

# Wrestling boys Brown, McMahon, and Cavan head to state



Landon McMahon with a 38-6 record, heading to districts. -Contributed Photo



Zachary Brown with a 35-5 record, heading to districts. - Contributed Photo



Jaime Cavan, with a 38-6 record, heading to districts. -Contributed Photo

It was a largely triumphant weekend for Heppner's Boys' Wrestling team, as they dominated the districts with three champions and four runners-up in their respective weight divisions. The team showed skill and determination as they battled their way to the top of the podium, earning praise from their coach and fans. The sixth-place finishers also put up a strong fight, proving that Heppner's Boys' Wrestling is a force to be reckoned with. The Mustangs finished in the top seven teams with a total of 113 team points.

Zachary Brown (157) dominated his division, winning all four of his matches by pin and securing the first-place medal. Brown, who improved his record to 35-5, started with a bye in the first round, then dispatched Bryan Camacho of Grant Union/Prairie City in the quarterfinals. He followed that with another quick fall over Zachary Parton of Irrigon in the semifinals. In the final, he faced Gen Wintersteen of Elgin, who had also won his previous matches by pin. But Brown proved to be too much for him, as he pinned him and earned 28.0 team points for Heppner. Brown will be competing at State.

Landon McMahon (190) was at the top of his division at the state wrestling tournament, winning all three of his matches by pin or major decision, and finishing the season with a 38-6 record. He started with a bye in the first round, then quickly pinned Arthur Costa of Imbler in 38 seconds in the quarterfinals. He followed that with a convincing 9-1 victory over Will Ogden of Enterprise/Wallowa in the semifinals, setting up a showdown with Josiah Moreno of Irrigon in the final. McMahon showed no mercy, taking down Moreno and securing a fall to claim the title and earn 27.0 team points for Heppner. McMahon will also

be competing at state.

Jaime Cavan (215) won all three of his matches and earned 25.0 points for his team. He started with a bye in the first round, then cruised to a 12-1 major decision over Connor Talbott of Culver in the quarterfinals. He followed that with a quick pin of Dakota Hogan of Elgin in the semifinals, needing only 1:12 to secure his spot in the final. There, he faced a tough challenge from Bennie Ayala of Irrigon but prevailed with a 7-6 decision to claim the title. Cavan finished his season with a record of 38-6. Cavan will be the third and final Mustang boy heading to state this year.

Tyelor Moore (175) had a mixed performance finishing sixth and earning 7.0 points for his team. He got a bye in the first round but then lost by fall to Ty McLaughlin of Elgin in the quarterfinals. He bounced back with another bye and a win by fall over Oscar Maley of Crane in the consolation rounds but then fell short against Xander Olman of Irrigon in the consolation semifinals. He had one more chance to secure fifth place, but he was pinned by Isaih Trujillo of Imbler in the final match. Moore finishes his season with a record of 34-19.

Hayden McMahon (150) finished sixth and earned 9.0 points for his team. He got a bye in the first round, then pinned Carlos Mendoza of Irrigon in just over a minute. However, he faced a tougher opponent in the semifinal, where he was defeated by Bear Doman of Crane by fall. He then lost to Joel Taylor of Culver by a major decision in the consolation semifinal. In the fifth-place match, he had to forfeit due to an injury, giving the win to Josue Gutierrez of Culver. McMahon finished the season with an overall record of 27-22.

Gino Gallegos (285) also finished in the 6th place

spot for his class and scored 9.0 team points. Gallegos started with a bye in the first round, then pinned Gavin Chambers of Culver in the quarterfinals. However, he lost to Austin Wells of Irrigon by a 3-0 decision in the semifinals and was pinned by Daltin Taylor of Culver in the consolation semifinals. During the fifth-place match, Gallegos had to forfeit due to an injury against Gabe Harder of Imbler. Gallegos finishes the wrestling season with an overall 22-11 record.

Christopher Humphreys (215) had a tough day on the mat, but still secured a 6th place finish in his class and scored 7.0 points for Heppner. He started with a bye in the first round but lost by fall to Coby Holmes of Culver in the quarterfinals. He bounced back with two wins in the consolation rounds, defeating Dominic Turner of Grant Union/Prairie City by a 7-0 decision and Blaine Medlock of Elgin by fall. However, he could not overcome Connor Talbott of Culver in the consolation semifinals, losing by fall. In the 5th place match, he faced Dakota Hogan of Elgin, who pinned Humphreys. Humphreys finished his season with an overall record of 6-6.

Conner Wilson also contributed 1.0 team point during districts and finished with an overall record of 26-18 but unfortunately did not place. The other Mustang boys finished with the following records; Brayden Desclos: 13-21, Joe McMasters: 4-11, Kaden King: 13-20, Owen Guerra: 22-13, Junior Gallardo: 6-4, Elijah Quilter: 8-15, and Kooper Miller: 13-17.

The boys that are continuing to state will wrestle Thursday, February 22, and Friday the 23 in Portland at the Memorial Coliseum.

The girls team will be competing in their 1a/4a districts in Scappoose next weekend.

# Mustangs lose final BMC game 75-61

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team lost their final Blue Mountain Conference game of the season to the Stanfield Tigers by the score of 75-61. The Mustangs (13-10 overall, 6-4 BMC) finished the conference season tied for second place. They advance to the BMC District Tournament where they will play the Grant Union Prospectors at 2:45 on Friday at the Pendleton Convention Center. The winner of that game will get to play for the district title on Saturday night. The loser will play for third place on Saturday afternoon.

In the game with the Tigers, both teams started out fast and Stanfield led 17-14 at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers had a

big second quarter and led the game at halftime by the score of 35-26.

Heppner couldn't get any closer in the second half as the Tigers led 53-41 at the end of three quarters. Both teams had big fourth quarters, but Stanfield won the game by the score of 75-61.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Caden George with 17 points. Caden also had 9 rebounds and 2 assists in the game. Mason Orem poured in 16 points and had 2 rebounds and 1 assist. With 10 points for the Mustangs was Landon Mitchell. Landon also recorded 8 rebounds, 4 assists and had 3 steals. Cameron Proudfoot filled up the stat sheet with 9 points, 4 rebounds,

3 assists and had 5 steals for the Mustangs. Thomas Bales scored 5 points, had 4 rebounds, 2 steals and he blocked 2 shots in the game. Keaton Coiner scored 4 points and pulled down 6 big rebounds to go along with 1 assist. Marty Medina contributed 1 rebound and had 3 assists for the team.

The JV Mustangs finished their season with a 10-4 record as they lost their final game of the season against the Tigers by the score of 46-29. Logan Turner led the team in scoring with 8 points. Tripp Stewart was next with 7 and Keaton Coiner had 6 points. With 2 points each in the game were Caleb George, Caylan Proudfoot, Alakae Rodriguez and Mason Seitz.

# Heppner ends league play 5-5, 16-7 over-all

The Lady Mustangs enjoyed a packed crowd for their last home game on February 8, 2024. This home game was played on a rare Thursday night, and the stage was set for Heppner seniors; Hadlie Nation, Morgan Cutsforth, and Arianna Worden to take their home court one last time.

Heppner's hopes for a needed league win against Stanfield were diminished by the Tigers who lit it up behind the arch and in the paint all game long. Heppner came up short, losing the game 29-47.

The first quarter of the game saw Stanfield control the tip and score two baskets. Heppner answered with an assist by Katie Spivey to Hadlie Nation for a 2-4 score. After turnovers by both teams, a big 3 came from Lily Nichols to close the gap at 5-8. This three-point deficit was as close as Heppner would get for the rest of the game. Hallee Hisler's left-handed lay-in was with 2:29 left in the quarter. Heppner, now down 7-12. Hopes were still high, but Heppner had a dismal second quarter only scoring three total points, coming from Hisler and Nichols. Heppner closed out the half trailing 10-23.

In the second half, the Mustangs showed promise, with surges and momentum turning their way with baskets from Delanie Stefani, Hisler, Nation, and Spivey. Unfortunately, the scoring from a trio of Tigers continued to rip the nets. Stanfield led 32-19 by the end of the third quarter and took the final quarter and the win 47-29.

Stanfield's Jackson (12 points), Monkus (10), and Reeser (10) scored the majority of their team's 47 total points. Heppner did well

and held their own taking down a total of 33 rebounds and 8 steals but couldn't overcome a tough night when shots taken would not fall. The turnovers Heppner: 30, Stanfield: 20.

Hallee Hisler led Heppner with 8 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals. Hadlie Nation: 7 points, 6 rebounds, and 1 steal. Delanie Stefani: 4 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 steals. Katie Spivey: 4 points, 3 rebounds. Lily Nichols: 4 points, and 2 rebounds. Zaleta Masterson: 3 points, and 2 rebounds. Healy Hisler: 2 rebounds. Arianna Worden: 2 rebounds. Morgan Cutsforth: 1 rebound. Kadie Henrichs: 1 rebound.

Heppner ended league play in 4th place, 5-5. They were 16-7 overall and are holding a 13/14th place state rating.

The Lady Mustangs will now head to districts Friday in fourth place and play the winner of Monday night's playoff game

between Grant Union and Irrigon, who sit at the bottom of the Blue Mountain Conference standings. Stanfield, Weston McEwen, Irrigon, and Grant Union have tie-breaker play-off games on Monday and Tuesday to determine final district seedings.

At press time, leading league play is Weston McEwen 8-2, 21-4. Stanfield 8-2, 16-6. Weston McEwen is ranked #3 in 2A overall, Heppner was able to beat them two weeks ago 55-44. Stanfield is ranked 7th 2A State. The top 16 teams advance to state after Districts to play in the playoffs. Enterprise is ranked #14 2A State. Heppner's league is rated as one of the toughest in 2A State, with four teams rated in the top 16.

**DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM**

Join Us For  
**Heppner Elks Lodge #358 Annual**  
**"The Starry Night"**  
**February 17**  
 hosted by Exalted Ruler Corey Sweeney and his spouse, Brandi

**Ladies Tea: 2:00 pm**  
**Indoctrination: 3:00 pm**  
**Lodge: 4:00 pm**  
**\$25 Tri Tip Dinner: 6:00 pm**  
**Formal Dress for Lodge, Semi Formal for Dinner**

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 541-676-9181 142 N MAIN ST

# Heppner Youth Baseball sign ups

Player Parents: you can come prepared to sign ups! These 3 forms, plus BC will need to be provided: player registration form, medical release form, and school enrollment form.

IN PERSON SIGN UPS:  
 6:30-8pm 2/21, 2/27 & 2/28 @ 127 N Main Heppner

\*Forms to complete

player registration will be provided

\*Bring: player BC, insurance info, coaches/parent volunteers need DL to complete volunteer forms.

VOLUNTEERS: background checks must be completed - many communities ask parents to assist in snack shack duties. Please complete this form and volunteer your time, it is

appreciated!

Coaches: Team Rosters will be due no later than March 15th.

Scheduling meeting to follow the week of 18th-22nd.

For extra information visit [https://www.little-league.org/forms-publications/...](https://www.little-league.org/forms-publications/)

# Neighborhood Center seeking volunteers

The Heppner Neighborhood Center is seeking volunteers. The center is aware that there has been talk of no food donations, however the center does

have food donations but not enough volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please call 541-676-5024.

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## NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot title for a measure referred by the Town of Lexington Town Council to qualified voters at the May 21, 2024, election was filed with the Town of Lexington Elections Official on February 1, 2024.

An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Morrow County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 P.M. on February 21, 2024.

The Ballot Title is as follows:

Town of Lexington Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Ballot Title

**CAPTION:** Authorizes a tax on motor vehicle fuel

**QUESTION:** Shall the Town of Lexington enact a per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax to maintain streets?

**SUMMARY:** This measure authorizes the Town of Lexington to collect a tax on motor vehicle fuel sold in the Town. The purpose of this tax is to support ongoing maintenance of streets in Lexington. The maintenance of local streets is currently paid with Lexington's share of state gas tax funds, which are declining and are no longer enough to support needed maintenance of streets.

The tax would be implemented at a rate of \$0.01 (one cent) per gallon from December 1 through April 30 of each year. An additional tax of \$0.02 (two cents) per gallon would be implemented from May 1 through November 30 of each year, for a total tax of \$0.03 (three cents) from May 1 to November 30.

By law, the revenue from the tax may only be used for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, and operation of streets in Lexington.