

## Mustang basketball lands victories over Redsidies



Mustang Kolby Currin keep his eye on the ball as he fights off a Redside player during the Dec. 22 game. The Mustangs landed their seventh win of the season, defeating the South Wasco County team 64-38. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang girls and boys basketball teams got wins over the South Wasco County Redsidies on Monday night, Dec. 22.

The girls won their game by the score of 53-35 and the boys team prevailed by a score of 64-38. The girls team went into the Christmas break with a record of 4-4 and the boys team is 7-0.

In the girls game, the Mustangs opened the game with a defensive press that led to many steals and easy baskets. They out-jumped to a 19-5 first quarter lead and never looked back. Heppner stretched the lead to 33-7 at halftime and it was 47-23 at the end of three quarters.

Maddie Lindsay scored

20 points in the game. She also had 6 rebounds and 1 assist. Kelly Wilson recorded 16 points, 4 rebounds and 6 assists. Jessica Kempkin contributed 8 points and hauled down 8 rebounds for the Mustangs. Kaelyn Lindsay scored 4 points and had 1 rebound in the game. Paige Grieb had 2 points, 5 rebounds and 5 assists for the night. Kacie Grey scored 2 points and had 2 rebounds, and Caitlyn Bailey recorded 2 rebounds and had 1 assist.

The Mustang boys team jumped out to a 18-11 lead after one quarter of play and led 35-18 at halftime.

Both teams scored 11 points in the third quarter, but the Mustangs doubled up the Redsidies in the fourth 18-9 to get the win

64-38. Heppner shared the ball as they had 17 assists on their 28 baskets made.

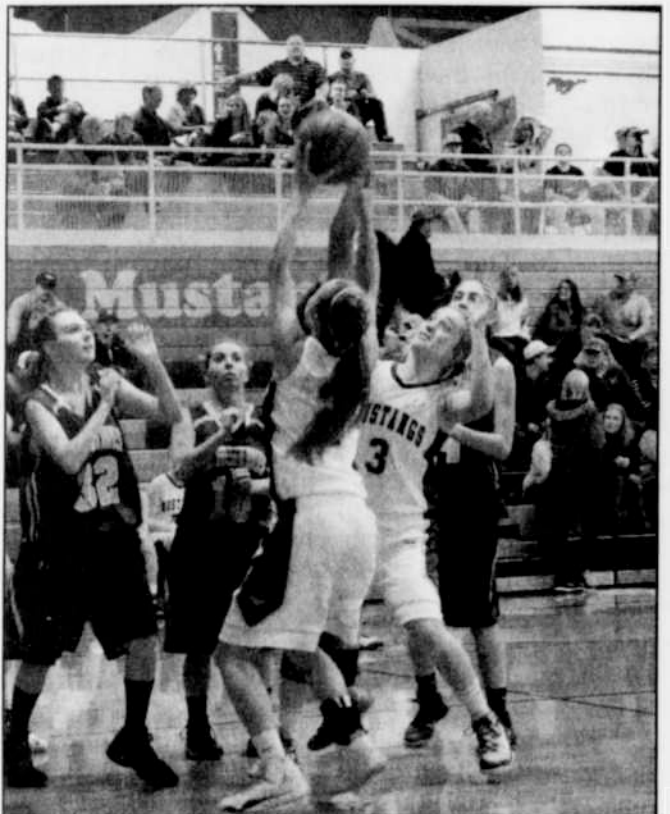
They shot the ball well as they made 60 percent of their field goal attempts on the night. The Mustangs have not been outrebounded in a game all season, and in this game they had more than four times the rebounds than the Redsidies did. It was a total team effort in which everyone contributed to the victory.

Leading the way in scoring for Heppner was Patrick Collins with 22 points and 7 rebounds. Weston Putman recorded 16 points and hauled down 9 rebounds to go along with 1 assist and 1 steal. CJ Kindle scored 7 points, had 7 rebounds, 6 assists and 1 steal. Logan Grieb

also had 7 points, 7 assist, 3 rebounds and 1 steal. Ross Cutsforth and Kevin Murray both had 5 points on the night. Cutsforth also had 5 rebounds and 2 assists. Kevin hauled down 3 rebounds in the game. Jake Lindsay rounded out the scoring for the Mustangs with 2 points. Jeremiah Petzoldt secured 3 rebounds for the team and Caden Hedman and Kolby Currin had 2 rebounds each.

Both teams then travelled to Halsey for the Central Linn Cobra Holiday Tournament earlier this week.

Their season resumes Friday, Jan. 9, when they play Pilot Rock on the Rockets' home court. The girls will play at 6 p.m. with the boys to follow at 7:30.



Kaelyn Lindsay (#2) and Macy Gibbs (#3) shut out the South Wasco Redsidies during the pre-Christmas game. The Mustang girls handily defeated their opponents 53-35. -Photo by Sandra Putman

## HHS hosts alumni basketball games



Above: Lori Moeller Sarich (#30) and Molly Rhea (#22) try to block Mindy Wilson (#31) during the alumni women's basketball game last Sunday in Heppner. The blue team of "more experienced" players won the game by the score of 49-39. Below: Jaden Orr (left) and Shane Matheny prove they can keep it light and have fun even during the intense competition that was the trademark of the alumni men's basketball game last weekend. The blue team ended up defeating the white team 110-106. -Photos by Sandra Putman



The Heppner Mustang Alumni Basketball games were held on Sunday afternoon. Alumni games are open to any former HHS graduate and/or spouse of a graduate. There were both men's and a woman's games played.

In the women's game, the team of "more experienced" players—or the team whose members may have graduated earlier—won the game by the score of 49-39.

The women's game featured players who played as recently as last year, to a

player who played for the Mustangs in 1976. Two members of the 1986 State Championship team also participated.

A very competitive men's game saw the blue team defeat the white team by the score of 110-106. Excellent outside shooting and some high-flying inside play made this game a fun one to watch.

This event is a fundraiser for the HHS boys' basketball team and has been held for several years now. Plans are already underway for next year's games.

## Heppner TSA shows well at conference

The Oregon Technology Student Association (TSA) held its fall conference at BMCC in Pendleton recently.

The first event was Flight Endurance, in which students built and flew a model plane for as long a flight was possible.

The second event was Manufacturing Prototype, in which students researched, designed and built 20 toys. The toys were then divided among the teams and donated to charity. Heppner TSA donated its share of the Christmas toys (two large boxes) to the South Morrow County Neighborhood Center.

The third event was Structural Design and Engineering, in which students designed and built a box girder beam bridge for an elevated light rail mass transit system.

Heppner took first place (Bryan Fowler), second place (Kane Sweeney) and third place (Ross Cutsforth) in Flight Endurance. The



Heppner TSA members (front) Taylor Hamby, Secretary Rylee Wagoner, Reporter Bryan Fowler, Daichi Walters, Treasurer Kai Arbogast, (second row) Kane Sweeney, President Cade Arbogast, (back) Ross Cutsforth, Sergeant at Arms Jesse Boyd, Justus Schoenborn and Vice President Will Lutzer. -Contributed photo

HHS TSA team got third place for its Manufacturing Prototype. In Structural Design and Engineering, Kai Arbogast and Daichi Walters won second place, and

Rylee Wagoner and Taylor Hamby won third place.

Oregon TSA will hold its winter conference in February and its spring conference in April. Students

from the Heppner TSA Chapter also are making plans to attend the National TSA Conference in Dallas, TX in the summer of 2015.

## HHS Honor Society to sponsor blood drive

The Heppner High School chapter of the National Honor Society will hold a blood drive on Monday, Jan. 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Patrick's parish hall, 325 Gale St., Heppner.

Contact Maddie Lindsay, 541-256-0344, or Petra Payne, 541-676-5466, to schedule an appointment to donate.

The American Red Cross asks eligible blood donors to make a resolution to give blood regularly in 2015, beginning with National Blood Donor Month

in January.

National Blood Donor Month recognizes the importance of giving blood and platelets while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need. It has been observed during January since 1970, and that's no coincidence. Winter is an especially difficult time to collect enough blood to meet patient needs. Unpredictable winter weather can result in blood drive cancellations, and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, may cause some donors to be unable to make

or keep blood donation appointments.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. With a shelf life of 42 days, red blood cells must be constantly replenished to maintain an adequate supply for patients.

To learn more about donating blood or to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

## HHS senior class Texas Hold 'em set for Jan. 10

The Heppner High School senior class Texas Hold 'em fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Heppner Elks Club. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. with play getting underway at 6 p.m. Cost is \$40 for a buy-in.

## Next chamber lunch Jan. 8

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be the chamber's annual luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 8, from noon to 1 p.m. The annual meeting will be held in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Pudding in the Ritz will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than Monday, Dec. 29, to guarantee a lunch.

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