. The Heppner Mustangs never looked back from there, outscoring Crane 23-15 in the second half to seal the

win and go 2-0 early in the season.

The Mustang boys debuted their talents in their first game of the season when they played Crane in the following game. They played a good defensive game, and then found the bucket enough times to take the win 34-25 over the Crane Mustangs.

The following day, both Heppner teams faced the Lone Cardinals for some good basketball action. The Lady Mustangs led from start to finish in this contest, holding a nine-point lead at

halftime and winning 54-41 to beat the Cardinals at the final buzzer.

The boys' game showed lone to be the better game on that day, as the Cardinals led all four quarters and handed the Mustangs a 61-44 loss.

This was a good warm-up weekend for both teams, with league play to begin on Friday, Dec. 14, in a home opener against the Stanfield Tigers before the teams travel to play the Pilot Rock Rockets on Saturday at Pendleton High School.

Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

As school comes to a close for the year of 2012, the Mustangs have multiple basketball games. Our boys and girls basketball have two games this weekend and one game this next week.

This weekend, the Mustangs play on Friday, Dec. 14, starting at 6 p.m. with girls' varsity and boys' varsity to follow; this game will be played against the Stanfield Tigers here at home.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, the home teams will play the Pilot Rock Rockets at the Pendleton high school; this game will start at 6 p.m. with the girls' varsity and

boys' varsity to follow.

Finally, this next week, our Heppner Mustangs will have a game against the Imbler Panthers on Tuesday, Dec. 18; the basketball games will start at 3 p.m.

One of this week's featured seniors is Justin Roy Howey. His parents are Ray and Tami Howey, and he has two siblings, Trent and Dylan Howey. Howey's favorite color is pink and his favorite food is either ribs or mashed 'taters. When Howey has time on his hands, he likes to play football, and he enjoys going hunting. After Howey graduates high school, he plans on going to Wyoming to attend a trade school for

mechanics.

Our other senior is Kaitlynn Kay Dyer; her parents are Karie and Ivan Dike, and Forrest and Laurel Dyer. Dyer has six step-siblings: Jackie Campins, Heather Bishop, Caleb Brown, Zane Dike, Austin Dike and Bailey Dike. Dyer's favorite food is Mexican and her favorite color is purple. Dyer works at Tom Denchel Ford Country as a service porter. In her free time, Dyer enjoys hanging with her family and her boyfriend, Hank. After Dyer graduates high school, she plans on going to the University of Oregon and majoring in psychology. She hopes to go to college for six years so she can obtain her master's degree, and then she would like to be a counselor for children and youth.

Mustang wrestlers make good showing at invitational

The Heppner wrestling team competed in the Muilenburg Invitational Wrestling Tournament in La Grande last weekend. The 32-man brackets included teams from 1A to 6A from all over Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

At the end of the first day, the Mustangs still had 10 wrestlers in the double elimination tournament, including three in the championship semifinals. Jared Lemmon, Treston Maben and Tim Nelson were all one match away from qualifying for the tournament championship bout. Heppner has never had a finalist in the five years the team has competed at the Muilenburg, and all three were again disappointed in

their semifinal match.

Nelson went on to place third at 220 pounds with a 4-1 tournament record. All four wins came by fall. Lemmon and Maben finished with a 3-2 record in the championship bracket. All of Lemmon's wins were by pin, while Maben had one pin and battled for two tough decisions of one- and two-point margins.

Alex Smith also had a 3-2 tournament record while wrestling in the consolation bracket. Jesse Boyd was 2-2, while Ryan Smith and Tyler Berry each notched a win by pin to finish 1-2. It was freshman Ryan Smith's first high-school win. He competes at the lowest Oregon high school weight class of 106 pounds, even

though he weighed in at just 91 pounds.

Khayman Heard picked up his first win of the season in an exhibition match. Will Lutchter, Jacob Moses and Skyler Kendrick were also part of the Mustang team.

Although competing without its full roster, Heppner led the team scoring for small schools throughout the tournament until the final round, before Enterprise knocked the Mustangs one match win out of the lead and took home the small-school trophy.

Heppner next has a three-way home dual at 4 p.m. on Dec. 13 against Pomeroy and Irrigon, and then travels to the Mac Hi Christmas Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Junior Mustangs burn up the court

End hectic week of play with 5-3 record

The Heppner Junior High School Mustang basketball A team recently had a busy schedule as they played five games in four days.

A rematch with Stanfield turned out much as the first game did, with the Tigers winning 56-25. Logan Grieb led the team with 17 points, Caden Hedman had four and Jake Lindsay and Kevin Murray chipped in two each. No other statistics were available for the game.

The Mustangs hosted teams from Echo, Lone and Umatilla the next day and had a 2-1 record.

Heppner won the game against Echo 33-2. A balanced scoring effort was led by Jake Lindsay and Hedman, who each scored six points, while Kaden Corbin had five and both Alex Lindsay and Murray scored four. Bryan Fowler, Kevin Smith, Coby Dougherty

and Grieb all scored two points. Corbin led the team in rebounding with nine and Alex Lindsay ripped down seven boards. Kevin Smith had five steals.

The Mustangs lost the second game of the day against Umatilla 27-18. A scrappy Viking defense held the Mustang offense in check for most of the game. Only three players scored points for the Mustangs, with Grieb getting eight, Hedman six and Murray four. Hedman and Murray each had eight rebounds, and Kolby Currin and Grieb both added four rebounds for the contest.

The final game for the team was against the Lone Cardinals, and the Mustangs won by a score of 43-20. Leading the way in scoring was Grieb with 17 points, while Hedman had 11 and Jake Lindsay and Currin added five each. Grieb also had seven steals,

five rebounds and four assists for the game. Currin led the team in rebounds with six.

The team then traveled to Pilot Rock, where they beat the Rockets 50-20. The Mustangs started a little slow but then picked up the pace and led the game 28-13 at halftime. The Mustangs didn't look back in the second half as they flew by the Rockets for the win. Grieb once again led the team in scoring with 20 points. He also had six rebounds, five assists and four steals for the game. Murray and Alex Lindsay scored six points each with Currin, Hedman and Smith all tallying four. Jake Lindsay, Kane Sweeney and Kaden Corbin each scored two points. Currin tied for the most rebounds with six and Murray had five.

The team now has a record of 5-3 for the season.

Reading class seeks to fill holes in homeless' Christmas



Mrs. Jannie Allen's sixth grade reading class at Heppner Elementary School is reading Holes. Since one of the underlying themes of the story is homelessness, Mrs. Allen bought socks and the students brought toiletries such as shampoo and toothpaste. The sixth-grade readers rolled up one sock and put it in the toe of its mate, and then filled the sock with the remaining items. Once tied with Christmas ribbon, the socks were placed into Christmas bags to be delivered to a homeless agency in Portland. Bottom (L-R): Carson Brosnan, Zavier Glover, Hayden Qualls, Cason Mitchell, Keegan Gibbs, Jacee Currin, Jaideen Mahoney, Caitlyn Scrivner and Olivia Schmidt. Middle (L-R): Leo Waite, Zach Bredfield and Gibson McCurry. Top (L-R): Josey Evans, Hunter Nichols, Dakota Howard, Cody Wizner and Claire Grieb. Not pictured: Madison Combe, Morgan Burch and Jimmy Adams.—Contributed photo

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