

# Mustangs begin basketball season

With only two days of practice after coming off of their state championship football season, the Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team started their hoop season with three home games last week. Other teams that didn't go deep into the football playoffs have been practicing for over two weeks to get ready for the start of the basketball season. Even without the extra practice time, the Heppner Mustang varsity team shook off some of the rust from not being in basketball shape or spending much time in the gym and went 2-1 for the week. They lost their first game of the season on Wednesday night against the Umatilla Vikings by the score of 52-43. They then came back and had a good weekend and defeated the Dufur Rangers 54-47 and the Central Linn Cobras 66-56.

Against the quick and athletic Umatilla team, Heppner fell behind early after the first quarter 11-6. They then outscored the Vikings in the second quarter to only trail 25-22 at halftime. It was a close second half but the Vikings outscored the Mustangs and won the game 52-43.

Mason Lehman led the team with 14 points, six rebounds and an assist. Gavin Hanna-Robinson had a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. He also dished out three assists. Kellen Grant finished with four points, seven rebounds, one assist and one steal in the game. Jayden Wilson also scored four points and he also had five rebounds, blocked a shot and had a steal. Casey Fletcher, Kannon Wilkins and Roy Collins each scored three points for the Mustangs. Collins also hauled down four rebounds, had a steal and blocked a shot. Jackson Lehman recorded three rebounds and had two assists before fouling out of the game.

In the game against

Dufur, the Mustangs took a 12-11 lead after the first quarter and led at the half 29-23. Heppner outscored the Rangers 10-8 in the third quarter but Dufur won the fourth 16-15. The Mustangs held on and got the win by the score of 54-47.

Once again Mason Lehman led the team in scoring with 18. He also had a rebound, an assist and two steals. Wilson had an outstanding game with his first double-double of his varsity career as he finished with 14 points and 15 rebounds. He also had an assist and a steal in the game. Jackson Lehman bounced back to score 11 points, grab five rebounds, have three assists and three steals. Hanna-Robinson scored four points, had five rebounds, one assist and two steals for the Mustangs. Collins had four points and a rebound while Grant scored two points, hauled down five rebounds, had two assists, one steal and blocked a shot. Fletcher scored one point but ripped down six rebounds on the night. Joe Sherman had three rebounds and an assist while Wilkins had one rebound and one assist for the team.

The Central Linn Cobras were on their way home from beating Weston-McEwen on Friday night and stopped in to play the Mustangs on Saturday. A close first quarter saw the Mustangs take the lead 12-11. Central Linn had a big second quarter and outscored the Mustangs 16-11 to lead at halftime 27-23. Heppner jumped all over the visitors from the valley in the third quarter and really got things rolling offensively. Heppner scored 28 points in the quarter, many off of easy baskets when they turned up the defensive pressure and got lots of steals. Central Linn could only score 14 points in the third and then both teams finished with 15 points in the fourth quarter. Heppner



Jayden Wilson shoots for the basket at the game played vs Central Linn.

got the big early season win by the score of 66-56.

Joe Sherman led the Mustangs in scoring with 14. He also had five rebounds, one assist and one steal in the game. Mason Lehman had 12 points, three rebounds, an assist and two steals for the Mustangs. Wilson nearly recorded another early season double-double as he had 12 points and eight rebounds to go along with five steals in the game. Fletcher hustled for eight points, three rebounds, one assist and a steal. Hanna-Robinson and Wilkins each scored seven points in the game. Hanna-Robinson also had one rebound, three steals and blocked a shot while Wilkins also contribut-

ed four rebounds and a steal. Jackson Lehman had another good all-around game with six points, three rebounds, two assist, two steals and blocked two shots. Jordan Sweeney played well and had two rebounds and one assist. Grant and Collins both had



Kennisyn Wilkins takes the shot during the Lady Mustangs game vs Dufur on Friday, December 6. Final score was 47-29.

three rebounds in the game for the Mustangs.

The Heppner JV team also went 2-1 for the week as they lost to Umatilla, but then bounced back to easily defeat Dufur and Central Linn.

This weekend both teams travel to Portland to play the Portland Christian Royals on Friday night. They then stop in Dufur on their way home Saturday to play the Rangers.

## Heppner High TSA students attend Fall conference



Pictured front row: Ty Boor, Madison Palmer, Jacob Finch, Roen Waite, Julie Teeman, Hannah Finch and Serena Humphreys. Middle row: Adan Guerra, Jackson Lehman Nicole Prophet, David Cribbs, Trevor Nichols and Lillian Imes. Back row: Edward Ellsworth, Jordan Sweeney, Nate Maret and Julio Castellanos. Not pictured: Kylie Boor, Josh Keslar, Logan Angel, Madelyn Nichols and Hannah Palmer.

The Heppner High School chapter of the Technology Student Association recently attended the Oregon TSA Fall Conference. TSA state president Madelyn Nichols, state officers Hannah Finch, Roen Waite and Hannah Palmer opened the conference with the flag salute, introductions and welcoming announcements.

Heppner TSA worked very hard to prepare for this event as shown by the

results. Madelyn Nichols, Hannah Palmer, Roen Waite and Edward Ellsworth took second place in Computer Integrated Manufacturing (children's toys). Logan Angel, Nicole Prophet, Julio Castellanos, Jordan Sweeney and Nate Maret took third.

Jacob Finch took first place in Flight Endurance. In Structural Design and Engineering (bridge building), Serena Humphreys

and Hanna Finch took first, Trevor Nichols and David Cribbs got second and Ty Boor and Julie Teeman took third.

The next competition will be held February 27 and will include CAD 3D Engineering, Architectural Design and Promotional Design. The Heppner Junior High TSA Chapter will be attending their Fall Conference December 17.

## Ione 4-H club makes dog toys



Pictured (L-R): Liam Heideman, Carter Eynetich, Carson Eynetich, Lewkus Burrigh, Gage Heideman, Eva Martin, Laryssa Burrigh, Madeline Campbell, Phegley Padberg, Novalee Campbell and Corey Rice.

At their December meeting, members of the Ione Community 4-H club worked on two projects. They made dog toys for the PAWS shelter in Pendleton and decorated cookies for the staff at Ione Community School. The Ione Community 4-H Club is led by Dawn Eynetich.

## County health priorities identified

A county-wide health assessment is completed and released every three years by the Community Health Improvement Partnership of Morrow County (MCCHIP). The Partnership includes representation from health and human services, education, local business and community

members who review data, information and resource and funding availability to determine areas of greatest need and potential impact.

The focus areas are maternal, child and family health; youth mental health; tobacco, alcohol and substance misuse; oral health; and chronic disease

and risk factors of disease development.

The Partnership coordinates efforts to identify priorities and utilizes evidence-based programs and practices to promote wellness for people who live in Morrow County. To view the report and corresponding Community

Health Plan, visit the website <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/publichealth>.

Those interested in participating in the Partnership, which meets monthly alternatively in Boardman and Heppner, should email [afuralvoice@hotmail.com](mailto:afuralvoice@hotmail.com) or call 541-989-8232.

## Cemetery district schedules meeting

The Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 18. The regular meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Agenda items include minutes of previous meeting, financial report and cemetery operations. The meeting will be held

at the Ag Service Building conference room at 430 W Linden Way.

Meetings of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District are open to the public according to ORS 192.640(1). For questions, contact Janet Greenup at 541-561-6768.

## Christmas open house planned

The city of Ione will hold their Christmas open house on December 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at local participating businesses. Everyone is encour-

aged to wear their best ugly sweater when they stop by the businesses to grab a snack and register for door prizes or just to stop by to say Merry Christmas.

**NY Steak Dinner**  
6pm Friday, December 13th  
with Twice Baked Potatoes  
Salad - Bread - Brownies

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**Tom & Jerry Party**  
December 20th  
Steak Dinner  
musical entertainment by  
**Frank Carlson**  
(weather permitting)  
Elks Members and Guests only

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