

Heppner wrestlers finish seventh in state

Nelson ends career with 100th win

Six Heppner wrestlers competed in the OSAA state wrestling championships in Portland Memorial Coliseum on Feb. 22 and 23. It was the most Mustang wrestlers to ever make the trip, and every senior on the team qualified for state.

There were 30 teams represented at the combined 1A/2A class. Heppner finished seventh overall as a team. It was Heppner's highest finish, and only the school's second time to break the top 10. Every Mustang wrestler won a match at the tournament.

Jared Lemmon, Alex Smith and John Propheter each made it to the semifinals of their weight class.

Propheter, an unseeded wrestler, upset the number-four seed in his first match. All three incurred losses in the semifinals and dropped to the consolation bracket.

Lemmon suffered a concussion in his semifinals bout and was not allowed to continue in the tournament.

Smith went on to win his next match to advance to the medal round and, ultimately, finish fourth. Sophomore John Propheter lost a close 10-8 decision to end his first trip to the state championships.

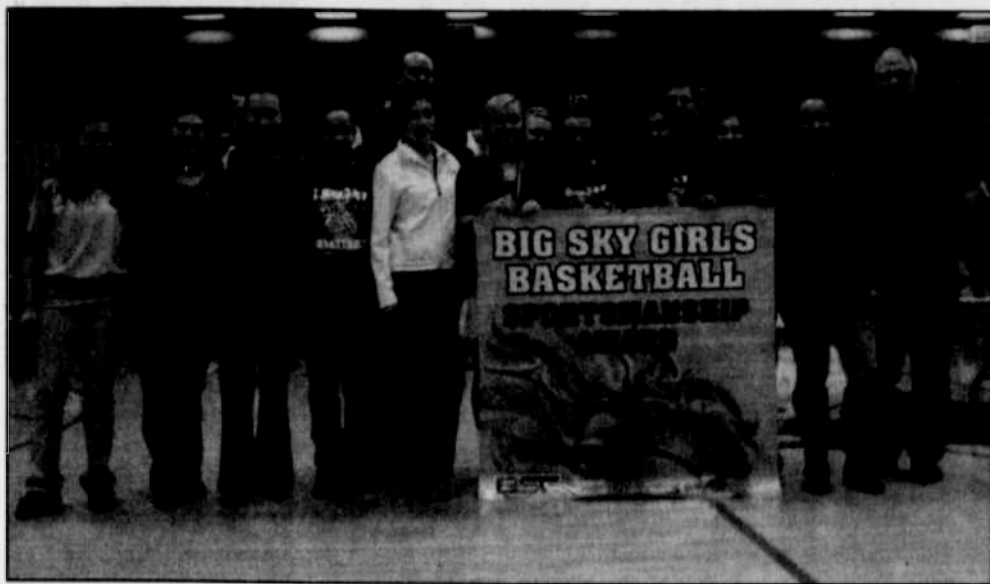
Treston Maben, Earl Propheter and Tim Nelson lost their first matches and

had to face single elimination in the consolation bracket. All three won their next match to stay alive and return to competition on Saturday.

Maben and Nelson won their next matches and qualified for the medal round. Maben went on to finish fourth and Nelson third.

Nelson, a senior, entered the tournament with 97 career wins, needing three to finish as the first Mustang to achieve the 100-win milestone. His consolation championship and final match of his career was his 100th win, which he finished with a third-round pin.

Ione basketball receives Big Sky awards



Above: The Ione girls basketball team was awarded the Big Sky Sportsmanship Award at districts. Below left: Evan Rietmann was named to Big Sky first team, as well as receiving a Scholar-Athlete award. Below right: Shadow Kendrick (right) was named to First Team, while Stacey Halvorsen (left) was named to Second Team and received a Big Sky Scholar-Athlete award. —Photos by Paula Emmel



While the Ione Cardinal's season may have ended short of a state championship, they reaped plenty of accolades to take home.

The Ione girls' basketball team received the Big Sky League Sportsmanship Award.

Evan Rietmann and Shadow Kendrick were named to Big Sky First Team, and Stacey Halvorsen was named to Big Sky



Second Team. Luke Jobes, Bailey Hagewood and Lacey Thompson all received honorable mentions for Big Sky League.

Evan Rietmann and Stacey Halvorsen each received a Big Sky Scholar-Athlete award.

Jason Halvorsen Spirit of Basketball awards were given to Ellie Logan of Condon and Wyatt Creel of Wasco County.

Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

The Heppner varsity girls' basketball team gained a first-round state playoff victory against Vernonia last weekend. They play again on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Pendleton convention center; the girls will be playing against Lost River at 1:30 p.m.

The Mustang wrestlers ended a great season, with several attending state play-offs. Tim Nelson placed third and achieved his 100th career win; Alex Smith and Treston Maben each placed fourth.

The HHS choir program is planning four upcoming fundraisers to raise money for their big trip in April; they will be taking a trip to Salem, OR to sing at the state Capitol.

The first fundraiser is a bake sale on March 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heppner Family Foods.

One of the fundraisers is a Sit-A-Thon; it will take place in the cafeteria during the Irish smoker and is for any parent who has a child three years or older and is in need of a babysitting

service during the boxing event. The Sit-A-Thon will start at 7 p.m.; it costs \$10 per child and includes snacks, games and child care.

The third fundraiser is a car wash. It will take place on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind Les Schwab's.

The last fundraiser for the choir program will be a 50/50 raffle; this fundraiser will also take place at the smoker, and raffle tickets will be announced at a later date.

Pennies for Patients

Pennies for Patients is a national fundraiser and awareness project run by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; it works to raise money for patients all over the country. Many schools do a week-long donation drive, starting with pennies

on the first day and going up in currency value each day. Heppner High School decided to participate in this manner, as well.

During the month of February, our local National Honor Society chapter hosted the annual Pennies for

Patients drive. Each class brought in spare change as the school competed for a pizza party, which was won by the juniors in an event that raised more funds for leukemia patients than ever before at HHS. Total donations were to \$783.26.

MUSTANG BASKETBALL

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kets were traded in the final few minutes with a 25-25 score as the first half ticked to zero. A long three-point shot by Heppner's Alana Wilson put the Mustangs ahead 28-25 going into the locker room.

As the second half began, Mustang fans could tell their team had a plan. Constant pressure defense shut down the Loggers' two top players as the home team only produced two points in the third quarter. On the other end of the court, the Mustangs began

their scoring run, putting them up 47-27 at the end of the third.

Seeing the quarterfinals in Pendleton ahead of them, they didn't let up through the fourth quarter, pulling ahead by 30 at one point. They ended the Loggers' season with a crushing 62-33 victory.

This was a total team effort by the Mustangs; everyone on the Mustang team saw some action on the floor. Baily Bennett led the scoring with 28 points and 15 rebounds. Maddie Lindsay added eight

points and eight rebounds. Alana Wilson added 10 points, six assists and four steals, while Blake Greenup scored seven and Micha Hintz added five points for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs ended the Loggers' season at 19-5. Heppner (19-6) enters the quarterfinals Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, playing the Lost River Raiders. All four of the top teams in the Blue Mountain conference advanced into the tournament.

Irish boxing event March 15

The sixth annual amateur Irish boxing event, sponsored by Heppner Chamber of Commerce and Y102 Haystack Broadcasting, will take place on Friday, March 15, at the Heppner High School gymnasium.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 8 p.m. Admission will be \$10 for ages 12 to adult and \$5 for ages eight to 11, with seven and under getting in free.

Spectators can also purchase a 2013 St. Patrick's button for \$3 for two chances to win \$100. The first drawing will be held during intermission at the Irish smoker boxing event. This year's Fight Card

sponsors are Devin Oil/Devin Mobile, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Sweeney Mortuary and Tom Denchel Ford. The corner sponsors are Bruce Young Logging and John Britt Logging.

A shuttle service will be available to pick up riders by Heppner Family Foods at 6:15 p.m. and at the back door of Bucknum's at 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.;

the shuttle will repeat trips until all the riders have been delivered up to the high school. When the event is over, the shuttle will drop riders off where they were picked up.

Anyone interested in boxing, contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536 or email heppnerchamber@centurytel.net by Friday, March 8.

Awana plans Grand Prix

The Heppner Awana Club will be sponsoring a Grand Prix race on Thursday, March 7 for all Awana kids and their families.

The event will be held at Willow Creek Baptist Church starting at 6 p.m. Awards will be given, and lots of fun is planned for the whole family.



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