

Heppner girls receive all-tournament honors



Paige Grieb and Kelly Wilson were selected to the All-Tournament team at the Warrior Tip-Off Tournament held at Warrenton High School recently. The girls were just notified of this honor and are shown here with their medals. —Contributed photo

Mustang girls falter in first league game of season

The Heppner High School Mustang girls basketball team suffered a loss in their first conference game when they were shot down by the Pilot Rock Rockets 48-24.

Neither team could get much going in the first quarter and it ended with the score tied at 6-6. Heppner was then outscored 14-4 in the second quarter and trailed at halftime 20-10.

The Mustangs, who are just now getting several key players back from injuries, could not keep up with the Rockets in the third quarter.

Heppner was outscored 20-5 and trailed 40-15 as the fourth quarter started. The Mustangs did win the fourth quarter 9-8, but it was too little too late. That made the final score of the game 48-24.

Heppner was led in scoring by Maddie Lindsay and Kelly Wilson, who had 7 points each. Paige Grieb followed closely with 6 points on the night. Jessica Kempkin and Sophie Grant contributed 2 points each in the game. Maddie Lindsay and Kempkin both

Mustang boys blast into conference play with dominating win

The Heppner Mustang boys basketball team started conference play with an impressive win over the Pilot Rock Rockets by the score of 73-44. The Mustangs record is 10-1 overall and they are now 1-0 in Columbia Basin Conference play. They are currently the number-one ranked team in the OSAA 2A State Basketball rankings.

The Mustangs jumped out to an early lead over the Rockets as they attacked their zone defense and scored many easy baskets. Heppner led 16-5 at the end of the first quarter and then stretched the lead to 36-16 at halftime.

The Rockets came out hot in the third quarter and scored seven straight unanswered points. The

Mustangs played them even the rest of the way and led 46-32 at the end of the quarter. The fourth quarter belonged to Heppner as they outscored the Rockets 27-12 to get the win by the score of 73-44.

Heppner shot 48 percent from the field overall and held Pilot Rock to 26 percent. The Mustangs continued their streak of outrebounding teams as they dominated the Rockets on the boards 48-34. The team shared the ball well as they had 22 assists on the 29 baskets that they scored in the game.

Leading the way for Heppner was Weston Putman. He scored 21 points and hauled down a game high 14 rebounds. Weston

also had 4 assists and a steal on the night. Logan Grieb had another strong all-around game. The sophomore guard scored 17 points, had 6 rebounds, 5 assists and a blocked shot. Ross Cutsforth continued his strong play with 13 points, 4 rebounds and a steal for the Mustangs. Patrick Collins recorded another double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. He also had an assist in the game. Jesse Corbin was next with 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist and a steal for the night. CJ Kindle had a good overall game as he scored 4 points, had 3 rebounds, 1 steal and dished out 9 assists. Kevin Murray recorded 1 rebound and had an assist. He also provided

some great defensive play on the Rocket post player when the other Heppner big men got into foul trouble. Caden Hedman got his first-ever start for the Mustangs and had 3 rebounds and an assist for the team. Jake Lindsay and Kolby Currin each had a rebound for the team. Jeremiah Petzoldt gave the team some good minutes with his hustle on the defensive end of the floor.

The Mustangs have a tough schedule ahead of them this week. The team will face off against the number three and five teams in the state. The Irrigon Knights come to Heppner on Friday night and then the Mustangs will travel to Stanfield on Saturday.

Heppner club takes a trip to the wild side with ski outing



The Heppner High School Outdoor Club had a two-day overnight ski trip to Anthony Lakes Ski Area recently, spending the night in a rental yurt at the lake. Pictured are Jan Glasen, Len Havermeier, Kolby Currin, Cade Arbogast, Bryan Fowler, Kai Arbogast and Justus Schoenborn. —Contributed photo

High school seeking teams for dodge-ball tournament

Heppner High School is recruiting teams for the eighth-grade dodge ball tournament planned for Thursday, February 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Heppner High School.

The event is a fundraiser for the eighth-grade class but the tournament is

open to all ages. Teams will be comprised of eight members at a cost of \$40 per team. Class advisor Beth Dickenson says the school encourages businesses to put together teams, though they welcome anyone, including college kids and HHS alumni.

“Bring on your competition and your Mustang spirit!” says Dickenson.

Contact Mr. Palmer or Mrs. Dickenson for further information at 541-676-9138 or by email at elizabeth.dickenson@morrow.k12.or.us or palmer@morrow.k12.or.us.

Chamber Chatter

Wednesday, January 14, from 2-4 p.m. — Livestock Growers annual meeting at the OSU Extension Office in Heppner. Updates will be given from the county wolf committee, ODFW, aerial predator control, memorial scholarship fundraising, the Oregon Cattleman's Association, as well as a roundtable discussion on Medusahead control by Andrew Kilgore of K2

Aerial and Steve Wallace of Western Ag Services. Refreshments will be served and the meeting is open to the public. Please RSVP to the OSU Extension Service office at 541-676-9642.

Thursday, January 15 — Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards — Morrow County Fairgrounds. This great community event will start at 6 p.m. with a

dinner served by Alvin Liu. The program will follow shortly after the meal has been served.

There will also be the coronation of the Morrow County Fair Queen, so plan on coming out and celebrating with the winners of the community awards and spending the evening with community members and friends. It is guaranteed to be a great evening.

Tickets are \$20 each and are now available for sale at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Chamber Office, Community Bank and Murray's. Contact the Heppner Chamber to reserve some tickets at 541-676-5536 or by email at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

Tuesday, January 20, American Red Cross Blood drive will be held from 12-5p.m. at Ione High School. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O Negative, A negative and B negative. To schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App (redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767. Scheduling an appointment in advance is recommended.

Sunday, January 25 — 3 p.m. — John Wambeke & Friends — Cabin Fever Show and Dutch Oven Dessert at the American Legion Hall in Ione: Come enjoy some great entertainment. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at Bank of Eastern Oregon and Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington.

Wheat Foundation scholarships offered

Pendleton, OR—The Oregon Wheat Foundation will provide up to 12 scholarships for high school seniors whose families are members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

The scholarship is also open to students who work part-time for grower members or whose family members are employed by OWGL members.

The scholarship requirements include an essay on any topic related to the wheat industry and a summary of the student's school and community involvement.

One \$1,000 award will be made to a qualifying student from each of the participating counties, which include Morrow, Umatilla, Baker, Gilliam, Klamath, Malheur, Sherman, Union, Wallowa and Wasco.

In addition, up to two awards will be made in the Willamette Valley counties

and one in the Central Oregon counties.

Application forms are available from the Oregon Wheat Growers League website at www.owgl.org, or contact Marilyn Blagg,

scholarship coordinator for the Oregon Wheat Foundation, at mblagg@owgl.org with questions.

Applications must be postmarked by Sunday, Feb. 1.

Ione blood drive next Tuesday

A reminder that Ione's annual Red Cross blood drive will be held next Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the Ione High School gym from noon to 5 p.m. Anyone who would like to donate is asked to e-mail Lea Mathieu at lea.mathieu@ione.k12.or.us with a phone number, and an Ione ASB officer will respond to set up an appointment.

Ione library board to meet

The Ione Library District Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, beginning at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2nd Street, Ione.

The public is welcome to attend.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday,

Feb. 5, at noon in the Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10. Chamber lunch attendees

are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic parish members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at St. Patrick's Senior

Center. The meal will include shepherd's pie, broccoli salad, hot rolls and banana pudding. Milk is

served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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