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What do you do for an encore?

Coach Grant previews football season

What do you do for an encore? The Heppner High School Mustangs made gridiron history last year with a perfect 13-0 season and the state 2A high school football championship last fall. They beat the Vale Vikings 24-12 at Parker Stadium in Corvallis to put an exclamation point on the dream season.

Gone from that team are all state and Shrine team players Scott Coe and Ryan Pence. Gone also are all league all stars Kevin Kilkenny, T.R. Riehl, Tony Burt and Shane Munkers.

The good news is that coach Greg Grant and assistants Les Payne and Russell Britt greeted 48 football players to daily doubles on August 23, the largest turnout since the days of now superintendent Chuck Starr's football program.

Grant, who has a 26-6 record at HHS in three years, welcomed back five offensive and five defensive starters from the championship team. Seniors Dwayne Dunaway (6'5" 215 lbs.), Joe Lindsay (6' 175 lbs.) and Len Britner are back on the offensive line to complement seniors Rick Koffler and Kevin Payne in the backfield. They will be joined by Kevin Scott (5'8" 200 lbs.) and Ryan Munkers, two players who coach Grant said could have "started for any team in the league last year." Junior Jeremy

Cimmiyotti (6'2" 210 lbs.) should also see some action along with Brent Wright and Bill Schlaich.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Jim Tellechea will return along with Dunaway, Lindsay, Payne, Koffler and Britner.

Chris Dickenson should join the team sometime during the season after suffering through two knee surgeries since last year. Juniors Trent Hughes and Jon Hanna should also help out on both sides of the ball. Exchange student Eric Fournier is also practicing with the team and should help in the backfields. The Mustangs have a strong turnout of younger players this year with 17 freshmen out for the team.

Coach Grant, who says the Mustangs will be stressing "spirit, attitude and team concept" this season thinks this version of the Mustangs will be "bigger and slower on the line

and smaller and quicker in the backfield."

Asked about the Columbia Basin Conference, Grant said he thought, "Sherman County and Wahtonka will be much improved, Stanfield and Pilot Rock will be down a little and Weston-McEwen and Umatilla will be very tough."

The Mustangs open the season on the road at John Day against the Grant Union Prospectors on September 10 at 7:30 p.m. They host the Elgin Huskies, Grant's alma mater, on September 17 and play the Riverside Pirates in their only other non-counting game after opening the league season against the Sherman County Huskies.

There will be a meeting for all parents of football players on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Services planned at Hope, Valby

"The Labor Day weekend has come and gone and school is now back in full session. It is time to dust off those spiritual cobwebs and return to worship services and educational opportunities," says the Rev. Stan Hoobing, Hope-Valby Lutheran parish.

This Sunday at Valby Lutheran Church, located on the Lone-Gooseberry Road, the adult Bible class will meet at 8:15 a.m. to begin study of the Letters to the Hebrews. Service of the Word will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Pastor Hoobing will preach on the theme of "On the Road to Glory of the Cross," based on scripture reading of St. Matthew 16:21-26.

Worship service and Sunday school will start at 11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. An educational hour will follow the

worship service and the women of Hope will meet to make plans for coming events.

Fort Henrietta Days in Echo

The 10th annual Fort Henrietta Days Primitive Camp and Rendezvous will get underway this weekend, Sept. 11 and 12 at Echo.

Special events during the two-day festival include: Blackpowder and mountain-men competition and activities; and Oregon Trail Travellers encampment with a living history display; a craft market, vintage clothing style show; parade; pie sale; singers, dancers and fiddlers; the Western Art Show; quilt show; golf tournament; fun runs; three-on-three basketball tournament; walking tour; Oregon Trail site tour and a VFW breakfast.

Adult Bible class set

An adult Bible Study class at the United Methodist Church in Heppner will get underway on Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Studies will be on the gospel of John using Genesis to Revelations. The lesson will be divided into three parts: reading scripture; understanding the historical background; and the contemporary context. Everyone is invited to attend.

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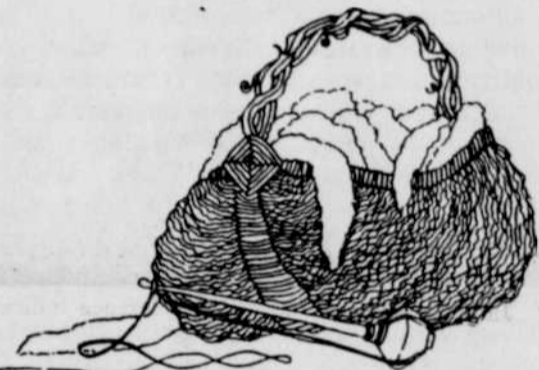
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Harvest of the Arts schedule

"Harvest of the Arts", a series of regional art events, presents its fall schedule. Now in its third year "Harvest of the Arts" has been expanded to include over three months of fall art events in Morrow and Umatilla counties. The flyer is included in the Blue Mountain Community College fall term schedule of classes.

"The intent of "Harvest of the Arts" is to encourage art groups in the community college district to plan and coordinate fall events which will promote the arts," says Kathy Ferge, Blue Mountain Community College public information coordinator and organizer of the flyer. "The participants in "Harvest of the Arts" feel it is important to promote art in the largest sense of the word. Our events include everything from the Echo western arts show to a fall chorale, a traveling fiber arts show to art classes for children." notes Ferge.

"Harvest of the Arts" sponsors are Pendleton Grain Growers, Frank and Brigitta Lamb and the East Oregonian.

For a list of events contact Ferge at 276-1260 ext. 207.

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