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Hoop shoot winners advance to district

The Heppner Elks Lodge sponsored the annual local hoop shoot contest at Heppner Elementary School December 15. Seventeen participants shot a total of 25 free throws with the top scorer advancing to the Northeast District Hoop Shoot.

The first-place honors were: eight-nine-year-old girls, Ciciley Stefani; eight-nine-year-old boys, Cooper Stefani; 10-11-year-old girls, Healy Hisler; 10-11-year-old boys, Brody McDaniel; 12-13-year-old girls, Zaleta Masterson and 12-13-year-old boys, Mason Orem.

The first-place winners will attend the district Hoop Shoot in Hermiston on January 5 at Sandstone Middle School at 1 p.m. The format is the same, with each participant shooting 10 free throws, resting then



First place winners pictured (L-R): Zaleta Masterson, Healy Hisler, Ciciley Stefani, Cooper Stefani, Brody McDaniel and Mason Orem.

shooting 15 for a total of 25. The top scorer will advance to the state Hoop Shoot in February.

Other participants were Nichols, Lizzie Ginn, KC Anderson, Keaton Coiner, Haden Cimmiyotti, Charlie Mullins, Kord Dickenson, Tenley Rosenbalm, Lily Coiner and Hallee Hisler.

Mustang wrestlers compete in Muilenburg tournament

The Heppner wrestling team traveled to La Grande on Friday to compete in the Muilenburg tournament. The Muilenburg is a two-day tournament with eighteen teams, ranging in size from 1A to 6A, with participants from Oregon, Idaho and Washington. Seven wrestlers from Heppner competed.

The competition is always fierce due to 32-man brackets and the long days, with the first day of competition ending at 10:30 p.m. and the team right back at it the following day at 8 a.m. The team represented Heppner well by placing two wrestlers in the championship round and one wrestler competing for first in the consolation round.

Roan Waite wrestled at 106 pounds and ended the tournament with one win and two losses. Bryan Collins started the tournament off with a loss but fought back with two straight victories to get him to the fourth round of

the consolations before he was ultimately defeated by a wrestler from Eatonville. Saul Lopez also lost his first match of the tournament but bounced back with three victories to put him in the consolation championship. He was defeated by a wrestler from Hermiston.

Suzanneah Cason, unfortunately, lost her first two matches to wrestlers from La Grande and Hermiston. At 152 pounds, Edward Ellsworth lost his first two matches to wrestlers from Eatonville and La Grande. Heppner had two wrestlers at 160 pounds, Jace Coe and Conor Brosnan. Coe won his first two matches to put him into the quarterfinals against a wrestler from La Grande. He went on to lose a tight match that put him into the championship consolation round. He next had a victory by injury default which put him into a matchup with a wrestler from Scappoose. He lost a tight match by points and this put him into the finals

for the fifth and sixth place.

Brosnan started the tournament off with three victories which put him into the semifinals against a wrestler from Banks. He went on to lose this match by fall in the last seconds of the third round. This placed Conor in the championship consolation round where he wrestled against a boy from Burns. He lost this hard-fought match by points which put him in to the finals for fifth and sixth place against his teammate and friend, Jace Coe. This match would end up with Conor defeating Jace in a hard-fought battle. Conor would take home a medal for fifth and Jace a medal for sixth.

The Mustangs will be in action on Wednesday, the 18th at Echo starting at 1 p.m. They will also be wrestling at MacHi on Saturday, the 21st starting at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to come out and support the Mustang wrestlers as they put on a great show.



Suzanneah Cason vs. Cole Abbott of Hermiston. -Photo by Kirsti Cason.



Bryan Collins taking down a wrestler from La Grande High School. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.



Saul Lopez taking down a wrestler from Union High School. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.



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