

# Lady Mustangs split weekend play



Heppner freshman Cici Stefani (#1) blocks a Stanfield shot at the net. -Photo by Susan Hisler



Heppner sophomore Healy Hisler (#3) guards a Stanfield player. -Photo by Susan Hisler



Mustang Junior Lily Nichols (#15) dodges a Stanfield player on her way up the court. -Photo by Susan Hisler

The Mustangs pulled out a big road win over the Outlaws last Friday, before losing to the Stanfield Tigers on Saturday.

The Mustangs (13-6 overall, 4-3 BMC) were ranked ninth in Blue Mountain Conference standings going into the game against the fourth-ranked Enterprise team. They raced out to an early 8-2 lead in the first quarter. Cici Stefani put in five points in the second quarter to give Heppner a 16-12 lead at the half.

The Lady Mustangs continued their winning ways in the second half, outscoring the Outlaws 15-7 to take the win with a final score of 31-19. Hallee Hisler led the Lady Mustangs with eight points and seven rebounds, while Stefani had seven points and six rebounds. Healy Hisler and Lily Nichols each had five points, while Isa Payne hauled down six rebounds.

The Lady Mustangs lost their momentum on Saturday, when they lost at home 51-28 to the BMC's

number-two ranked team, the Stanfield Tigers.

The Tigers have been a tough team to beat this season. The Stanfield team has several tall players with one of their most formidable players, Mazie Reeser, topping the list at 5'11". It was Reeser who scored 23 of Stanfield's 51 game points.

The Tigers outscored the Lady Mustangs 33-10 at the half. Even though the Heppner girls closed the gap with an even second half, they were unable to overtake the Tigers before the final buzzer.

Cici Stefani led Heppner in scoring with 13 points, while Hallee Hisler chipped in nine.

The Lady Mustangs are currently seventh in the BMC standings. They travel to Grant Union to face the Prospectors at 6 p.m. Friday before hosting the Weston-McEwen TigerScots Saturday at 4 p.m. Delaney Stefani is still out with an injury, but may see action next week.

# Mustang wrestling hosts BEO Invite

The Heppner Mustang wrestling team hosted its annual Bank of Eastern Oregon Invite last Saturday. Heppner hosted several teams who came from as far as The Dalles and Elgin.

Heppner continued the season's impressive showing, with the girls' team placing second and the boys finishing third overall.

Several Heppner wrestlers also topped the podium individually. Zachary Brown, Jaime Cavan and Landon McMahon were all

champions in their weight classes.

Lane Critchlow, Keeley Nairns, Harlee Cotton, Journey Cavan-Harris and Sarah Munkers all finished second in their respective classes.

Owen Guerra, Connor Wilson and Loren Trujillo rounded out the team's successes with third place finishes.

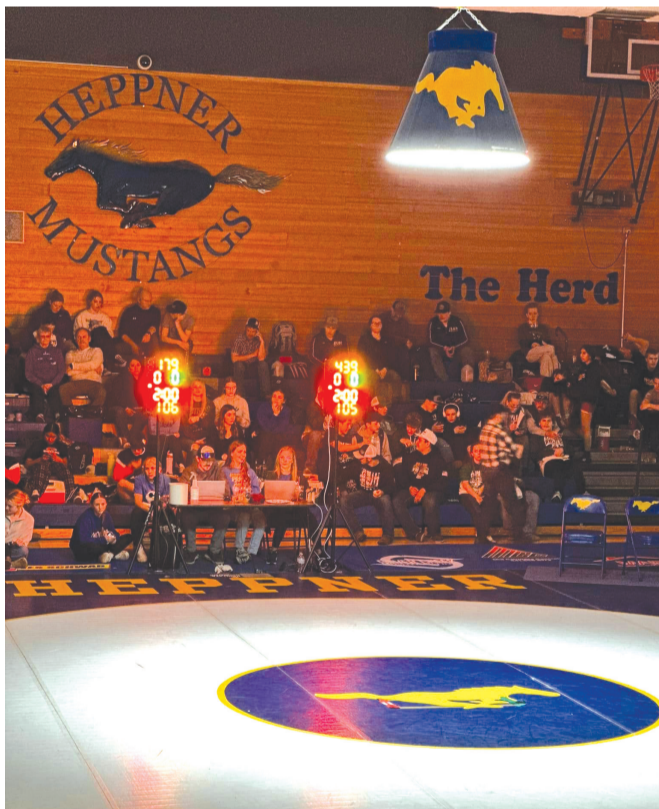
More wrestling details will be published in next week's Gazette-Times.



The Mustang girls' wrestling team placed second in last weekend's BEO Invite. L-R: Loren Trujillo, Harlee Cotton, Sarah Munkers, Keeley Nairns, Emillia Cavan-Harris and Journey Cavan-Harris with coach Tyler Robinson. -Contributed photo



The Mustang boys' team took third place at the annual BEO Invite last Saturday. Team members are John Lindsay, Brayden Desclos, Zachary Brown Zion Ramos-Lopez, Conner Wilson, Hayden McMahon, Kaden King, Chris Humphreys, Owen Guerra, Jame Cavan, Tyler Rice, Nick Wenberg, Kooper Miller and Landon McMahon. Coaches are Zac Brown, Tyler Robinson and Kasey Jones. -Contributed photo



Light shines down on the center mat for the BEO Invitational at the HHS gym. - Contributed Photo

# Donations to help mobile pet groomer

-Continued from PAGE ONE services, with community members sharing sentiments about the importance of her work. Many have noted how valuable her services are to local pet owners, emphasizing that she is a trusted and skilled groomer. Donations can be made through GoFundMe or sent to Nancy Arnsen at 57661 Meadowlark Rd,

Heppner, OR 97836, or Kay Proctor at PO Box 1007, Heppner, OR 97836. Additionally, an account has been set up at BEO Bank under Nancy Arnsen, account 0069, for Yolanda's Pet Grooming. Supporters hope to raise enough funds to cover the necessary repairs and allow Munoz to continue providing her services to the community.

# Mustangs have tough week against top BMC teams

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team played the top two teams in the Blue Mountain Conference and lost both games. The Mustangs were beaten by the Stanfield Tigers 59-39 and then lost to the Enterprise Outlaws by the score of 54-31.

Against Stanfield, the Mustangs trailed after the first quarter 18-6. A slow scoring second quarter led to the team falling behind 37-14 at halftime. Heppner trailed 46-28 at the end of three and ended up losing the game by the score of 59-39.

Alakae Rodriguez led the team in scoring with 10. He also had two assists in the game. Keaton Coiner was next with eight points and four rebounds. Gage Heideman scored seven points to go along with five rebounds and one assist. With six points, one rebound and two assists was Mason Orem. Joseph Albitre had four points, three rebounds and three assists for the Mustangs. With two points each were Caleb George and Tripp Stewart. Marty Medina had five rebounds in the game and Jackson Coiner finished with two rebounds and two assists.

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# Mustang JV beats Tigers in close game

The Heppner Mustang junior varsity boys' basketball team split its games last weekend. The JV Mustangs beat the Stanfield Tigers 47-45 and then lost another close game to the Enterprise Outlaws by the score of 41-38.

After losing to Stanfield in their gym, the Mustangs put together a great game plan and executed it well to get the win at home. Heppner led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter and 31-28 at halftime.

Stanfield outscored the Mustangs 13-8 in the third quarter but then Heppner doubled up the Tigers in the fourth 8-4. Brody McDaniel scored a basket with just seconds left in the game to break a tie and secure the win by the score of 47-45.

Heppner had three players in double figures in the game with Jace Wilson scoring 13 points while Gage Heideman had 12; with 11 points was Tripp

the long trip to Enterprise and started the game slowly. Heppner trailed at the end of the first quarter 15-6 and 31-15 at halftime. Enterprise, which features 6'7" and 6'4" post players and a host of quick guards, continued to control the pace of the game and led 43-23 as the fourth quarter started. Heppner played the Outlaws closer in the final frame but still lost the game 54-31.

A balanced scoring attack saw Caylan Proudfoot lead the team in scoring with eight. Mason Orem followed with six points, three rebounds and two assists. Scoring five points, hauling down four rebounds, having four steals and dishing out three assists was Marty Medina. With four points, six rebounds and one assist was Gage Heideman. With three points each were Jackson Coiner and Alakae Rodriguez. Caleb George scored two to go along with two rebounds and three assists. Joseph Albitre had four steals for the Mustangs.

This Friday the Mustangs will travel to John Day to play the Grant Union Prospectors. On Saturday, Heppner will host the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

Stewart. Alakae Rodriguez finished with four, Mason Seitz had three points, and Brody McDaniel and Darby Spivey each scored two.

After the long bus ride to Enterprise, the Mustangs were in a close game in the first half. Enterprise led 14-10 at the end of the first quarter and 24-21 at the half.

A big third quarter by the Mustangs, as they outscored the Outlaws 16-6, had Heppner leading the game 37-30 at the end of three. A Mustang scoring slump in the fourth quarter, as they could only manage one point, saw the Outlaws score 11 points and get the win by the score of 41-38.

Jace Wilson led the team in scoring with 13. Scoring six points each were Mason Seitz, Tripp Stewart and Brody McDaniel. Caylan Proudfoot finished with five points and Darby Spivey had four.

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