

Mustangs show their class in busy wrestling schedule



John Prophter wrestles an opponent at the Joseph Cosgrove Eschler Invitational. Prophter won two silver medals last week, one at the Joseph tournament and one at the Pomeroy Christmas Tournament the Tuesday before. —Photo by Kandy Boyd

The Mustang wrestlers competed at two tournaments over the past week, one in Pomeroy, WA and one in Joseph, OR. Both tournaments were large, with 18 teams in Pomeroy and 23 in Joseph. Both tournaments also included teams from Oregon, Washington and Idaho with a combination of large and small schools.

On Tuesday the team wrestled in the Pomeroy Christmas Tournament and competed against many schools the Mustangs had never seen before. Of the seven wrestlers that made the trip, three made it through to the finals in their weight classes.

In the evening championship matches Ryan Smith faced a Clarkston, WA opponent, Cord Flynn a Kittitas, WA opponent and John Prophter a Selkirk, WA opponent. Flynn won

his second gold medal at 182 pounds in four days, having won the Mac-Hi tournament the previous weekend. Smith and Prophter each earned silver.

Jacob Moses was the other Mustang placer, earning sixth place at 152 pounds. Jesse Boyd and Will Lutcher also won matches and scored team points for Heppner.

Only four Mustangs made the trip to Joseph for



Will Lutcher, pictured here in a Joseph match, wrestled his way into match wins at both Joseph and Pomeroy, earning points for the Mustang team. —Photo by Kandy Boyd

the two-day Cosgrove Eschler Invitational. All four wrestlers won matches by pin and scored team points competing in tough brackets. Many of the weight classes were full sixteen-man brackets, and some were large enough to require pigtail matches to get into the sixteen-man bracket.

John Prophter got his second silver medal for the week at 220 pounds.

Cord Flynn finished fifth at 182 pounds by clawing his way through the consolation bracket following an overtime loss in the quarterfinals to a highly-ranked Weiser, ID opponent.

Jesse Boyd and Will Lutcher also competed for the Mustangs at 138 and 145 pounds respectively, two full weight classes that featured returning state champions and state placers.

Mustang girls defeat Cobras in Central Linn tournament

The Heppner Mustang girls basketball team travelled to Halsey to participate in the Central Linn High School tournament. They played three tough games in three days and came away with a 1-2 record.

After a long bus ride, the Mustangs faced the 3A Willamina Bulldogs. Heppner had trouble scoring points in the game and trailed 5-2 after the first quarter. They were still behind at the half 11-5 and both teams scored nine points in the second half. The Mustangs could not make up for their first half scoring slump and lost the game 20-14. Willamina would end up winning the girls' side of the tournament when they defeated Grant Union in the championship game.

Kelly Wilson had 6 points, 7 rebounds and 1 assist to lead the Mustangs. Jessica Kempkin scored 2 points and pulled down 12 rebounds in the game. Maddie Lindsay also had 2 points, 8 rebounds and a blocked shot. Macy Gibbs also recorded 2 points and she crashed the boards for 6 rebounds. Paige Grieb added 2 points and 3 rebounds for the team.

In the game with the host Central Linn Cobras,

the Mustangs won by the score of 37-34. The team shook off the slow start they had the day before and put some points on the scoreboard. The game was tied 18-18 at halftime and the Mustangs trailed at the end of the third quarter 28-25. The Heppner team closed out the game strong with a 12-6 fourth-quarter advantage to take the win in the back-and-fourth game.

Wilson once again led the team in scoring with 15. She also had 9 rebounds and 3 steals. Maddie Lindsay had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds in the game. Kempkin followed with 9 points and 11 rebounds. Kacie Gray scored the other 2 points and she also grabbed 2 rebounds. Gibbs corralled 6 rebounds and Grieb had 2 rebounds and an assist. Kaelyn Lindsay also had 2 rebounds for the Mustangs.

In their final game of the three-day tournament, the Mustangs were edged by the 3A Harrisburg Eagles 39-35. The game was tied 10-10 after one quarter and the Mustangs led at halftime 23-20. They were outscored 9-4 in the third quarter to trail as the fourth quarter started. It was a back-and-forth game near the end as Harrisburg was up by two with just over

four minutes to play. Heppner then forced the play and caused some turnovers by the Eagles. Heppner then took a four-point lead with just over two minutes to play in the game. Harrisburg took the lead again near the end and held on to it to get the win.

Recording a double-double for the Mustangs was Jessica Kempkin with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Wilson had 12 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists. Grieb played her best all-around game of the year with 8 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists. Maddie Lindsay hauled down 11 rebounds in the game and Gibbs had 2.

For her outstanding play in the tournament, Kelly Wilson was named to the All-Tournament team.

"It was a good tournament for us to play in. We had some close games and played against two quality 3A teams. The girls gave tremendous effort all tournament long and we learned a lot about ourselves. It was great to have these tough games as we prepare for our conference schedule," said head coach Melissa Lindsay.

The Mustangs open Columbia Basin Conference play on Friday, Jan. 9, at Pilot Rock. Game time is 6 p.m.

History, opportunity, skill development...the Morrow County Chronicles

The Morrow County Historical Society is offering local history for local people, as well as other interested individuals.

An opportunity to discover details of history sometimes ignored or glossed over, or to develop a new point of view, or to develop writing skills awaits contributors to the 2015 Morrow County Chronicles.

Anyone interested in contributing is invited to an organizational meeting

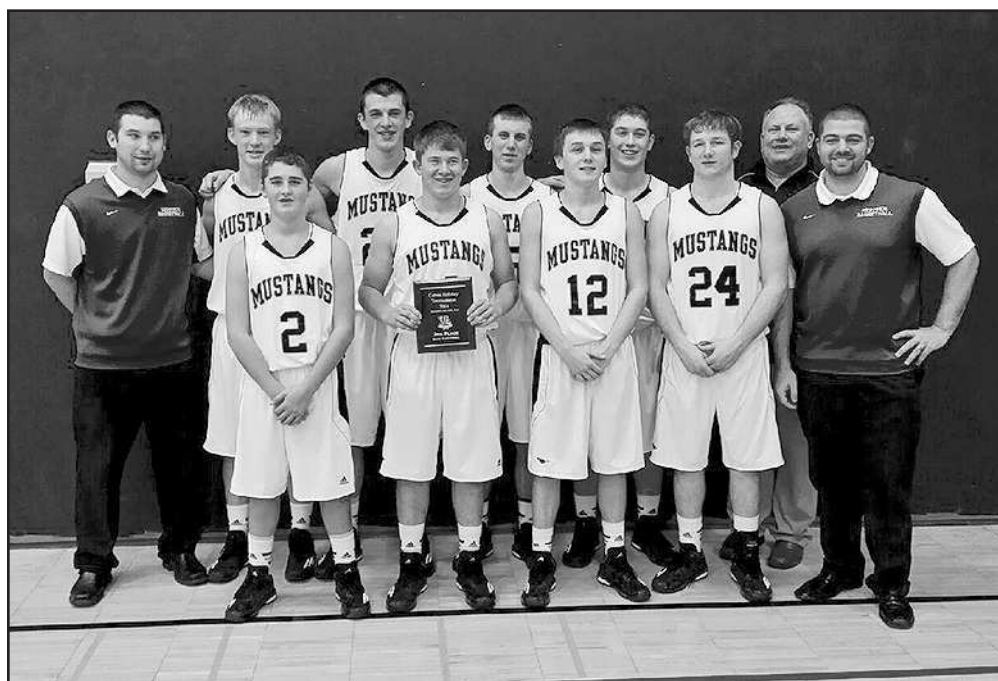
to be held at Heppner City Hall on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. The society's goal is to have the 2015 edition of the Morrow County Chronicles ready for publication by April 1. Chronicles will go on sale at the 2015 Morrow County Fair & rodeo.

For anyone who might be interested but who feels they may not have the necessary skills, the group has the expertise of retired English teachers and people educated in English litera-

ture, etc. who are willing to provide help. Everyone is invited to come with questions and ideas.

Also, the historical society would like to remind everyone that, though Christmas is past, the Chronicles make great birthday presents. The full set of MCC (27 volumes, from 1984 to 2014) is available for purchase at a local Bank of Eastern Oregon branch or at city hall for \$100.

Heppner boys take second at Cobra Holiday Tournament



The Mustang boys' basketball team with its second-place award from the Cobra Holiday Tournament. Front (L-R): Jake Lindsay, Kolby Currin, Caden Hedman, CJ Kindle and Coach Mike Ehrsam. Back (L-R): Head Coach Jeremy Rosenbalm, Kevin Murray, Ross Cutsforth, Logan Grieb, Weston Putman, Coach Ken Grieb. Not Pictured: Patrick Collins. —Contributed photo

The Heppner Mustang boys basketball team took second place at the Cobra Holiday Tournament held at Central Linn High School in Halsey. The three-day, eight-team event featured many top-ranked 2A and 3A teams from around the state. The Mustangs defeated the 3A Willamina Bulldogs 49-39 and then they beat the host Cobras by the score of 58-42. Heppner lost in the championship game to 2A powerhouse Toledo 62-36.

In the game with Willamina, the Mustangs started out fast. They scored 17 points in the first quarter and led 17-8. They then stretched the lead to 29-16 at halftime. Heppner struggled to score in the third, but still led 35-23. The Mustangs were outscored 16-14 in the fourth quarter but won the game 49-39.

CJ Kindle led the team in scoring with 17 points. He also had 6 rebounds and 1 assist. Logan Grieb was next with 15 points, 7 rebounds and had 3 assists. Patrick Collins had a double-double for the team with his 10 points and 14 rebounds. Ross Cutsforth scored 4 points and had 9 big rebounds for the night. Weston Putman scored 3 points and had 5 rebounds. Caden Hedman got in the game and had 1 rebound for the team.

The Mustangs shot 38 percent from the field and outrebounded the Bulldogs 40-29.

Against the host Cobras, Heppner put together a stalwart defensive performance. The Mustangs held

Central Linn to 29 percent shooting in their home gym while Heppner shot 49 percent for the game. Once again the Mustangs started fast, scoring many easy baskets after they broke the Central Linn press. Heppner led 18-10 after the first period and kept the pressure on to stretch the lead to 32-19 at halftime. The Mustangs then outscored the Cobras 26-23 in the second half to secure the win 58-42.

Grieb had the hot hand as he hit four three-pointers on his way to 21 points on the night. He also had 4 rebounds and 4 assists. Collins was next with 17 points and 6 rebounds. Putman scored 8 points and had 10 big rebounds in the game. Cutsforth was strong again with 7 points and 9 rebounds. He also had 4 assists in the game. Kindle also had 4 assists to go along with 4 points and 5 rebounds. Hedman had 1 point and Kevin Murray came in and grabbed 5 rebounds for the team. The Mustangs continued to dominate teams on the glass as they outrebounded the Cobras 39-20.

Collins left after the game to fly down and watch the Rose Bowl game. That left only eight players available to play the highly-ranked Toledo Boomers in the tournament championship game. Toledo has a team with a lot of senior experience and talent, and it showed early. They jumped out to a 14-5 lead after the first quarter. Heppner did come back and outscore the

Boomers in the second but still trailed 22-14 at halftime. Outstanding shooting by Toledo in the second half helped contribute to them outscoring the Mustangs 40-22 in the second half. The Mustangs suffered their first loss of the season by the score of 62-36.

Ross Cutsforth had a big game for the Mustangs. He shot the ball well and ended up with a season-best 17 points. He also had 5 rebounds and a blocked shot. Grieb scored 10 points, and had 5 assists and 2 rebounds. Hedman filled in well and scored 4 points, and had 3 assists and 2 rebounds. Putman played hard and had 3 points and 7 rebounds in the game. Murray started in Collins' place and scored 2 points and had 7 big rebounds. Kindie had 4 assists and a rebound for the team.

The Toledo coach commented that his team had never shot the ball so well. They finished the game shooting 64 percent compared to the Mustangs' total of 35 percent. Heppner did outrebound the Boomers 23-12.

Logan Grieb and Ross Cutsforth were named to the All-Tournament team for their outstanding play during the week.

Heppner currently has a record of 9-1. They are the number-one ranked team in the state for 2A basketball. They begin their Columbia Basin Conference schedule when they travel to Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 9, to play the Rockets. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Lady Cards take down Huskies 44-39

The Cardinal game against Sherman ended in another loss for the Ione boys' basketball team last Saturday. The loss of their first league game of the season gives the boys a 1-6 overall record and 0-1 league record.

The girls fared better, winning their first league game 44-39 over the Sherman Huskies. This gives the

Lady Cards a record of 1-6 overall and 1-0 league.

Girls' stats were unavailable at press time. Boys' stats for the Sherman game are as follows:

Ione Cardinals vs Sherman, 37-86

Jan. 3, 2015

Score by quarters:

Ione Cardinals: 10, 14, 8, 5

Sherman: 25, 25, 8, 28

Player: Reb, Ast, St, Pts

Donald McElligott: 2, 1, 2

Austin Carter: 1, 0, 1, 2

Henry Padberg: 2, 0, 0, 6

Zack Irons: 1, 1, 0, 2

Joe Doherty: 4, 1, 0, 0

Tj Patton: 10, 0, 0, 13

Jason Juarez: 4, 3, 4, 12

David Smidmajer: 1, 1, 0, 0

Austin Morter: 1, 0, 0, 0

Totals: 26, 7, 6, 37

'Start a lifesaving habit' by giving blood at Ione school

The American Red Cross is encouraging eligible blood donors to "start a lifesaving habit" by becoming regular blood donors this year, starting with National Blood Donor Month in January. As part of that challenge, a mobile blood drive will take place Jan. 20 at the Ione High School, 445 Spring St., Ione, from noon to 5 p.m.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients with any blood type. Types A and B negative can be transfused to Rh positive or negative patients.

To learn more about donating blood and to

schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Dates and times of blood drives are subject to change, especially during inclement winter weather. Scheduling an appointment in advance to donate blood is recommended.

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