

Mustangs ranked third in state after split weekend

The Heppner Mustang boys basketball team won one game and lost one last week in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs (14-4, 5-3) are currently the third-ranked team in the state. They team beat the fourth-ranked Stanfield Tigers 59-58 on Tuesday night. They then travelled to take on the number-one team in the state, the Irrigon Knights, and lost that game by a score of 66-48.

In what was a close game throughout, Stanfield led at the end of the first quarter 20-14. The Mustangs outscored the Tigers 19-9 in the second to take the lead into the locker room 33-29 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Tigers made a run and scored 21 points while the Mustangs collected 14.

Stanfield had the lead 50-47 as the fourth quarter started. Another close quarter saw the Mustangs trail by five points with just seconds left. Logan Grieb made a three-pointer to bring the team within 2 points. Heppner had to foul quickly to force the Tigers to shoot free throws or they would be able to run the clock out.

With only 10 seconds left in the game, the Mustangs had to foul the Tigers six times to get them into the bonus and to the free-throw line. They pressured the Tigers and fouled them as soon as they touched the ball. The seventh Heppner team foul sent a Tiger player to the line with 2.3 seconds left in the game. He missed the front end of the one and one and CJ Kindle grabbed the long rebound. He turned and rushed to center court and shot the ball as time expired and the buzzer sounded. He was fouled on the shot and fell to the floor hard. Kindle was awarded three free-throws for his effort. He calmly stepped to the

line all by himself and made the first two shots to tie the score. Stanfield then took a timeout to try and "ice" him. After the timeout he toed the line, took a deep breath and made the final free-throw to give the Mustangs the win 59-58.

Logan Grieb led the Mustangs in scoring with 16 points. He also had 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 blocked shot. Kindle finished the game with 13 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals. Patrick Collins also scored 13 points, had 12 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 blocked shots in the game. Jesse Corbin played some valuable minutes and chipped in 8 points and had 2 rebounds. Ross Cutsforth finished with 4 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot. Weston Putman was solid as ever and scored 3 points, had 7 rebounds and 1 steal. Kevin Murray gave the team a strong effort and scored 2 points, had 2 rebounds and 1 steal.

Heppner was outshot by the Tigers from the field



CJ Kindle steadies his aim at the free-throw line. His eye for the net gave the Mustangs their 59-58 victory over Stanfield. -Photo by Sandra Putman

50 percent to 40 percent, but the Mustangs controlled the backboards, outrebounding



Heppner's Weston Putman jumps for the net while Ross Cutsforth blocks in the game against the Irrigon Knights. -Photo by Sandra Putman.

Stanfield 36-25.

Irrigon is the defending state champion and they feature the last two "players of the year" in 2A basketball. Heppner was outscored in every quarter of the game but they played hard to the very end.

The Mustangs trailed 20-13 after one quarter of play and Irrigon outscored the Mustangs 17-15 in the second quarter to make it 37-28 at halftime.

It was close again in the third, but Irrigon won that quarter 13-9 to make the score 50-37 as the game entered the fourth quarter. A 16-11 advantage for the Knights in the quarter made the final score of the game 66-48.

Collins continued his streak of double-doubles as he went for 18 points and had 12 rebounds. Putman followed him with 12 points and 7 rebounds. Grieb had 7

points in the game and also recorded 2 rebounds and 2 assist. Kindle had 5 points, 3 assist and 1 steal for the night. Cutsforth chipped in 4 points, 3 rebounds and 1 assist and Caden Hedman scored 2 points and had 2 rebounds for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs shot 44 percent from the field in the game to the Knights' 55 percent. Heppner once again won the battle of the boards, this time with a 26-13 advantage.

Heppner will travel to play the Weston-McEwen TigerScots on Friday night. It will be Senior Night on Saturday when the team hosts the Culver Bulldogs in their last conference game. Mustang senior boys and their families will be honored for their commitment to the program. The seniors are Jesse Corbin, Jeremiah Petzoldt and Ross Cutsforth.

Local players make 2015 East Shrine All-Star team

Two local athletes have been named to the 2015 East Shrine All-Star team.

Heppner High School's John Propheter, offensive lineman/defensive lineman, was selected to the East team. Heppner's Jesse Corbin, defensive back/wide receiver, was selected as alternate to the team.

"Both are deserving of recognition," said HHS Athletic Director Greg Grant.

Also chosen as an alternate for the east team was Levi Papineau, offensive lineman/defensive lineman



John Propheter

for Weston-McEwen High. Oregon's 63rd annual East West Shrine All-Star Football Game, which benefits the Portland Shriners Hospital for Children, will take place Saturday August 1, 2015 in Baker City, OR. Parade time and game time are to be determined. More information on the game and the teams is available at <http://www.eastwestshrine-football.com/>.

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Jesse Corbin

HES announces honor card winners

Heppner Elementary School has announced 72 honor card winners for the second quarter of the 2014-15 school year. Winners are as follows (by class):

Mrs. Morris-8: Keaton Coiner, Jaysi Dompier, Brooklyn Hendricks, Healy Hisler, Claire Lindsay, Hailey McDaniel, Alakae Rodriguez, Patrick Wolford.

Mrs. Matteson-11: Mariah Combe, Lane Critchlow, Caleb George, Faith Holsinger, Wyatt King, Lily Nichols, Rylee Palmer, Maya Payne, Natalie Piper, Tripp Stewart, Logan Turner.

Mrs. Stewart-8: Jackson Coiner, Ally Green, Sierra Greenup, Hallee Hisler, Aden Lathrop, John Lindsay, Keeley Nairns, Lynn Williams.

Mrs. Coiner-8: Keegin Chitty, Morgan Cutsforth, Ethan Delibertis, Caden George, Irelynn Kollman,

Zandra Masterson, Landon Mitchell, Arianna Worden.

Mrs. Gibbs-8: David Cribbs, Paul Lindsay, Ireland Martin, Trevor Nichols, Madison Palmer, Hailey Wenberg, Brooklynn Wilson, Katie Wilson.

Mrs. Piper-16: Mason Alleman, Harley Ann Anderson, Kylie Boor, Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe, Kaden Combe, Zander Fisher, Cody Fletcher, Hannah Green, Brock Hisler, Brian Lindsay, Blane Mahoney, Zabrana Masterson, Aubriana Rodriguez, Jett Stewart, Roen Waite.

Mrs. Dowdy-13: Alexis Cutsforth, Kendall Dowdy, Sage Ferguson, Brinley Furrer, Jackson Lehman, Marlee Mitchell, Madelyn Nichols, Hannah Palmer, Serenity Rodriguez, Genevieve Smith, Aimee Turrell, Jayden Wilson, Blake Wolters.

HES announces perfect attendance

Heppner Elementary has announced that 66 students achieved perfect attendance for the second quarter of the 2014-15 school year and 41 students achieved perfect attendance for the first semester 2014-15.

Following are those with perfect attendance for the quarter (by class):

Mrs. Morris: 5—Carly Bash, Keaton Coiner, Brooklyn Hendricks, Healy Hisler, Claire Lindsay.

Mrs. Matteson: 6—Mariah Combe, Owen Guerra, Natalie Piper, Sophie Rodriguez, Logan Turner, Connor Wilson.

Mrs. Stewart: 13—Jesse Bowles, Makiyah Christian, Jackson Coiner, Trenton Delibertis, Ally Green, Hallee Hisler, John Lindsay, Amelia Manning, Isiah Martin, Zaleta Masterson, Keeley Nairns, Nickolas Wenberg, Lynn Williams.

Mrs. Coiner: 7—Dylan Christian, Hailey Cimmiyotti, Morgan Cutsforth, David Devilbiss, Amber Manning, Zandra Masterson, Teagan Ramsey.

Mrs. Gibbs: 8—Hayley Akers, Bill Alldritt, Ty Boor, Adan Guerra, Ireland Martin, Johnny Resch, Hailey Wenberg, Katie Wilson.

Mrs. Piper: 14—Mason Alleman, Amelia Baker, Kylie Boor, Conor Brosnan, Kason Cimmiyotti, Zander Fisher, Cody Fletcher, Hannah Green, Brock Hisler, Joseph Sherman, Derrick Smith, Kegan Steagall,

Jonathon Waddell, Wyatt Wilhelm.

Mrs. Dowdy: 13—Hayden Hyatt, Mikel Jaca, Jackson Lehman, Marlee Mitchell, Madelyn Nichols, Kael Osmin, Hannah Palmer, Kevin Rea, Diana Rodriguez, Genevieve Smith, Tyson Vawser, Sydney Wilson, Blake Wolters.

Those achieving perfect attendance for the first semester were (by class):

Mrs. Morris: 3—Keaton Coiner, Healy Hisler, Claire Lindsay.

Mrs. Matteson: 4—Owen Guerra, Sophie Rodriguez, Logan Turner, Connor Wilson.

Mrs. Stewart: 6—Hallee Hisler, John Lindsay, Amelia Manning, Isiah Martin, Zaleta Masterson, Nickolas Wenberg.

Mrs. Coiner: 6—Hailey Cimmiyotti, Morgan Cutsforth, David Devilbiss, Amber Manning, Zandra Masterson, Teagan Ramsey.

Mrs. Gibbs: 5—Bill Alldritt, Ty Boor, Adan Guerra, Ireland Martin, Hailey Wenberg.

Mrs. Piper: 8—Amelia Baker, Conor Brosnan, Kason Cimmiyotti, Zander Fisher, Cody Fletcher, Brock Hisler, Derrick Smith, Kegan Steagall.

Mrs. Dowdy: 9—Mikel Jaca, Jackson Lehman, Marlee Mitchell, Kael Osmin, Hannah Palmer, Genevieve Smith, Tyson Vawser, Sydney Wilson, Blake Wolters.

'Why BMCC?' poster contest spurs creativity in Morrow County students

Why BMCC? That's the question Blue Mountain Community College asked students in Morrow County who participated in a poster contest to show why students choose to attend BMCC after high school graduation. One contest entry was selected from each of the three participating Morrow County high schools, with the winner taking home \$250.

Heppner winners were Demi Schmidt, Olivia Schmidt, Katlyn Harper and Marissa McKague of Heppner High School. Other county winners were Brittaney Zuercher of Irrigon High School and Dixie Gonzalez of Riverside High School.

The posters will be used for marketing purposes for BMCC. The scholarships were funded by the BMCC Foundation Board's discretionary fund.

Each poster entry was required to contain creative original artwork and text designed to answer the question of why students should consider attending BMCC upon graduation.

The contest was the



Heppner winners Demi Schmidt, Olivia Schmidt, Katlyn Harper and Marissa McKague. -Photo courtesy of Morrow County School District

brainchild of South Morrow County residents and longtime BMCC supporters Chris Brown and Louis Carlson. They said their hope was that the contest would inspire a thoughtful process for students to consider BMCC as an op-

tion after high school, as well as to enable a student's parents to better understand the opportunities for tuition cost savings, workforce training opportunities and a jump-start on a four-year degree at a local community college.



Heppner winning poster.

Are You Known As A Christian?

In John 13:35 Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. How do you treat those you love? Don't you take every opportunity to get together with them. My children live so far away I only see them once or twice a year. I always yearn for it to be far more often. When we get together, sometimes we have special activities and sometimes not: we just hang out. But it's wonderful just to be with them regardless. Don't miss out on a Christian heritage. Find a Bible believing church and join them every time they get together. People will conclude that you really are a Christian. (And maybe you actually will be!)"

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