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# Mustangs outlast Willamina for Dam reported to be safe Turkey contest quarterfinal win

Football fever will be at an alltime high at Heppner High School this week as the Mustangs get ready to host an OSAA-U.S. Bank Class A semi-final football playoff game.

Game time is set for 1 p.m.. Saturday afternoon at the Morrow County fairgrounds with Heppner hosting the Irish of Riddle High School.

This marks the first time HHS has advanced from the quarterfinals to the semi-final round.

The Mustangs advanced to the semifinal round with a thrilling 28-26 win over the Willamina Bulldogs in a contest undecided until only four seconds remained in the game. Hepppner trailed 20-7, at halftime, but came roaring back to score 21 points in the third quarter and take command, 28-20. Willamina scored in the fourth quarter to narrow the Mustang lead and threatened to take the lead and the game late in the contest. A 25-yard field goal attempt with nine seconds remaining was wide by only inches as the win went to Heppner.

and the semi-final matchup with relative ease defeating Oakridge, at Riddle, 21-0. The Irish won a first round payoff game against Gilchrist, 42-13.

The two semi-finalists are very similar in their offenses and defenses. Both teams employ the Iformation and both basically use a 5-2 defense. But, that is as far as the similiarities go.

Against Oakridge, the Irish stuck with the running game to amass over 300 yards in 59 carries. Heppner, on the other hand, had 259 yards of total result of passing.

Riddle earned the trip to Heppner tant coach Les Payne says has been very instrumental in the success of HHS this fall. The Mustangs play 14 seniors, while Riddle has only seven seniors listed on its roster.

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Riddle is 8-3 for the season as are the Mustangs. The Irish suffered early season losses to Bandon and Lost River during non-league play and lost to Oakland in league play. Riddle tied for first place in the Big Fir League with Yoncalla but earned the number one playoff spot from District 5 with a win over the Eagles. In the other semi-final contest,

Salem Academy will travel to offense of which 250 yards was the Dayton with the winner of that contest to play the Heppner-Riddle winner for the state championship. The state championship game will beplayed Saturday, December 3, at 1 p.m. The site has yet to be determin-Riddle has some large linemen to ed by the Oregon School Activities Association Ticket prices for Saturday will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students with student body cards. No senior citizen nor other passes will be honored at this game.

## St. Anthony and County Court attempt to work out their problems

day for St. Anthony to return to a business arrangement with Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Earlier this month St. Anthony terminated its management contract with Pioneer, saying politics in the county had made it impossible for them to continue.

Monday a group of about 85 people met with the Morrow County Medical Board in an effort to express their displeasure with the termination

St. Anthony had provided management services for the past year, including Hospital Manager Ernest Wick

Monday it was announced that following the departure of St. Anthony, Wick was offered a contract to manage the hospital. No indication was given that Wick had accepted the job.

A personnel dispute at the hospital, which eventually involved the County Court was the final undoing of the agreement between St. Anthony and Pioneer Memorial.

Monday Bill Alsdurf of St. Anthony gave three options for a possible renewed association with Pioneer

Under one option, St. Anthony would lease and operate Pioneer Memorial: similar to the lease it has

presented their report on the Willow

Creek Dam Monday evening and the

Following news reports earlier

that the dam may be unsound,

Senator Mark Hatfield asked for the

Completed by a five-member team

of engineers, including four from the

corps and one independent, the

report said in part that "there is no

reason for concern regarding the

structural safety of the dam. The

dam is indeed a reliably safe struc-

dam is reported to be safe.

special dam safety report.

The door may have opened Mon- for the North Morrow County Clinic in Boardman.

> The second option would be a management arrangement with Pioneer, but without the involvement of the County Court.

> The third option would be for a 'service only' arrangement with no management responsibilities.

Alsdurf said if a lease arrangement were agreed upon, a three-year serial tax would be desireable in order to provide stability in financing at Pioneer.

Under a lease agreement, St. Anthony would absorb losses at the hospital, and take profits over and above the tax levy. Employees at Pioneer would become employees of St. Anthony.

Morrow County Judge, Louis Carlson, explained the County Court's recent involvement in the hospital personnell dispute.

"We (County Court) are the final authority of the fiscal management of the hospital," Carlson said. "If there is a screw up, it's our heads that roll." He pointed out the court must follow state audit and fiscal laws with the hospital. The hospital is technically an agency of county government.

County District Attorney Jeff Wallace said he gives legal advice on hospital matters for the same reason. 'The district attorney acts as legal

council to the County Court and its departments, of which the hospital is one," he said.

Formation of a county-wide medical district was also discussed at the Monday meeting.

County commissioner Jerry Peck said a medical district could be formed by the court without a vote of the people

If a district were formed, the county court would no longer have a say in the operation of the hospital. Peck said

Peck said he was previously against a county-wide medical district, with its own taxing authority, because he felt the "political climate" in North Morrow County did not favor a special district. "But Boardman and Irrigon are seeing an increase in services and the policital climate is better there now than it's ever been." Peck says he is now in favor of a county-wide medical district.

Heppner resident Larry Mills, who has previously worked on health care problems in the county. said he is in favor of a health care district

Mills drew a round of applause from the crowd when he told the medical board "I think people are here to express support for St. Anthony's involvement with the hospital.'

#### winners by Corps announced Engineers who did the evaluation Army Crops of Engineers officials

on the dam were at the meeting and

all expressed opinions that nothing

Corps officials also explained the

extensive monitoring system which

has been set up to watch Willow

Creek Dam. In all, eight devices

have been installed in the dam itself.

as well as seventeen monitors on

Hinton, Willow and Shobe Creeks to

watch for possible flood activity.

The monitors feed information to the

"Instead of trying to turn us all in-

Sheriff's office at the courthouse.

to engineering experts," local resi-

why doe

is wrong with the dam.

The winners of the Gobbledygook contest have been announced as follows:

Gardner's Men's Wear, Marianne Kahl, Heppner; Peterson's Jewelry, Bette McLaughlin, Pilot Rock; Shoe Box, Marian Brosnan, Heppner; Coast to Coast, Judy Handbury, Heppner; Ployhar Insurance, Vo-Jean Forquer, Heppner; Les Schwab, Stacy Briggs, Heppner; Central Market, Lois White, Heppner; Heppner Gazette-Times, Vo-Jean Forquer, Heppner; Murrays Drugs, Tom Steagall, Heppner; Morrow County Grain Growers, Scott McMillan, Lexington; Heppner Bowl, Ron Bowman, Heppner;

The Irish guarterback, Eric Creech, ran for 167 yards. Fullback Shawn Billick added 81 yards and tailback Dan Jones had 73 yards. contend with but the Irish are not as big as Willamina. The visitors will be led in the line by 6'6'', 220 lb., senior tackle Gary Beebe. Heppner may have an edge over the Irish in maturity, a factor assis-

llow Creek Lake "are not believ ed to present to present a health hazard to the public."

The report was presented to the people of Heppner during a public meeting Monday evening at the grade school.

just tell us that the dam is safe." "This dam is completely sefe. 1 would feel fine about moving my family here and living right below the dam," Col. Charles Cowan district engineer with the corps said

The report also said that gases dent Kenny Turner said about the

released from chemical reactions in detailed and extensive corps report

Lewis Tuthill, renowned concrete expert from California, and part of the Willow Creek Dam safety investigation team, looks at a core sample taken from the dam.

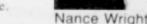
## Wright invited to join I.E.S.

Nance Wright, Heppner, has been invited to be a member of Oregon's International Sports Exchange team. They have planned a 10-day trip to Munich, W. Germany for a series of volleyball games with German teams. They are scheduled to depart on December 26 and return January 4. There will be four competition dates with sightseeing and touring scheduled around the games. This is a select group of volleyball players from California and Oregon.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience to learn about foreign countries and their culture for these young people.

Nance was elected to second team district volleyball her junior year. and is team captain this year. She is also Student Body President at HHS.

The total cost for the trip is \$1,895. An account has been opened at the Bank of Eastern Oregon for anyone wishing to contribute.



and Bank of Eastern Oregon, Lucy Ann Tworek, Ione. The words that were scrambled

were pumpkin pie, giblet gravy, stuffing, indian, spiced cider, olives, pickles, turkey, mashed potatoes, wishbone, corn bread and mixed nuts.

Congratulations winners.

## Santa is coming to Les Schwab

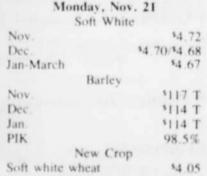
Santa will be at Les Schwab this Saturday, November 26 at 10 a.m. He is checking to see if all the little girls and boys have been "naughty or nice" and to gather their Christmas lists.

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week. The staff wishes you a happy Thanksgiving.

Weather Report

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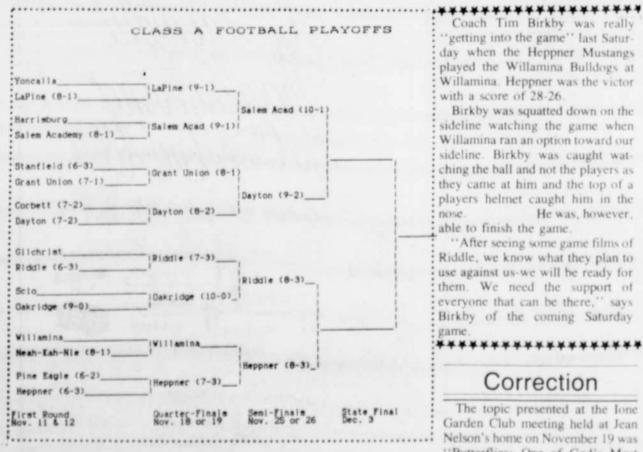
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No. 28 Bryan Padberg makes for the goal line as teammate Mike Correa No. 25 clears the way.



The topic presented at the Ione Garden Club meeting held at Jean Nelson's home on November 19 was 'Butterflies: One of God's Most Fragile and Beautiful Creatures"

He was, however,

