

Heppner athletes receive all-state honors



Logan Grieb



Kevin Murray



Wyatt Steagall

Three Heppner Mustang football players were recently honored by being selected to the Oregon 2A Football All-State team for 2016.

Kevin Murray and Logan Grieb are first-team selections on both offense and defense. Kevin is on the first team as an offensive lineman and linebacker. Logan was selected to the first team as a wide receiver

and defensive back. Kevin was also honored as the co-defensive player of the year with Eric Gustin of Regis High School.

Wyatt Steagall is a second-team selection as a defensive lineman.

This is the second year in a row that Kevin and Logan have been selected first team all-state at two different positions.

Alumni basketball game Dec. 23

Heppner High School alumni are invited to sign up for the sixth annual HHS alumni basketball games planned for Friday, Dec. 23, at 6 p.m. The games are open to all HHS alumni and their spouses.

The evening will start with a women's game, followed by the men's game. Teams will be split depending on numbers and the age of participants.

The event is a fundraiser for the HHS boys' basketball program. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a t-shirt.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, and to bring along friends and former teammates. Anyone who has questions or who would like to sign up, please message HHS basketball coach Jeremy Rosenbalm at 541-256-0515 or email him at Jeremy.rosenbalm@morning.k12.or.us.

All Stars after-school program Monday

All Stars Kids Club will meet again Dec. 19 from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m.

All students in kindergarten through sixth grades are welcome to the free program, which is held the last Monday of each month (except December) at the Heppner United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Church and Gale streets.

This month, kids will create their own Christmas ornaments, sing carols, learn to set the table using special place mats, learn how to make fruit kabobs, and enjoy a family meal of macaroni and cheese with ham and more.

For more information, call 541-676-9224 and leave a message or email heppneroregonmethodists@gmail.com.

Holiday festivities Friday at Sweet Productions

Friday afternoon and evening will be festive at Sweet Productions in Heppner, with a series of free holiday events for the family.

Events start off at 4 p.m. with a holiday story time with Andrea Di Salvo of Osborne Books & More.

Santa will be there from 4:30-6:30 to hear Christmas wishes and be available for family photos; a mailbox is also available at Sweet Productions to mail letters to Santa when he isn't on site.

Finally, the evening will conclude with festive Christmas Karaoke at 7 p.m.

Heppner students attend technology competition



Pictured Front: Rien Maret, Christian Dubry, Bryan Fowler, Taylor Hamby, Aimee Doherty and Hannah Palmer. **Back Row:** Antonio Matthew, Jacob Wallace, Carson Brosnan, Charles Cason, Ethan Holmgren, Jordan Spaulding, Kevin Rea and Kael Osmin. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Technology Student Association Chapter attended the Oregon TSA Competition at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton recently.

The high school chapter competed in Flight

Endurance, Computer Integrated Manufacturing and Structural Design and Engineering. The middle school chapter competed in Flight, Mass Production and Structural Engineering.

High School Results:

Flight Endurance—first place Jacob Wallace, second place Antonio Matthew. Structural Design and Engineering—first place Taylor Hamby and Bryan Fowler.

Middle School Results:

Flight—first place Christian Dubry, second place Rien Maret. Structural Engineering—second place Aimee Doherty and Hanna Palmer. Mass Production—second place Kevin Rea and Kael Osmin.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

-Continued from PAGE ONE expand dropout prevention strategies. He said that the Port of Morrow has expressed interest in what the district is doing in terms of workforce development.

He told the board that he was very pleased with the progress of the district's early childhood education program, which is held two days a week for half a day in the north end of the district.

He also mentioned the district's online program, which is in conjunction with Pendleton and La Grande districts and Inter-Mountain ESD. He said that while the school's program is in competition with numerous online programs, with the district's program, students can come into the school and take classes.

Also during the meeting, the board adjourned to the gym to view a demonstration of advanced programming and robotics presented by Irrigon Junior/Senior High School instructor Jeff Searles and students. The demo included small computer operated vehicles and drones.

In other business, the

board:

-adopted a facility use fee schedule. The schedule does not charge for schedule A users, which is the "use of facilities by schools and non-profit organizations cooperating with schools to implement or produce programs primarily for the benefit of school-age youth," but does list charges for schedule B users, which include government and non-profit organizations under the 501c Internal Revenue service code or "sheltered under the umbrella of another 501c organization or individuals engaged in charitable activities, the entire proceeds of which, less expenses will be donated to a government or non-profit organization," and schedule C for all other users.

Regular rates for Schedule B users, when school personnel are normally on duty, are as follows: classroom-\$5 an hour, use of library, cafeteria, stage/auditorium, and kitchen-\$10/hr., large gyms-\$6/hr., small gyms-\$4/hr. For Schedule C users, classroom use is \$10/hr., use of the library, cafeteria, stage/auditorium

and kitchen, \$20/hr., large gyms-\$12/hr., small gyms-\$8/hr.

The district will charge \$25/hr. for all users for kitchen personnel, up from \$12/hr., and \$30/hr., up from \$12/hr. for custodial personnel for time spent outside regular school hours.

-received the following employment action report: resignations/non-renewals: Amy Butkus, IJSHS ed assistant; Ken Thompson, IJSHS head track coach; employment/promotions/transfers: Misty Hofbauer, IJSHS head secretary; extra duty contracts: Norma Ayala, RJSJS junior high assistant girls' basketball coach, Greg Grant, HJSJS high school C-team boys' basketball coach, Jordan Mittelsdorf, RJSJS head softball coach, Andy Stelk, HJSJS head baseball coach, Teiko Szasz, RJSJS junior high head baseball coach, Mindy Wilson, HJSJS head volleyball coach 2017-18.

-adopted resolutions accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenues

for: \$20,000 from ConAgra to the Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School band for their trip to Hawaii; \$20,000 from Columbia River Technologies, LLC., for the Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School press box project; \$20,000 from Wildhorse for the Windy River Elementary music department.

-adopted policy on discipline and dismissal of licensed staff and the Oregon Veterans' Preference Law which requires the district to grant preference to qualified and eligible veterans and disabled veterans.

-learned that no board meeting will be held Jan. 9; however, the board will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. at Windy River Elementary in Boardman. Dirksen suggested a timeline for the board's consideration and development of his evaluation.

-heard the following announcements: Christmas break, Dec. 16-Jan. 1; end of the first semester, Jan. 12; Martin Luther King holiday, Jan. 16; next board meeting, Feb. 13, Heppner Jr./Sr. High School.

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