

Mustang basketball celebrates senior night

Girls set sights on post season

In Heppner hoops this week, the Mustangs played three league contests, starting on Tuesday when Heppner hosted the Irrigon Knights. The Knights (12-0 BMC) are considered the favorites to win the title at the OSAA state tournament.

The boys lost the game 65-38 but played good basketball against a very good team. The Mustangs came within four points in the second quarter and ended the half behind 24-34. The Knights wasted no time in the second half, pushing the ball and the score for the win. JC Putman led Heppner with 12 points.

The Lady Mustangs beat the Knights 44-25. The contest started slow with a first-quarter score of 4-4. The Mustangs woke up, though, and played good basketball, winning the rebounds and executing their offense well. Baily Bennett led in scoring for Heppner with 21 points. Alana Wilson added 10 points and nine assists. Maddie Lindsay posted 10 rebounds.

Friday night was senior night in Heppner. Five seniors on the boys' team were honored for their dedication. Stephen Thompson, Aiden Wright, Bryce Fowler, Kyle Harrison and Garrett Robinson have all competed together since Colt basketball.



Friday night was senior night for the Heppner basketball and wrestling teams. Front (L-R) Basketball seniors Garrett Robinson, Bryce Fowler, Baily Bennett, Maggie Collins, Alana Wilson, Makenzie Correa, Emma Osmin, Kyle Harrison, Stephen Thompson and Aiden Wright. Back (L-R): Senior parents Darcy and Kyle Robinson, Kay Fowler, Mike and Misty Bennett, Janet and Rod Wilson, Christy and Mike Correa, Amy Betts, Travis and Kirsten Harrison, Brian and Susie Thompson, Stacie and Jess Osmin, Tim and Jeanie Collins, and Timothy and LeAnn Wright. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

The boys lost the contest 55-39 but fought hard on the court. No game stats were available at press time.

The Lady Mustangs won convincingly, 48-29, over the Grant Union Prospectors. The Mustangs (11-3 BMC) played a solid game on both ends of the court, holding Grant Union to 9 points at the half while consistently scoring on the offense.

Five seniors were also honored for the girls' team. Baily Bennett, Alana Wilson, Makenzie Correa, Maggie Collins and Emma Osmin all stuck together throughout their time here in Heppner.

When one thinks of all

the hours these 10 seniors have logged, they are seen to truly be competitors.

It was a bye week on Saturday for the Mustangs as they prepare for the final week of BMC league play with a road trip to Enterprise and Elgin to finish the season. The boys will be playing for pride but the girls will have a huge game against Enterprise. The Outlaw girls have held the number one spot in the BMC all year, with Heppner back one game in the number two spot. The race is tight for the Lady Mustangs, with Pilot Rock and Union right behind them.

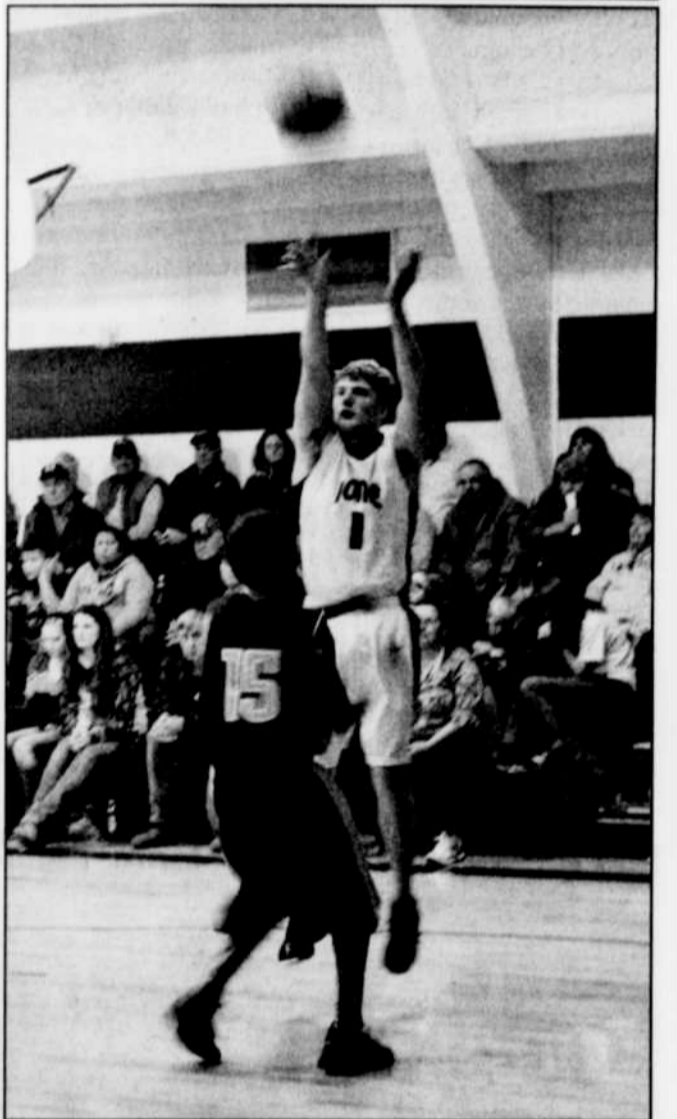
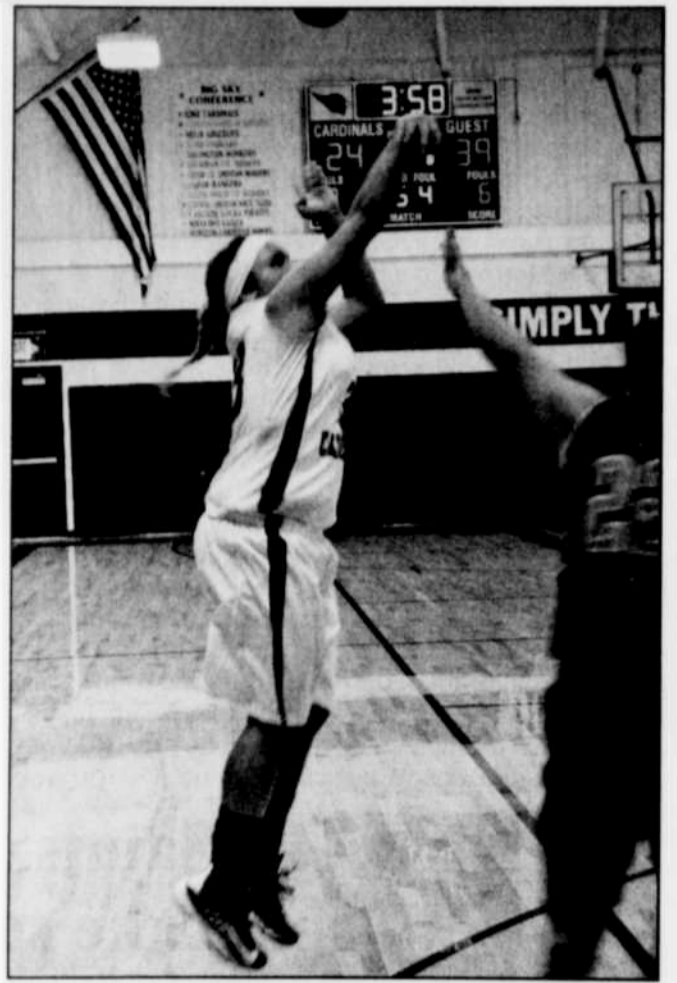
The Mustang girls will be in the post-season this year, though in what spot

is yet to be determined. They have held a ranking of three or better in the OSAA throughout but, with the top four BMC league teams ranked in the top 10 in the state, competition is fierce. From here, the road to the state tournament is full of twists and turns, not to mention bumps and potholes.

Current Blue Mountain Conference girls' rankings:

- Enterprise: 12-2 BMC, 18-3 overall
- Heppner: 11-3 BMC, 16-4 overall
- Pilot Rock: 11-4 BMC, 18-5 overall
- Union: 10-4 BMC, 15-6 overall
- Weston-McEwen: 8-7 BMC, 14-9 overall

Cardinal boys on take two wins

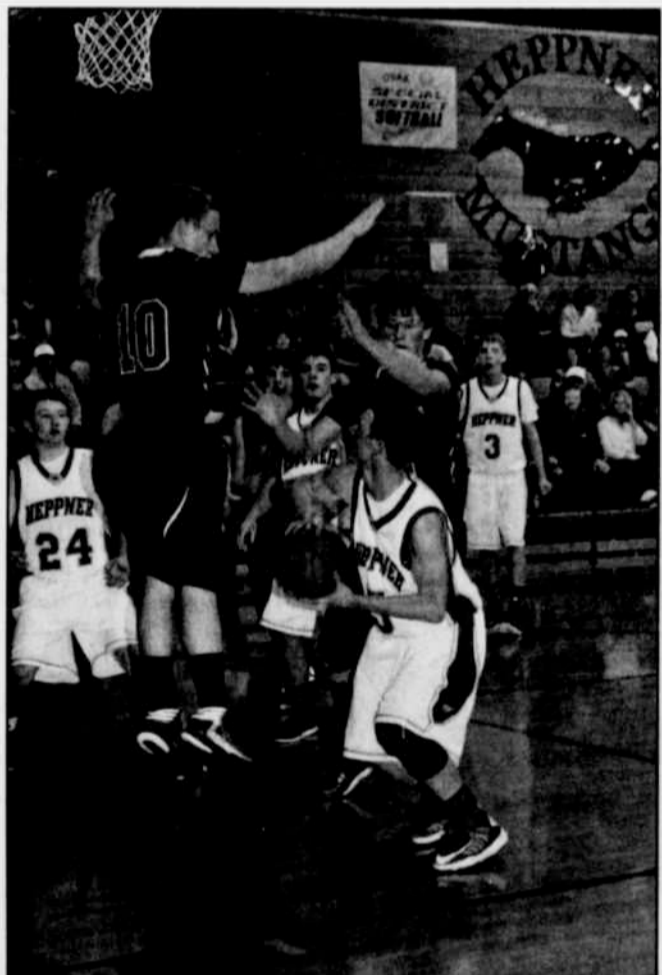


The Ione Cardinals went up against Nixyaawii last Friday, Feb. 1. The boys defeated the visitors 59-53, but the Lad Cards struggled, ending up in a 37-43 loss to the other team. The following night, the boys proved they were on a roll, taking down the Condon/Wheeler Knights 72-65. The girls, though, still couldn't keep hold of the points, losing 37-65. Top: Cardinal Senior Shadow Kendrick (#33) drains a three-point shot during Friday's game. Bottom: Ione Senior Kirk Haguewood (#1) shoots a jump shot against Nixyaawii. -Photos by Paula Emmel

Boys' game stats	Ione v Condon/Wheeler (W 72-65)
Ione v Nixyaawii (W 59-53)	Score by periods:
Score by periods:	Ione Cardinals: 15, 16, 13, 9
Ione Cardinals: 19, 16, 13, 9	Condon/Wheeler: 13, 18, 13, 21
Nixyaawii: 15, 16, 11, 21	Scoring:
Scoring:	Kirk Haguewood: 6 points, 4 assists
Luke Jobs: 19 points, 3 assists	Bailey Haguewood: 21 points, 5 assists
Bailey Haguewood: 9 points, 2 assists	Evan Rietmann: 30 points, 1 assists
Gus Peterson: 2 points, 2 assists	Gus Peterson: 0 points, 2 assists
Evan Rietmann: 23 points, 0 assists	Luke Jobs: 15 points, 8 assists
Jason Juarez: 0 points, 2 assists	Jason Juarez: 0 points, 1 assists
T.J. Patton: 4 points, 0 assists	



Above: Makenzie Correa during the Friday night game against the Grant Union Prospectors. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



Above: Garrett Robinson tries to get around the Grant Union defense Friday night. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

Much of the community was out supporting Heppner's basketball and wrestling teams on senior night; the seniors had on a great basketball and wrestling season.

On Friday, Feb. 8, there will be an away basketball game against Enterprise

starting at 6 p.m. To finish off the season, there will be an away basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 9; this game will take place at 4 p.m.

One of this week's seniors is Tyler Berry; his parent is Jody Berry. Berry has six siblings. Berry's favorite food is Thai and his favorite color is purple. In

his spare time, Berry enjoys hanging out with his friend, Brey. After high school, Berry would like to take a year off from school and to go on road trips.

The second senior for the week is Aidan Stace Wright; his parents are LeAnn and Tim Wright and he has two siblings,

Lane and Jordan. Wright's favorite color is blue and his favorite food is spaghetti. In his spare time, Wright enjoys riding motorcycles, playing basketball at the elementary school and hanging out with his best friend, Stephen. After high school, Wright would like to go into the Navy.



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Time running out for iPod raffle

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Valentine's Dinner Special

Tenderloin Steak & Prawns
Grilled Tilapia over a bed of rice pilaf

Dinner includes choice of potato, steamed vegetables, soup & salad, fresh dinner roll.

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Saturday's game against Dufur will be the last chance to buy the tickets at \$5 each or six for \$20.

Tickets will be sold at the game, or before then at Ione Market or by calling Arlynda Gates at 541-256-0334 or 541-422-7534.

The drawing will be held this Saturday, Feb. 9.

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