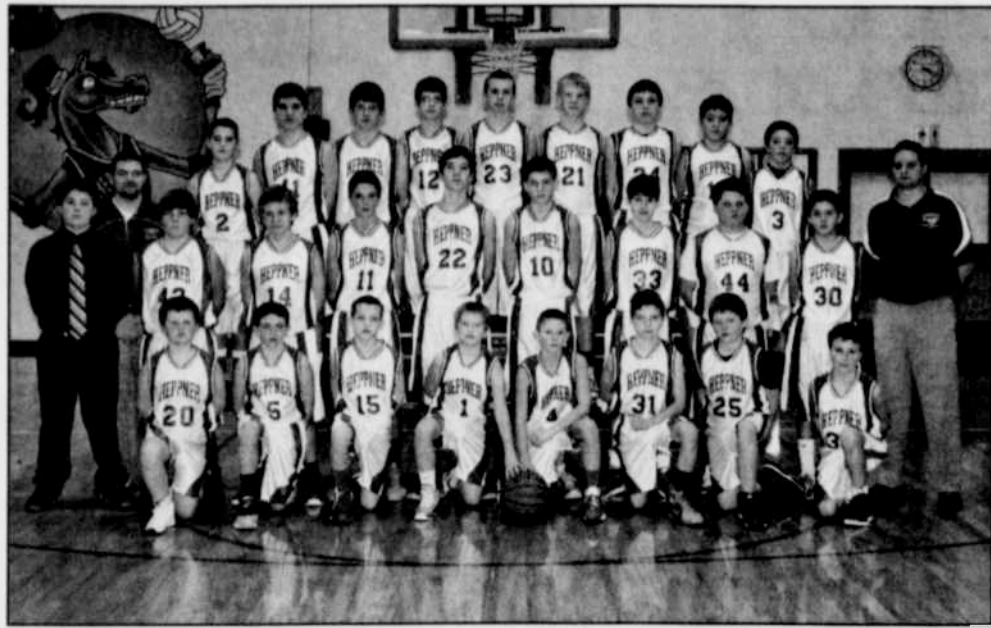


Junior Mustangs wrap up successful season



The Heppner Junior High basketball A and B teams. Front (L-R): Zach Bredfield, Reno Ferguson, Peyton Lehman, Keegan Gibbs, Hunter Nichols, Carson Brosnan, Zavier Glover and Trent Smith. Middle (L-R): Derek Howard, Coach Mike Ehrsam, Dakota Howard, Kaden Corbin, Kevin Smith, Alex Lindsay, Sam Berry, Gibson McCurry, Cody Wizner, Cason Mitchell and Coach Luke Swanson. Top (L-R): Jake Lindsay, Tim Jaca, Kolby Currin, Kane Sweeney, Logan Grieb, Kevin Murray, Caden Hedman, Bryan Fowler and Coby Dougherty. —Contributed photo

The Heppner Junior High School Mustang A team finished up a successful season last week by defeating the Lone Cardinals 31-19. With that win, the team ended the year with a record of 14-4.

The Mustangs applied strong man-to-man defensive pressure to get many steals and score early in the game. The team's many offensive sets and plays were also working. This led to scoring opportunities, and the Mustangs cashed in.

The halftime score was 19-7 in favor of the Mustangs.

The second half saw many players rotate in for the team. The intensity level was high as the team wanted to win their last game of the year. More strong defense and a well-executed offense led to the final score of 31-18.

Logan Grieb led the Mustangs with 13 points, seven rebounds and six steals. Caden Hedman

contributed eight points and four rebounds. Kevin Murray scored six points and had six rebounds for the game. Jake Lindsay and Kane Sweeney both finished with two points each.

Mustang coach Luke Swanson commented after the game on how proud he was of this group of boys for having such a successful season, and said it was a pleasure for him to coach them this year.

Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

This coming week, the Mustangs have a couple of basketball games.

Both the girls' and the boys' varsity teams have a game on Friday, Jan. 18, at 5 p.m. against the Pilot Rock Rockets.

During the Friday game, the Heppner Mustang softball team will be holding a tostada feed.

Both varsity teams also have a game the next day, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 4

p.m. at Stanfield.

The last game for this upcoming week will be on Tuesday, Jan. 22. This game will take place at Condon, and will start at 6 p.m.

The senior for this week is Austin Gutierrez. His parents are Craig and Debra Gutierrez, and he has one sibling, Justin Gutierrez.

Gutierrez's favorite food is pizza and his favorite color is blue. Gutierrez enjoys golfing in his spare time.

When Gutierrez isn't golfing, he is working on his extracurricular activities, which involve being the ASB secretary and the FBLA vice president.

After high school, Gutierrez plans on going to college either at Oregon State University or the University of Idaho. Gutierrez wants to pursue a degree in business marketing. He also wants to get an apprenticeship in the PGA.

Mustangs sweep weekend league play

The Heppner Mustangs swept the competition in league play last Friday and Saturday at the Heppner High School gymnasium.

Friday night's match-up was against the Elgin Huskies. The Lady Mustangs put the leash on the Huskies in the first quarter of play with their defense, holding Elgin to two points. The Mustangs were also shooting well, with almost half their shots falling through the hoop. The end resulted in a 48-19 win for the girls.

The boys' game was also a slug-out for the Mustangs. A low-scoring first half by both teams wouldn't give away the night's dominant team. The second half showed an increased intensity by the shorter Mustangs. In the fourth quarter, Heppner took control for good and sealed their first league win 36-32 over the Huskies.

Saturday night's much-

anticipated contest with the two top contenders in the Blue Mountain Conference put the Lady Mustangs up against the Enterprise Outlaws. The Outlaws boasted a 7-0 BMC record, with the Mustangs right behind them at 6-1 BMC. The game started hot for the Outlaws, going up 13-1 early in the first frame. The Mustangs, though, didn't panic as they settled down and began their march back into the contest. A three-point shot by Blake Greenup at the end of the first half put the Mustangs within three points of the Outlaws, 24-21. The Outlaws held on to the lead throughout the third quarter. In the final quarter, at the four-minute mark, Emma Osmin drove to the hoop, drawing the fifth foul on the Outlaws' best offensive player. The Mustangs took advantage, taking the lead away as time wound down. Good free-throw shooting

down the stretch and a huge rebound advantage on the night allowed the Mustangs to even the league position at the top of the BMC with a 46-43 win over the Outlaws.

For the second night in a row, the boys' team showed guts and ambition against the Outlaws. Offensively, it was a better night for the Mustangs, with a balanced scoring attack. It was their will to win that put the Mustangs on top when the contest was over, beating the Outlaws 51-48 for their second win in the BMC league season.

Every team in the league has played each other once in league play so far. An exciting second half is sure to follow in the coming weeks. The Mustangs next host Pilot Rock Jan. 18 at Heppner High School. Games begin at 3 p.m. with varsity play tipping off at 6 p.m.

Ione elementary awards self-control



Ione Community School Elementary handed awards out to students in kindergarten through sixth grade who exhibited good self-control. Ione Elementary talked about what it met to have good self-control, and students worked to have the ability to control their emotions, words, actions and impulses. Students receiving awards were: kindergarten-Katie Spivey, first grade-John McElligott, second grade-Madison Orem, third grade-Katelyn Thompson, fourth grade-Abi Pringle, fifth grade-Jill Rudolf, and sixth grade-Sydney Stefani. —Contributed photo

HES holds geography bee



Top (L-R): Nicole Propheter, Drew Coe, Evan Kollman, Casey Fletcher, Jorden Sweeney, Keegan Gibbs, Cody Wizner, Kellen Grant and Zach Bredfield. Bottom (L-R): Leo Waite, Cason Mitchell, Jaiden Mahoney, Claire Grieb, Jacee Currin and Olivia Schmidt. —Contributed photo

A popular event held each January at Heppner Elementary School is the National Geographic Bee, which is sponsored by Google. Students in grades three through six, and a host of family members, looked on as 15 young geographers answered questions in the HES gym on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

John Flaherty, social studies teacher at Heppner High School, served as the moderator for the event. Student contestants were Drew Coe, Cason Mitchell, Olivia Schmidt, Jacee Currin, Evan Kollman, Jorden

Sweeney, Zach Bredfield, Claire Grieb, Cody Wizner, Nicole Propheter, Leo Waite, Casey Fletcher, Kellen Grant, Keegan Gibbs and Jaiden Mahoney. Students all wore matching shirts that displayed a globe of maps and boasted "2013 HES Geography Bee."

Following the preliminary round, Olivia, Leo, Jacee, Zach, Kellen and Cody earned their way into the final round of competition. Progressing to the championship round were Zach and Cody, with Zach emerging as the HES champion and Cody as runner-

up. Zach will take a test to qualify for the next round of the competition, which culminates in Washington, DC in May.

Contestants and their families were treated to cookies and treats from around the world at the conclusion of the geography bee.

Softball fundraiser Friday

The Mustang softball team will be having a dinner to raise money for the program during the home basketball games versus Pilot Rock this Friday.

The cost is \$5 per person and will include a tostada, homemade salsa, rice, beans, dessert and a drink.

Proceeds will help the Mustang softball team purchase equipment for the 2013 season.

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