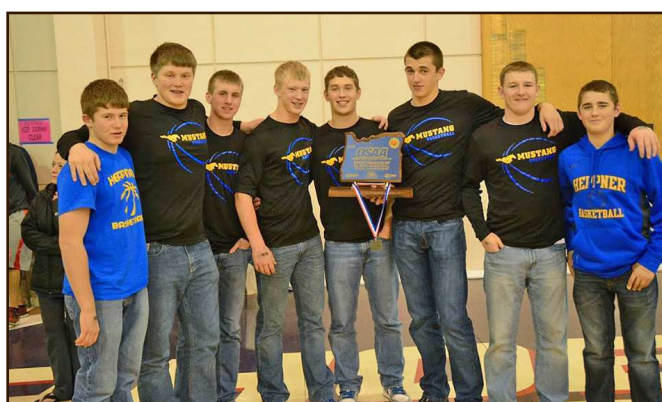


Mustangs win tournament sportsmanship award

One of the most coveted awards given out at the OSAA State Basketball Tournament is the Sportsmanship trophy. This year's winner of the award was the Heppner High School Mustangs boys' basketball team.

This prestigious award is given to the team that displays the best sportsmanship for the entire tournament.

The teams' coaches and fans are also included in determining who wins the award. The Heppner team had a large, loud and supportive group of fans cheering for them the entire tournament. The student cheering section was as



Accepting the sportsmanship trophy at the tournament were (L-R): Kolby Currin, Patrick Collins, Logan Grieb, Kevin Murray, Weston Putman, Ross Cutsforth, CJ Kindle and Jake Lindsay. Patrick Collins also was named to the All-Tournament Second Team. —Contributed photo

loud as those from any of the schools that were in the tournament.

"This award is some-

thing that the entire HHS Boys' Basketball program and their fans can be very proud of," said one of the team's coaches.

Ione school announces perfect attendance



Ione Community School gave awards to the following students with perfect attendance in the month of February: William Lehn, Phegley Padberg, Caylan Proudfoot, Gus Cayce, Eduardo Escobar, Carter Eynetich, Henry Giefing, Noelia Ramirez, Brianna Serrano, Delaney Stefani, Hadley Wright, Cameron Crum, Matthew Eubanks, Eva Martin, Ola Rietmann, Victoria De La Torre, Liam Heideman, Michael McElligott, Mason Orem, Hailee Peck, Corey Rice, Finn Simpson, Katie Spivey, Jocelyn Hall, Karensa Jones, Cameron Proudfoot, Madison Bain, Caleb Cambero Aguilar, Carson Eynetich, Oliver Giefing, Madison Orem, Fernando Ramirez, Alexis Ramirez Orozco, Kalvin Rietmann, Bryce Rollins, Morgan Alldritt, Cedrick Dayandante, Emily Ehrmantraut, Seth Gierg, Hailey Heideman, Favi Juarez Alvarez, Chance McCormack, Lucas Parker, Haylie Peterson, Taylor Rollins, Onice Sanchez, Jayne Simpson and Anthony Villegas. —Contributed photo

Poker tournament planned for March 28

The 11th annual Bob Baker Memorial Texas Hold'em tournament (previously the Ione American Legion & Auxiliary Texas Hold'em tournament) will take place Saturday, March 28, at the Ione Legion Hall. Along with Texas Hold'em Poker, the event will also feature Bingo and Bunco, as well as a bake sale and several raffles.

Up for raffle will be a Henry .22 mag lever action

with three boxes of ammo, a Kindle Fire HD, and two raffles for a half beef each, cut and wrapped. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and will be sold at Ione Market, MCGG's in Ione, Pettyjohn's in Heppner and from Legion and Auxiliary members. Raffle tickets for a Kindle can be purchased from Becky Rietmann, Sharon Rietmann, Gina Jepsen and Jennifer DeBoer.

Doors will open on

March 28 at 5 p.m. for a salad and sandwich bar by donation with beverages by Bucknum's. The bake sale will also begin at 5 p.m.

Bingo play will run from 5-7 p.m., with Bunco from 7-9 p.m. Buy-in is \$10.

Poker tournament sign-up begins at 6 p.m. with play to begin at 6:30. Poker buy-in will be \$40, with re-buy until allowed until 7:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded.

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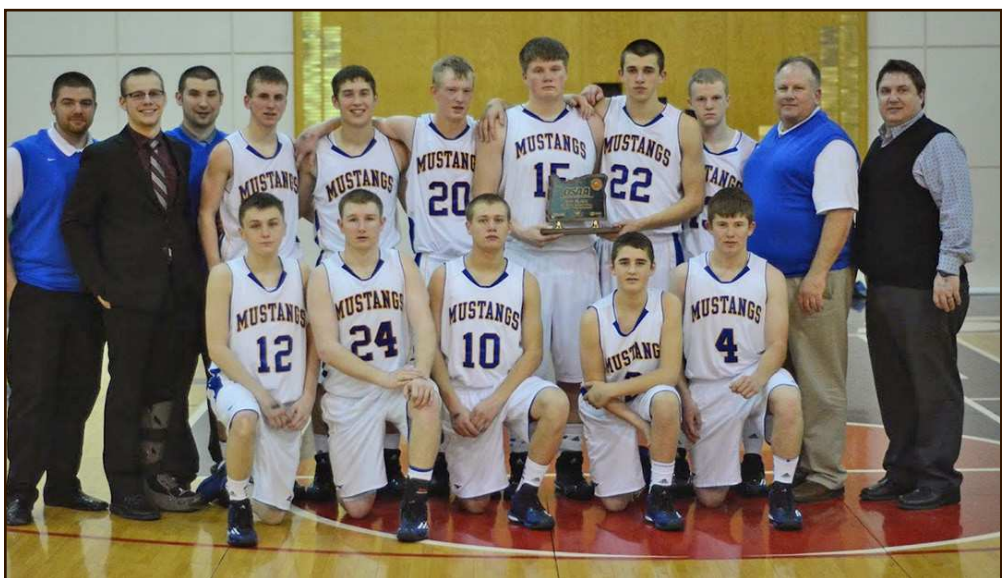
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caregivers to understand how to best manage care, medicines and services, respond to a crisis situation, manage challenging behaviors related to dementia or Alzheimer's disease and provide support for the people they care for and love.

Heppner finishes season fifth in state for boys' basketball



The Mustang boys' basketball team with the fifth-place state trophy. Front (L-R): Caden Hedman, CJ Kindle, Jesse Corbin, Jake Lindsay and Kolby Currin. Back (L-R): Assistant coach Mike Ehrsam, Brian Rill, head coach Jeremy Rosenbalm, Logan Grieb, Weston Putman, Kevin Murray, Patrick Collins, Ross Cutsforth, Jerimiah Petzoldt, assistant coach Ken Grieb, and Shane Munkers, former Mustang, now of US Bank, who presented the award. —Contributed photo

The Heppner High School boys' basketball team capped off an outstanding season by earning the fifth-place trophy at the OSAA State Basketball Championship Tournament. The Mustangs ended their season with an overall record of 19-6.

The Mustangs opened the state tournament with the Knappa Loggers, a team the Mustangs had played earlier in the season and had beaten by 11 points. This game would be much closer and the Mustangs would also win this one in overtime with a score of 56-54. Knappa led after the first quarter of play 12-10. The Mustangs then took control of the second quarter and led at halftime by the score of 26-23. Knappa came back strong in the third and outscored the Mustangs 20-14 to take a 43-40 lead into the fourth quarter. Heppner turned up the defensive pressure and held the Loggers to only four points in the fourth quarter. Heppner could only manage to score seven themselves, but it was enough to end the game tied at 47-47. In overtime, Heppner outscored Knappa 9-7 to secure the win 56-54.

Patrick Collins led the team with 18 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 blocked shot. Logan Grieb scored 14 points and had 7 rebounds and 2 assists in the game. Weston Putman followed with 12 points and 4 rebounds. Ross Cutsforth was next with 6 points, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot

for the Mustangs. CJ Kindle added 3 points and 6 big assists to go along with 1 steal. Jesse Corbin also scored 3 points in the game and Caden Hedman had 2 rebounds.

With the win, Heppner would head to the semifinals to play the Toledo Boomers. The Mustangs had also already played Toledo earlier in the year at a tournament and lost to them. In this game, Heppner jumped out to a 12-9 lead after one quarter of play. Toledo had a strong second quarter, where they would outscore the Mustangs 15-5 to take a 24-17 lead into halftime. Heppner came back strong in the third quarter and pushed the tempo of the game. The Mustangs outscored the Boomers 16-12 to pull within 36-32 as the fourth quarter started. Toledo chose to hold the ball for much of the fourth quarter. The Mustangs had to foul to put them on the foul line to try to get the ball back. Toledo ended up making most of their free-throws in the quarter and they outscored the Mustangs 13-8 to win the game 49-41.

Collins again led the team in scoring with 11. He also had 6 rebounds and 1 blocked shot. Kindle followed with 7 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists. Putman scored 6 points and had 2 rebounds in the game. Cutsforth also 6 points and he had 6 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal. Grieb had 5 points, 2 rebounds and 2

assists on the night. Corbin and Hedman each scored 3 points. Hedman also had 2 rebounds and 2 assists for the Mustangs.

With that loss, Heppner would play for third place in the tournament against the Regis Rams. The Mustangs started the game out slowly and would trail at the end of the first quarter by a score of 17-6. Some adjustments were to the game plan and the Heppner team outscored the Rams in the second quarter 12-7. Heppner then trailed 24-18 at halftime. Heppner came out in the third quarter and dominated it by a score of 18-9 to take a 36-33 lead into the fourth quarter. The Mustangs could not keep up the pace in the fourth quarter and ended up losing the game 50-45. That meant that the team would collect the fifth-place trophy for the tournament.

However, along with the fifth-place trophy, the Mustangs also received the coveted tournament Sportsmanship Award (see accompanying story). Patrick Collins was named to the Second Team All-Tournament.

Kindle led the team in scoring with 11. He also had 3 rebounds and 2 assists. Collins finished with 10 points, 5 rebounds, 2 blocks and 1 steal. Grieb scored 9 points and had 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 1 steal for the Mustangs. Putman chipped in 7 points, 3 rebounds and 1 steal. Kevin Murray scored 4 points and had 3 rebounds and 1 steal in the game. Cutsforth had 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 assist, while Hedman contributed 2 points, 1 assist and 1 steal for the team.

The Mustangs will lose three seniors off of this year's tournament team. They are Ross Cutsforth, Jesse Corbin and Jerimiah Petzoldt. They will be missed, but Heppner will return nine players who got state tournament experience this year. After the initial disappointment of feeling they could have done better at this year's tournament, every one of them, to a man, said they are ready to put in the extra work so they can make it back to the state tournament next year.



Mustang Weston Putman driving the lane

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