

Bank of EO hosts successful wrestling tournament

Heppner High School hosted the fifth annual BEO Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 2, with 17 teams representing Adrian, Crane, Culver, Elgin, Enterprise, Grant Union, Imbler, Irrigon, Joseph, La Grande, Mac-Hi, North Lake, Pine Eagle, Riverside, Union and Wallowa high schools competing at this increasingly popular wrestling event. La Grande took home the team champion trophy, with Mac-Hi placing second and Riverside taking home the third-place trophy. Heppner High's Tim Nelson, wrestling at 195 pounds, was voted outstanding wrestler of the tournament by the coaches.

Adorned in easy-to-find gold t-shirts, over 20 BEO employees and community members volunteered to help at the tournament. BEO's Volunteer Coordinator, Shelli Britt, organized and coordinated the volunteers with what one event planner called "...grace



Some of the many community volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly. Back (L-R): Alita Nelson, Kate Paige, Jon Moore, Will Lutchter, John Propheeter, Lacey Davison, John Nelson and Joe Perry. Center back (L-R): Will Lemmon, Ashli Gould, Shannon Boor, Thomas Gould, Shelli Britt, Sharon Miller, Sandy Day, Tina Palmer and Jay Gibbs. Center front (L-R): Diane Reimer, Melanie Gates, Timothy Gould, Samm Lemmon, Sue Gibbs, Brianna Peterson, Roberta Lutchter and Misty Petzhold. Front (L-R): Keegan Gibbs and Jeremiah Petzhold. —Photo by Sandy Matthews

and an uncanny ability to make it look easy." Sandy Matthews photographed a group of the volunteers during a short break between matches.

Mark Lemmon, Bank of Eastern Oregon's Chief

Financial Officer and Heppner High School wrestling coach, along with Greg Grant, Heppner High School Athletic Director, organized and coordinated the tournament. Babette Wall handled marketing and organized the many administrative details necessary for the tournament to run smoothly.

Lemmon, Grant and Bank of Eastern Oregon say they appreciate the many volunteers, community members and parents for their invaluable time and help in making the tournament a success.

"It was the smoothest-run wrestling tournament we have had and it couldn't have been done without a great Hospitality Room and

the team work and dedication of our volunteers," said Lemmon. "And, we look forward to next year's tournament, which is tentatively set for Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014."



Outstanding wrestler Tim Nelson.



Heppner coaching team Ken Bailey, Brian Lemmon and Mark Lemmon look on—with some input—during an intense match. —Photo by Sandy Matthews

New manager at Pendleton printing business

Andrew Sykes has been named manager of Rapid Print, a printing business located at 25 S.W. Emigrant in Pendleton.



Andrew Sykes

Sykes, 32, is a 1998 graduate of Heppner High School and a 2004 graduate of Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle with a bachelor's degree in fine art. He has worked for Sykes Publishing, LLC, the parent company of Rapid

Print, since 2006, and has worked at the Rapid Print business for the past several years. His specialties are graphic computer programs and graphic design.

Rapid Print is a full-service printing business that opened in Pendleton in 1988. Sykes Publishing, LLC, also owns the Heppner Gazette-Times newspaper and GT printing in Heppner.

Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

The Heppner girls and boys gave a great finish to the 2013 basketball season with a victory against Elgin. As winter sports come to an end, the community will continue to have opportunities to support local baseball, softball and track players.

This week's senior is George Alexander Vincent Smith. His parents are Greg

Smith and Lisa Nelson. Smith has four siblings, Grant, Matt, Ryan and Genevieve Smith. Smith enjoys all food in general, but says his favorite color is blue. Smith participates in wrestling, and enjoys hanging out with his friends. After Smith graduates from Heppner High School, he plans on going on a mission trip, and says he would like to go everywhere in the world.

Chamber lunch meeting

Darin Umbarger from Clearview Mediation and Disability Resource Center will be the guest speaker for this week's chamber lunch meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14. The meeting will start at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. Cost of lunch is \$10. Murray's Drug will cater.

Lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than the Wednesday morning before to accommodate enough meals.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, and Boston cream pie. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Mustangs whip Huskies in final league victories

Boys miss districts by a hair; girls tied for second in BMC

At Enterprise this week, the boy's Mustang basketball team played even with the Outlaws except for shooting the rock. Heppner was outscored in the second quarter 20-6, which proved to be the difference in the game. JC Putman led the Mustangs in scoring with 12 points and 8 rebounds in the 50-34 loss to the Outlaws.

The Lady Mustangs lost a game they needed to win to be in contention for the district title and top seed in the Blue Mountain Conference district tournament. The Mustangs looked nervous in the first half. Turnovers and not getting the ball inside produced eight points after two quarters, for a 22-8 score. Heppner charged back into the contest in the third with an 18-5 run over the Outlaws. Starting the final frame, down by one point at 27-26, the Mustangs let up defensively as the Outlaws pulled away for the 52-44 win. Baily Bennett scored 23 points and Alana Wilson put up 13 points for the Mustangs.

Both Mustang varsity

basketball teams won their final league contests over the Elgin Huskies on Saturday in Elgin.

The boys beat the Huskies 44-40 in a physical game where both teams badly wanted the win. The Mustangs finished the 2012-13 season 4-12 in the BMC for a three-way tie with Union and Enterprise for sixth place in the league... just out of the BMC district tournament.

The Lady Mustangs won 56-27 over the Huskies. They bounced back after the previous night's loss to play well together as a team. Baily Bennett scored 15; Alana Wilson, 13; Blake Greenup, nine; and Emma Osmin, seven points for Heppner. The Mustangs finished with a 12-4 record, tied with Union and Pilot Rock for second in the BMC. The win/loss record among those three teams places them in fourth place going into the BMC district tournament.

The Lady Mustangs will play Weston-McEwen at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, in the first round of district playoffs at Pendleton.

Nordic ski continues great season



This winter, the Arbutle Nordic Ski club was able to drive to the top of Coal Mine Hill, thanks to plowing done by Bruce Young Logging through a Stewardship Fuels Reduction Project. Gaining the extra elevation gave the group more trails and closed roads on which to ski. This past weekend, the club had new snow on top of a good base...there's still more than 40 inches of snow at the Arbutle Snotel site. The club members say the combination of great weather and lots of snow is making for an excellent Nordic ski season. —Contributed photo

Calling all area Cursillistas

Area residents who are interested in the Cursillo Movement are invited to a gathering on Sunday, Feb. 17, for an evening of fellowship.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner at Hope Lutheran Church, dinner to be provided by the Heppner-area 4th Day Group.

Anyone who is interested or curious about the

Cursillo Movement is invited to join the group, who will be sharing information about Cursillo and this year's upcoming weekend. Applications will also be available to work on the team.

For further information, contact Dan and Diana Sharp, 541-676-8262; George Nairns, 541-571-6519; or Robanai Disque, 541-989-8535.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

Heppner Les Schwab is a donation location for the Oregon

"FFA 50,000 Pound Food Challenge"

HURRY!... Bring in your food donations to Heppner Les Schwab now thru the end of February!

Les Schwab Tire Centers from across the state are partnering with the more than 100 local FFA chapters to raise food for local food banks and charities. The food drive is to raise much-needed food for each local community's food banks.



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