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Mustangs bring home the gold Vale goes down in defeat to dominate Heppner team



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Mustangs celebrate after claiming state football crown in Corvallis Saturday. More pictures and story page 3.

Championship game to be broadcast

The Class 2A state championship football game played in Corvallis on Dec. 5 pitting Heppner against Vale will be broadcast through Heppner TV.

The game will be aired Sunday,

Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. on Channel 3, the USA Network.

Judie Laughlin of Heppner TV says that the audio won't be perfect and viewers may want to adjust their sets.

Dessert to honor football team

A dessert to honor the Heppner High School football team, the state 2A champions, has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

A tape of the championship football game, played Dec. 5 at Corvallis will be shown. The community is invited to attend.

Work begins on PMH clinic

Workers have begun construction of footings at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner in preparation for an addition to the clinic.

According to Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator Kevin Erich, concrete was scheduled to be poured on Wednesday, Dec. 10 if weather allows.

Chuck and Lisa Nelson receive Farmers of the Year award

Morrow County farmers Chuck and Lisa Nelson, Lexington, were named the Oregon Wheat Growers League conservation farmers of the year recently.

The Nelsons were chosen by a committee of last year's county winners, who toured the state looking at the farms of each of this years county winners.

The Nelsons farm 3,100 acres, most of it wheat/fallow rotation, with 90 percent in winter wheat and 10 percent in winter barley.

The Nelsons have installed more than 10 miles of terraces to control runoff. Nelson was a pilot cooperator for the "cheat stop" inversion program developed by Oregon State University to control cheatgrass.

The farm is designed for maximum efficiency as well as conservation. The Nelson 10-year field average is 50 bushels per acre, compared to the county average of 35 bushels.

Nelson designed a cultiweeder/fertilizer machine that lets him accomplish in three passes what used to require six. "This uses less labor, less fuel and causes less destruction of stubble," said Earl Hardie, Condon, 1992 state conservation winner and master of ceremonies for the awards program.

Nelson also designed an in-cab light system that indicates any plugged drills on his seeder.

He was one of the first to use 100-foot wide terraces that can be farmed over easily.

Chuck Nelson is the third generation on the farm, which was started by his grandfather in 1913. No moldboard plows have been used on the farm since 1918. His father, Norman Nelson, and uncle, Alfred Nelson Jr., were Morrow County conservation winners in 1956. Alfred Nelson Jr.'s son, Kenneth Nelson, won the county conservation award in 1985.

Besides the Nelsons, other winners were: North Valley, Grauer Brothers, Sheridan; Umatilla County, Henry Lorenzen and Scott Montgomery, Pendleton; Union County, Cherry Crest Farms, operated by Ron and Terry Puckett; and Malheur County, Rex and Patty Maag, Vale.



He knows if you've been bad or good--Josh Lankford, six, (l) and Tony Lankford, two, enjoy a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus Saturday during the Artifactory in Heppner. Both the Lankford boys convinced Mr. and Mrs. Santa that they have been good and told them what they wanted for Christmas. Josh and Tony are the sons of Susan and Steve Lankford of Lexington.

Soroptimist offers scholarship awards

Two different awards are being offered by Soroptimist International of Heppner. The Youth Citizenship Award (YCA) is offered to high school seniors in Heppner, Lexington and Ione. A first place award of \$150 and second place of \$100 are given each year to students who show citizenship and merit in service, dependability, leadership and demonstrate a clear sense of purpose.

The \$150 Training Awards Program (TAP) award is offered to mature women who must enter or return to the job market. Candidates should be heads of households completing undergraduate programs or entering vocational or technical training programs.

Criteria for this award includes: Maturity in adapting to new situations, motivation, responsibility and financial need. The applicant should also be

the head of her household with financial responsibility for her dependents and who requires educational training for entry or re-entry to the job market, which will ultimately enable her to move to a higher grade job level. The applicant should be entering vocational or technical training or completing an undergraduate degree.

The local winners of both the TAP and YCA awards are eligible to participate in regional competitions.

Applications for the YCA awards are available from Heppner High School Counselor Gwyn Franklin and Ione High School Counselor Del LaRue. To receive a TAP award application or for information on either award, please contact Molly Rill, 676-5455 evenings or 676-9642 days. The deadline date on both awards is December 18.

Contest winners announced

This week's lucky winners of the Christmas Punch Contest are Cheryl Ployhar, who won a gift certificate from Gardner's Men's Wear; Alan Anderson, Arlington who won a gift certificate from the Shoe Box; Tim Hedman, Coast to Coast; Judy Wright, Les Schwab; and Jane Richards, Lexington, from Central Market. Each won a \$25 gift certificate.

Everyone who enters the contest is eligible for the grand prize of \$550 in gift certificates. You may enter at these participating businesses: Green Feed and Seed, Central Market, Les Schwab, Coast to Coast, Pettyjohn's Builders Supply, the Shoe Box, Murray's Drug, Country Rose, Gardner's Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewelers and Morrow County Grain Growers.

Diabetic support group to meet

A diabetic support group meeting has been planned for Thursday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at Don Haugen's home, 535 S. Court, Heppner. For more information contact Haugen, 676-5352.

Nazarenes plan Christmas program

The Church of the Nazarene, located at 335 N. Gilmore, will hold their Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. The program titled "Christmas

Comes to Lone Star Gultch" will feature a play and Christmas songs as well as some special music by the children and teens.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Jesus' birth.

Fire hall burned in preparation for a new one



Old church building and fire department meeting room goes up in smoke Saturday.

The burning of the former Assembly of God Church on Willow Street in Heppner went "great", according to Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine.

The portion of the building adjoining the fire engine bays was burned Saturday morning, Dec. 5, in preparation for construction of a new metal fire hall.

Burkenbine said that there were

"no problems" during the burn. The building came down in around an hour, said Burkenbine, but they allowed the fire to continue around 18 hours to make sure all of the wood had been burned out. The Heppner Fire Dept. was assisted by the Ione Fire Dept.

The fire department has settled on the specifications for the

new one-level fire hall, which will include a total of four bays, an office, a meeting room, restrooms and showers, but the bids have not been let.

Burkenbine said that they hope to build early this spring.

Cement rubble from the burn was transported to Heppner High School to be used as fill for a new sports field planned there.

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