Mustangs lose to Stanfield



Brock Hisler led the team making 17 points vs. Stanfield. -Photo by Susan Hisler.

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team lost their only game of the week to the Stanfield Tigers by the score of 67-62.

Heppner jumped out to a quick three-point lead to start the game and controlled the entire first quarter. They led at the end of the first quarter 15-11.

There were two ties in the second quarter with the last one being at 23-23. The Tigers then took the lead for the rest of the quarter and led at halftime 31-30.

The Mustangs took the lead two times in the third quarter with the greatest advantage being a seven-point lead at 41-34. Stanfield then closed the gap to 45-41 as the third quarter came to an end.

Heppner continued to lead the game until the Tigers tied the score at 49-49. Stanfield then took the lead and would not surrender it the rest of the game. The Tiger lead never got to more than six points in the quarter and the Mustangs even closed the gap to two points once in the quarter. The Mustangs were forced to foul and the Tigers made their foul shots to keep their lead intact. Stanfield won the contest by the score of 67-62.

Brock Hisler led the Mustangs in scoring with 17. He also had five rebounds in the game. Jayden Wilson followed with 15 points, six rebounds, one assist, one steal and he blocked two shots. Mason Lehman scored 13 points,

had four rebounds, three assists and a steal. Casey Fletcher had five points and a rebound for the team. With four points each were Gavin Hanna Robinson and Joe Sherman. Gavin also had three rebounds pitched in a rebound and two assists to go along with four points. Roy Collins and Jackson Lehman each had two points in the game. Jackson also had five rebounds, five assists and a steal. Kellen Grant hauled down four rebounds while Kason Cimmiyotti also had four rebounds and a steal. Kannon Wilkins recorded a rebound for the Mustangs.

The JV Mustangs also lost to the Tigers by the score of 45-29. Tucker Ashbeck led the team in scoring with seven points. Derrick Smith was next with six and with five points each were Cody Fletcher and Blake Carter. David Cribbs scored four points and Trevor Nichols had two.

The Mustangs have a home game this Thursday night when they host the Pilot Rock Rockets. On Saturday they travel to John Day to take on the Grant Union Prospectors.

District celebrates improved graduation rate

and two steals. Sherman ment of Education re- County's four-year comleased graduation rates for school districts in Oregon on Thursday, January 23. These are 2018-19 gradua-

> The Morrow County School District improved its overall graduation rate by more than five percentage points, from 82.86 percent in 2017-18 to 88.02 percent for 2018-19. This is the four-year cohort rate, which means students who earned their regular diplomas within four years of high school. The 2018-19 four-year cohort consists of students who first entered high school in 2015-16.

ODE also reported the four-year cohort completer rate, which includes students who earned a standard high school diploma, as well as those who were focus a lot of attention on awarded an extended high school diploma, adult high tions with students and school diploma or GED (General Education Diplo- individual student needs," ma), within the four years Dirksen said.

The Oregon Depart- being measured. Morrow pleter rate is 92.81 percent. Dirk Dirksen, district superintendent, said the district had seven students who earned their GEDs and are included in that rate.

Irrigon Jr/Sr High had an 89.83 4-year rate and a 94.92 4-year completer rate. Heppner Jr/Sr High had a 97.30 4-year rate and a 97.30 4-year completer rate. Riverside Jr/Sr High had a 96.30 4-year rate and a 98.15 4-year completer rate. The District rates were 88.02 4-year and 92.81 4-year completer.

Dirksen said that while the district is well above the state average for graduation, they continue to focus on strategies to improve graduation outcomes. "Our staff and partner agencies making positive connecfamilies and addressing

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will be collecting donations for Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland now boxes are available at Murray's and churches in the community.

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