

## HHS honors basketball players, parents at senior night



Bottom (L-R): Seniors JC Putman, Tate Gentry, Kayla Kindle, Jaden Orr, Jeff Dowdy, Micha Hintz, Blake Greenup, Andrew Hatfield. Top (L-R): Parents Jeff Orr, Jim Putman, Sandi Putman, Jerry Gentry, Terri Gentry, Jim Kindle, Becky Kindle, Lana Eckman, Pam Dowdy, Teresa VanDoorn, Tiffany Greenup, Travis Greenup, Tammy Hatfield, Ken Hatfield, Becky Cherry and Steve Cherry. -Contributed photo

Heppner High School honored their senior basketball players and their parents with a short ceremony at the last home game of the season recently. The parents of the players were introduced to the crowd and called onto the court to receive roses from their children.

Senior boys were JC Putman, Tate Gentry, Andrew Hatfield, Jaden Orr and Jeff Dowdy.

The senior girls were Kayla Kindle, Blake Greenup and Micha Hintz. These players will certainly be missed by both of the basketball programs in the future.

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Morrow County School District Superintendent Dirk Dirksen.

As a result of these findings, the MCSDD will continue to move forward with providing all-day kindergarten classes, as well as continue to support a system-wide student literacy learning program as it relates to Response To Intervention (RTI), the goal of which is to have consistency and systems-wide literacy instruction in each school building. Interventions are based on targeted student needs and are data-driven.

-Kindergarteners come into school significantly below average in letter name and letter sound literacy skills as compared with the statewide average (letter name tests measure a student's ability to name the letters of the alphabet, in both lower and upper case forms, and the letter sound test measures a student's ability to produce common sounds associated with the alphabet).

In addition, the MCSDD will continue to implement its 236 Plan that utilizes academic data and teacher judgment to give after-school and summer-school interventions for students who are below benchmarks on summative assessments for their grade level.

"This important data will help our school district, families, public preschools, private childcare providers as well as our early learning partners throughout the region to come together and set goals that will improve early learning experiences for all children," said

## Get ready for 'Boots in the Air' 2014



A contestant gauges distance and gets ready to swing for the prize during the 2013 welly toss. -File photo

The boots are set to fly in Heppner during the St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, March 15, at the annual Welly Toss.

Residents and visitors alike are invited to get teams entered or, if preferred, come by and throw as an individual...and bring the

kids.

The event will be held on Willow Street between Murray's Drug and the former Artisan Village.

Team play begins at 10 a.m. and continues until noon.

Anyone who would like a pre-scheduled team time, pick up a form at the chamber office and submit the completed form to Sheryll Bates at the Heppner chamber by Wednesday, March 12 at noon.

A \$20 registration fee will be charged for team play. The fees collected fund the prizes and supplies for the event.

Free individual

play begins for all, kids, teenagers and adults at 10:30 a.m. and lasts until 12:30 p.m.

Ages brackets are: Kids, two to 12; teens, 13-17; and adults, 18 and over, including men and women.

All kids will receive a gold coin for playing; there will be prizes for the male and female winners, as well as a youth winner.

The top teams will receive a prize, plus the first-place team will have its name engraved on the traveling Boot Award, currently on display at Peterson's.

Team Championships, if necessary, will be held at 2 p.m.

## Orwick, Walker named library volunteers of year



Barbara Orwick and Ralph Walker were honored as Volunteers of the Year for 2013 and 2014 by The Friends of the Heppner Library during the Love Your Library night on Feb. 12. -Contributed photo

## Oregon Hunters Association urges ODFW to review Oregon cougar plan

The Oregon Hunters Association has requested in a recent letter to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission that it formally review the state's cougar management plan, which was last revised in 2006. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission is made up of seven members who are appointed by the governor and formulates general policies and programs for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's fish and wildlife management activities.

With elk and deer numbers below management objectives in most wildlife management units, big game management continues to be an important issue in Oregon. OHA says it supports managing cougars using the best available science and stresses that ODFW needs to better identify the impacts of cougars on big game animals.

"The state's cougar management plan should be updated to reflect the current status of cougar

and big game populations and the most up-to-date wildlife management methods," stated an OHA press release. The decline of big game herds and impacts of predation are a major concern to the hunting community that pays for most wildlife management in Oregon.

"It has been eight years since the last review of the cougar plan," said OHA President Fred Craig. "With many deer and elk herds below management objectives, OHA would

like to see the latest science used in the management of cougar and prey species alike."

Designated target areas, where cougars are removed to address predation on big game animals, are a critical part of cougar management. The groups says incorporating the latest science and population modeling techniques into the plan will help identify target areas that need to be expanded to address cougar predation on big game animals.

## Rainy outing for local ski club



It was a bit rainy for the group skiing into Martin Prairie on Saturday but they said the ski out was dry, with plenty of snow still on the ground. Pictured are (L-R) Dan VanLiew, Molly Rhea, visitor Fred Buehler, Betsy Anderson and Terry Harper. -Contributed photo

## Nominations for 2014 Crystal Apple Awards now open

PENDLETON—The InterMountain Education Service District is proud to announce that nominations for the 2014 Crystal Apple "Excellence in Education" Awards are now being accepted through Tuesday, April 1. The Crystal Apple Awards will take

place in two locations on separate dates to reflect the IMESD's regional service areas. Winners in Umatilla and Morrow counties will gather on May 21 at the Pendleton Red Lion.

The purpose of the awards is to recognize individuals who help to

make our schools and students successful. The honor may be awarded to individuals who work full-time or part-time in any capacity other than administration. The staff member must have worked in his or her current position for at least one year to

qualify. Anyone in the general public may submit a nomination.

In addition to the Crystal Apple Awards, nominations also are being accepted for the Doug Flatt Memorial Leadership Award, which recognizes an outstanding administrator.

Nomination forms, qualifications and a list of past winners are available on the Crystal Apple website, [www.imesd.k12](http://www.imesd.k12).

All nominations must be made using the online form. The deadline is Tuesday, April 1, at 5 p.m.



2nd Place- BEO Invitational



2nd Place- Pine Eagle Tournament

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MUSTANG WRESTLERS ON THEIR RECENT VICTORIES!



Heppner High Mustangs Wrestling 2013-2014

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Back: (L-R) Coach Mark Lemmon, Jared Lemmon, Treston Maben, John Prophet, Cord Flynn, Ryan Smith. Front (L-R) Joe Garcia, Jesse Boyd, Will Lutchter. Not pictured: Jacob Moses and Kyle Aldrich

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