

# Local girl moves on to state hoop shoot

Five local kids participated in The Elks Northeast District Hoop Shoot contest that was held January 9, 2022, in Hermiston. The Northeast District consists of Hood River, The Dalles, Condon, Heppner, Milton Freewater, Enterprise and Baker Elks Lodges. There were 12 kids representing three of the seven lodges who competed at the District contest.

A representative from the Heppner Lodge, Kamryn Dickenson received first place in her age group and will compete at the State Elks Hoop Shoot contest in Silverton, OR on February 26, 2022. There the winner in each age group will move on to compete at the regional contest in March 2022 at Pasco, WA. These kids will shoot free throws against winners from the Elks Area 8 states of Alaska, Washington and Idaho. Regional winners will then compete at the national level in Chicago.

Winners at the district level were:

Boys 8-9: First place-Declan Stangle, Enterprise Lodge #1829. Second Place - Joel Wilson, Heppner Lodge #358.

Girls 8-9: First place-Selah Mildrexler, Enterprise Lodge #1829

Boys 10-11: First place-Tilden Botts, Enterprise Lodge #1829. Second Place - Carter Barnett, Condon Lodge #1869; Third Place - Kord Dickenson - Heppner



**Kamryn Dickenson placed first in the NE District Elks Hoop Shoot and advances to state.** -Contributed photo.

Lodge #358.

Girls 10-11: First place-Kamryn Dickenson, Heppner Lodge #358. Second Place - Teagan Artillery, Enterprise Lodge #1829

Boys 12-13: First Place - Jake Wilson, Condon Lodge #1869. Second Place - Jace Wilson, Heppner Lodge #358. Third Place - Nate Cameron, Enterprise Lodge #1829.

Girls 12-13: First place-Ashlee Meyers, Enterprise Lodge #1829. Second Place - Lizzie Ginn, Heppner Lodge #358.

# Mustangs look to run by the TigerScots

By Blake Carter

It's not very often we see the Mustangs only compete in one contest during the week, however this week was an exception. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Mustangs second contest with Enterprise was postponed to Tuesday, January 25. This made the Mustangs week just a little shorter as they hosted Weston-McEwen last Tuesday. The girls' matchup was an interesting one, two teams still looking to gain footing in this year's Blue Mountain Conference (BMC) race. Heppner coming off a 1-1 weekend was hoping to grab another valuable win to push themselves into a district spot at fifth place. Weston, McEwen, on the other hand, was still searching for their first BMC win. The boys' matchup featured two of the top teams in the conference. A very experienced TigerScot squad is still overcoming a slow conference start after dropping their first two conference games. Sitting at 2-2, Weston was looking for a big win over Heppner. However, Heppner looked to continue to stay unbeaten in the conference standings.

The girls' game was a wild one as the TigerScots used a third quarter run to grab a 34-31 victory over the Mustangs. Heppner started off the game in control for most of the first half. Heppner would take a three-point lead in the first quarter and extend it to seven by halftime. Hadlie Nation's eight first half points propelled the Mustangs to take a 20-13 lead into the half. Heppner continued to hold the lead for most of the third quarter as well, until the TigerScots caught fire and quickly turned the game upside down. Weston stormed back and tied the ballgame at 27 headed into the fourth quarter. Neither team would give up many points in the fourth quarter, however, Weston pulled away late for the narrow 34-31 win. Freshman Hallee Hisler scored nine points, while Nation contributed eight, unfortunately it wasn't enough in a tough loss. Heppner now falls to number six in the BMC, with a stout Enterprise girls' team coming to town before the halfway point on conference play.

Girls' stats vs Weston-McEwen; Zan-

dra Masterson, five points, four rebounds, three steals; Hadlie Nation, eight points, one rebound, two steals; Brook Wilson, one point, three rebounds, five steals; ZaBrena Masterson, four points, two rebounds, two steals; Hallee Hisler, nine points, two rebounds, two steals; Hailey Wenberg, two points, two rebounds; Kadie Henrichs, two points.

The Mustang boys powered past a slow start enroute to a commanding victory. Weston brought the fight early in the contest, using a big first quarter to stifle Heppner, leading by as many as nine before taking a 15-8 lead to end the quarter. This did not sit well with the Mustangs as they quickly fired back, using a late first quarter bucket, the Mustangs started the quarter by erasing the early 15-6 TigerScot lead and quickly taking the lead. Heppner used a big second quarter to swing the lead back in the Mustangs favor, 28-22. Heppner tacked on another seven points in the third quarter as a shorthanded TigerScot squad began to fade late in the game. Heppner only allowed 16 points in

the second half after giving up 15 in the first quarter as they grabbed a dominant win 61-38. Kason Cimmiyotti scored 17 points to lead the Mustangs.

Boys stats vs Weston-McEwen; Tucker Ashbeck, four points, four rebounds; David Cribbs, 12 points, seven rebounds, one block; Trevor Nichols, one rebound; Caden George, nine points, one steal; Landon Mitchell, five points, five rebounds, three steals; Cameron Proudfoot, one rebound; Kason Cimmiyotti, 17 points, three rebounds, one steal, one block; Brock Hisler, two points, one assist, two rebounds, two steals; Joe Sherman, 10 points, seven rebounds, one steal; Brian Lindsay, two points, one rebound.

Heppner looks ahead to a busy week where on Tuesday the Mustangs battled Enterprise, and this weekend they will host Grant Union on Friday, January 28, with JV Girls beginning at 3 p.m. Heppner will travel to Stanfield the following day for two huge matchups with games starting at 1 p.m.

# Representative Greg Smith announces 2022 priorities

By Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner)

On February 1 the Oregon Legislature will convene the 2022 Legislative Session. Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) offered the following statements regarding District 57 priorities for the upcoming session.

Behavior Health - Local health professionals and law enforcement officers have shared how this issue has proliferated and affects the district. During the 2022 Legislative Session, I will be looking for every way I can help contribute to finding effective and sustainable solutions, both at the state-wide and local levels.

Second Amendment - As an ardent supporter of the Second Amendment, I was disheartened by the passage of SB 554 during the 2021 Legislative Session. However, I am proud to support a bill put forth by Representative Lily Morgan (R-Grants Pass) that would establish liability for specific crimes committed in "gun-free zones".

Consumer Protection - I have proposed a bill for the 2022 Legislative Session that limits the amount certain residential general contractors proposing remodel or repair projects may collect before completion. For context, large contractors charge 100 percent of residential project costs up-front. Once payment is received, the consumer is

at their mercy and completion of the project can often become an incredibly difficult process. This legislation would strengthen the consumer's interests and improve project outcomes.

Housing - Studies have shown that rural Oregon needs more housing at all levels of income. While I will advocate for the various levels of development, my specific focus will be on District 57's most pressing housing need: middle income housing.

I-5 Bridge Replacement - While seemingly not important to District 57, the replacement of the I-5 bridge between the states of Oregon and Washington is important to many other regions besides the Metro. Activities involved in the construction and eventual movement of commerce are critical to the five ports of District 57, including the Port of Morrow which is the second largest port in Oregon. As a member of the Joint I-5 Bridge Committee, I support the new bridge and will be intimately involved in its development.

Education Funding - Oregon's youth are our

future, and we must ensure their education is funded adequately. I'm told by local education leaders that the current funding levels are not sufficient. Last session, I fought to fully fund the State School Fund at \$9.6 billion and in the 2022 session, will continue to fight to secure all resources District 57 schools require.

Predator Control - Predators have been killing Eastern Oregon livestock producers' animals for years. I have signed on to two pieces of legislation that could help combat this in the 2022 session. The first is an appropriations bill put forth by Representative Bobby Levy (R-Echo) that would fund the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund. The second is a bill put forth by Representative Christine Goodwin (R-Roseburg) that would authorize the creation of predatory damage control districts.

Balancing Power - For the past two years, there has been much discussion regarding the emergency powers of the Governor. Our office has received countless inquiries from

constituents regarding what pushback was available and whether the actions were constitutional. I have signed on to two bills that seek to limit and combat these powers. The first of which is a constitutional amendment bill put forth by Representative Mark Owens (R-Crane) that would curtail the Governor's emergency powers and give control to both the legislature and county governments. The second is a bill put forth by Representative E. Werner Reschke (R-Klamath Falls) that would end the Governor's current emergency order.

Getting Back to Normal - We have all been slowly returning to 'normal' life, and I look forward to continuing this trend. However, we must balance this with sensitivity to the real threat COVID-19 poses to Oregon's most vulnerable. The 2021 Legislative Session was a long and difficult session coupled with a full reconstructive shoulder surgery that I dealt with. This session, I am hoping to see many constituents in Salem again because, unlike last session, the Capitol is slated to be open to the public.

# Cultural Trust grants available

The Morrow County Cultural Coalition, supported by Oregon's Cultural Trust Foundation has announced grant extensions for awards to Morrow County organizations. The Oregon Community Foundation, in recognition of the important role coalitions play in funding local cultural nonprofits, is investing additional money to the coalitions for the fiscal year 2022.

Applications for the 2021-2022 culturally based activities in Morrow County are now being accepted. Projects supported in the past have included quilting, art displays, historical library books, cultural entertainment and events, kids' activities in the parks

and schools, drama and musical workshops. For complete guidelines and application forms please contact Jaylene Papineau at 541-676-5630 or jpapineau@co.morrow.or.us or visit the Morrow County website under the Clerk/Elections Office, Morrow County Cultural Coalition Information. Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2022.

Anyone interested in making a donation to the Oregon Cultural trust or interested in participating in the committee, please contact Melissa Lindsay, 541-561-0234 or Jaylene Papineau, 541-676-5630. The local coalition is actively seeking volunteers for the committee.

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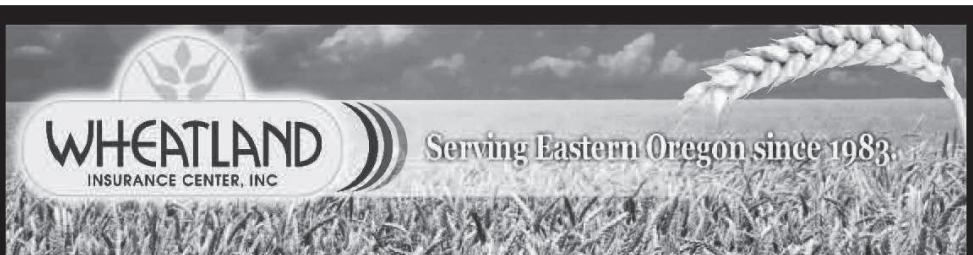
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