

## Wrestling invitational tournament this Saturday



Leo Waite competes in 2017 BEO Invitational Wrestling tournament. -Contributed photo.

Bank of Eastern Oregon announces the Bank of Eastern Oregon's 2018 Invitational Wrestling Tournament to be held at Heppner High School on Saturday, Jan. 20. The competition begins at 10 a.m., and the public is invited to attend and watch these talented athletes compete. Tickets can be purchased at the door and concessions will be available.

Mark Lemmon, Bank of Eastern Oregon's chief

financial officer and Heppner High School wrestling coach, has been instrumental in organizing the bank's sponsorship of the event. "The bank's management has been very involved in establishing this annual tournament and looks forward to the 2018 competition. The first nine years of the event were outstanding and we intend the BEO Invitational to be a can't-miss tournament on every school's future schedule,"

said Lemmon. "We appreciate bank staff and local citizens who volunteer to help at the event or sponsor amenities; their help makes the tournament run smoothly."

If you have any questions concerning the upcoming event, please contact Heppner High School's Athletic Director, Greg Grant, at 541-676-9138 or Mark Lemmon at 541-676-0224.

## Cross country skiers spend day at Kelly Prairie



Cross country skiers enjoy the sunshine at Kelly Prairie. -Contributed photo.

The Arbuckle Nordic Club enjoyed spring skiing conditions on their Saturday trip Jan. 13. The eight skiers spent the day skiing in the Kelly Prairie area. Kelly Prairie is a preferred place to start out the ski

season as it boasts fairly flat terrain and has many fingers leading away from the main prairie to explore. If snow conditions remain favorable the group will continue to ski each Saturday. They meet at 9 a.m. at

the Heppner City Park and everyone is invited to join them. For more information, contact Steve Brownfield 676-9696, Bill Ewing 676-9119, or Dan VanLiew 676-5050.

## Heppner Junior High girls win four of five games



The Heppner Junior High girls' basketball team had a busy weekend playing Irrigon, Ione, Helix, Boardman and Echo with only one loss. Pictured is Heppner's B Team (L-R): Ireland Martin, Zandra Masterson, Hailey Cimmiyotti, Camryn Scrivner (in back), and Alex Cavan. -Contributed photo.

in six points, five rebounds, two assists and three steals. Kevin Smith finished with four points, five rebounds, three assists, one steal and he blocked six shots. Alex Lindsay scored two points in the game as did Dakota Howard. Dakota also recorded two rebounds. Coby Dougherty scored one point, had one rebound and an assist for the team. Beau Wolters ripped down six rebounds and had two assists. Gibson McCurry had a rebound for the Mustangs.

It was a close game throughout with the Tigerscots that came down to a play at the very end for the Mustangs to get the win. Weston-McEwen led at the end of the first quarter 19-15. Heppner battled back to outscore the Tigerscots 24-14 in the second quarter to take a 39-33 lead into the halftime break. The Tigerscots held the Mustangs to only 10 points in the third while they scored 18 themselves to take a 51-49 lead into the final stanza. Both teams traded leads in the fourth quarter and the Tigerscots led the game by two points with only five seconds left in the game. The Mustangs called a timeout and had possession of the ball right in front of their

own bench. Coach Jeremy Rosenbalm drew up a play to get a score and win the game. The play worked to perfection as Carter passed the ball in to Kevin Smith, who had posted up under the Mustang basket. He caught the pass and scored the winning basket with only one second left in the game. Weston-McEwen attempted a desperation shot at the buzzer that fell short and the Mustangs got the win in the exciting game by the score of 64-63.

Once again the Mustangs were led in scoring by Trent Smith. He poured in 20 points and also had two assists, two steals and one rebound. Lindsay had 10 big points, two rebounds and an assist. McCurry scored eight points, had five rebounds, two steals and

blocked two shots. Carter had seven points, three rebounds, two assists and two steals for the Mustangs. Kevin Smith scored six points in the game and also had eight rebounds and a steal. Wyatt Steagall also scored six points and ripped down five rebounds, had two blocks and a steal. Nichols had three points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals for the team. Wolters pitched in two points, three rebounds and a steal on the night while McAninch had two points, four rebounds and an assist.

Now the Mustangs hit the road for their next four conference games. The team will travel to Culver and play the Bulldogs on Thursday, Jan. 18. They will then go over the hill to battle the Pilot Rock Rockets on Saturday, Jan. 20.

## Mustangs win two at home



Justin McAninch prepares to shoot while Hunter Nichols assists in the game against Elgin. Photo by Staci Osmin.

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team opened their conference season with a pair of wins at home over the weekend. The Mustangs (7-6, 2-0) beat the Stanfield Tigers 58-40 and then defeated the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots by the score of 64-63.

Heppner started the game

with Stanfield by playing some lock-down defense. The Mustangs led the game 14-2 after the first quarter. They also led at halftime by the score of 29-13. Heppner then exploded for 20 points in the third quarter to take a 49-25 lead into the final frame. The Mustangs substituted freely in the fourth

quarter and were outscored 15-9 by the Tigers. It was too little-too late for Stanfield and the Mustangs came away with the victory 58-40.

Trent Smith led the team in scoring with 15. He also had one rebound, one assist and a steal. Tyler Carter and Justin McAninch each scored 10 points in the game. Carter also had seven rebounds while McAninch recorded six rebounds, one assist and four blocked shots. Wyatt Steagall scored eight points, hauled eight rebounds and had a steal. Hunter Nichols chipped

## Pizza party meet and greet to be held

Christian Life Center will host a meet and greet for Heppner kids in grades five through ten at Two Old Hags Pizza on Jan. 19 from 3 - 5 p.m.

Troy McGill, new associate pastor for CLC, is hosting this event to get to know the kids in the community and for them to get to know him.

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