

Oregon Trail wagon passes through county

The official Oregon Trail Wagon Train has passed through Morrow County.

The wagon is owned by the Bob Harrison family and is the same one that Bob drove in 1976 for the U.S. Bicentennial Celebration. Everett Keithly and Travis Harrison helped Bob refurbish the old wagon after the wheels had been reworked by a wheelwright in Moscow, Idaho. A portion of the money for refurbishing the wagon came from a grant from the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council and the Morrow County Court.

The wagon first appeared in Heppner's St. Patrick's Day celebration with Joe Yocom and Bob Harrison driving it to transport the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen and her court. The next showing was at the Ione 4th of July parade where it carried the Rietmann family members who were the parade's grand marshals. Roff Westburg of Heppner drove his team of draft horses for this event. In August Bob and Everett drove the wagon in the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo parade. The wagon was put on display on September 14 in the Ione City Park when Cycle Oregon VI

with 2,200 bicyclers rode through Morrow County on a route paralleling the Old Oregon Trail.

The most outstanding event for the Morrow County wagon was the participation in the four-day ride across the county with the official wagon train. Stops were made at Well Springs and at Cecil. Bob and Everett drove the wagon with Travis Harrison acting as outrider. Others involved with riding the wagon and participating in the layover day activities at Cecil included Sharon Harrison, Claudia Hughes, Bonnie Clow, Betty Carlson, Kirsten Daniel, John Edmundson, Marsha Sweek, Tiffany Harrison and Lorene Griffith. Louis Carlson accompanied the wagon train on horseback on the second day. Jean Nelson met the wagon train

at Well Springs and told the group about the history of the Well Springs area at the evening campfire gathering there. The team of draft horses for the cross-country trail ride was furnished by the Cold Springs Ranch of Arlington.

Arrangements for the Morrow County wagon were made by Jean Nelson of the Morrow County Historical Society and John Edmundson of the Morrow County Tourism Committee. Many individuals and businesses donated time and money to make this possible. Businesses which gave financial support included: Bank of Eastern Oregon, Inland Empire Bank, Port of Morrow, Kinzua Corporation, Pacific Gas Transmission Co., and Portland General Electric Co.

Boosters to meet, plan Reno Nite

The Heppner High Booster Club will meet Wed., Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at the high school home ec room.

Plans for Reno Night, which will be held Oct. 16 at the Heppner Elks Club, will be discussed. "This is a big fund raiser for the club," said a spokesperson. A

the proceeds from Reno Night will go towards the new baseball field.

Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend.

Cards lose to

Wallowa 48-0

By Anne Morter

The Ione Cardinals hit a brick wall last Friday, Sept. 24 in Wallowa, watching their unblemished record disappear, all before halftime. The Cards found themselves on the wrong end of the 45-point "Mercy Rule" before the end of two quarters when the Chieftains showed absolutely no mercy, running the score to 48-0.

Wallowa tallied only four first downs in the game but scored early and often on big plays. The Chieftains passed for 188 yards and ran for 166 more while stifling the Cardinal's offense, holding them to just 34 yards of total offense. The Cards' season record fell to 2-1 but they remained undefeated in league play since Wallowa was a non-conference opponent. On the schedule this week is Condon in Ione starting at 7:30 p.m.

Market Report

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Tuesday, September 28, 1993	
Soft	White
Sept.	\$3.37
Oct.	\$3.40/\$3.45
Nov.	\$3.49/\$3.51
Dec.	\$3.52/\$3.53
Jan.	\$3.54
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Sept.-Oct.	\$84
Nov.	\$85

Mustangs keep perfect record with 38-22 win over Sherman County

The Heppner Mustangs opened defense of their Columbia Basin Conference league championship with a 38-22 win over the Sherman County Huskies Friday night, Sept. 24 in Moro.

Heppner started slow again trailing after one quarter. The Huskies put together a 15 play drive that covered 65 yards to open the scoring. Quarterback Jesse Alsup dived over from the two yard line with 2:48 remaining in the first quarter to put Sherman County on top. Alsup hit tight end John Williams for the pat for an 8-0 lead.

The Mustangs put together their own scoring drive to answer the Huskies. Quarterback Rick Koffler ran the ball nine times in the drive and scored with 10:02 left in the half. Koffler ran the pat in to tie the score at 8-8.

Free safety Len Brittner recovered his second fumble of the night to set the Mustangs up in business at their own 44 yard line. Junior running back Chris Dickenson capped off a 14 play drive with a two yard plunge to give the Mustangs the lead. Koffler bootlegged the pat into the end zone and it was 16-8 with only 2:08 left in the half.

Sherman County popped a 40 yard gain after a good kickoff return and needed only three more plays to score just before the half. The pat was good on an Alsup keeper and it was 16-16 at the half.

The Mustangs lost senior two way starter Kevin Payne midway through the first half to an injury. Payne had his kneecap dislocated on a late hit on a kickoff return. He is questionable for this week's game.

The Mustangs put some distance between them and the Huskies on their first two possessions of the second half. Junior halfback Trent Hughes, who is getting better and better each week, bobbled the ball on the kickoff and then raced up the middle of the field 80 yards for a touchdown, the first touchdown return in four years for the Mustangs. Several good



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Mustang defensive linebacker Ryan Munkers (75) tackles a Huskie running back. Munkers is assisted by Trent Hughes (44) and two others, while Len Brittner (3) and Rick Koffler (2) look on.

blocks including the last one by Jon Hanna sprung him. The pat was no good and Heppner led 22-16 with only 14 seconds gone.

The Mustang defense, led by linemen Joe Lindsay and Kevin Scott, and defensive back Len Brittner, started to stiffen. They stopped the Huskies at the 14 yard line after a good drive.

Koffler broke the longest run of his career on the next series. The Mustangs ran option left and Koffler cut back and sprinted 74 yards for a touchdown. He hit Brittner with the pat for a 30-16 lead.

The teams traded possessions and each punted for the only time on the evening.

The Mustangs started another drive but Sherman County picked up a fumbled pitch and Shull rambled 64 yards for a touchdown. The pat was no good

and it was 30-22 with 7:47 left in the ball game. The Mustangs lost Chris Dickenson for the rest of the evening with a knee injury and his status is uncertain for this week.

Koffler wasted no time giving the Mustangs a comfortable lead, taking another option play 56 yards on Heppner's first play from scrimmage. Koffler had 191 yards on 15 carries on the evening. He hit Brittner with another pat for a final score of 38-22.

The Mustangs return home Friday, October 1, hosting the Stanfield Tigers at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The Tigers lost to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots 12-10 last Friday night and played the Elgin Huskies tough two weeks ago. It should be an interesting game. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

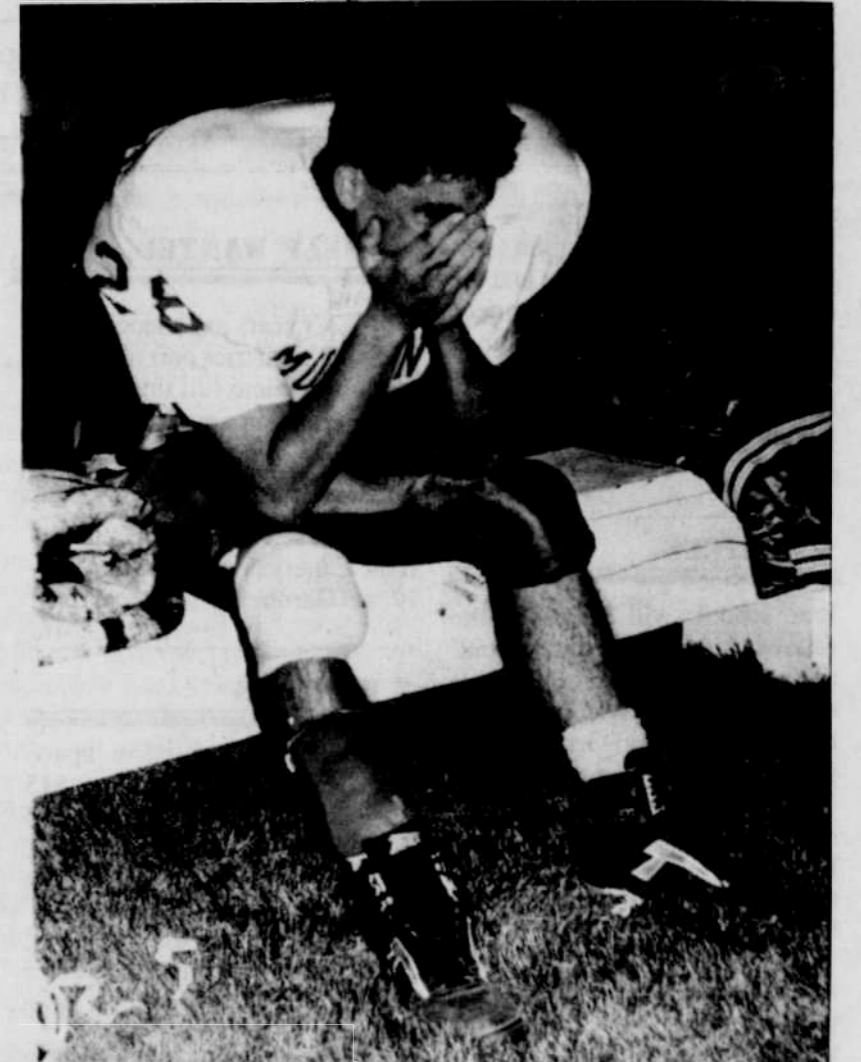


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner running back Kevin Payne shows the pain of a knee injury suffered in the Mustang win over Sherman County. Payne thought he dislocated his knee.

Historical Society plans potluck

The Morrow County Historical Society will meet Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Grange Hall in Lexington. The meeting will get underway with a turkey potluck dinner at 1:30 p.m. followed by the business meeting and program.

Winners of the four divisions of the senior essay contest held at the Morrow County Fair will receive their awards at the meeting.

Also during the meeting, Century Farm certificates will be presented.

Several Historical Society members greeted the wagon train Sunday at Cecil. Member Lorraine Griffith cooked a lovely dinner for members of the train.

The public is invited to attend Historical Society meetings.

Nothing goes right for Cards

By Anne Morter

A tentative Cardinals squad took the court Friday, Sept. 25 against Cascade Locks and never snapped out of it, losing 8-15, 5-15. According to coach Greg Likens, Cascade Locks seemed to have everything go right while "not much happened" on the Cardinals' side of the court. "We didn't hit very well. We didn't set very well. We didn't pass very well," commented Likens.

Melissa McElligott was the

leading scorer with eight points on eight of 10 serving with three aces. At the net, she was 10 for 13 hitting with six kills. Mary Jane McCarty was seven for 10 at the net with four kills.

The lady Cards face Condon for an important match this Friday Oct. 1 at home. Game time is 5 p.m. After losing to the Blue Devils in a tournament earlier in the season, the Cards need a win against the Blue Devils to stay in the hunt for a district tournament berth.

Lady Cards split matches

By Anne Morter

The Ione lady Cardinals split their volleyball matches last week, easily downing Helix on Tuesday, Sept. 24 but falling to Cascade Locks on Friday, Sept. 25.

The Cards had an easy time with Helix, downing them 15-5, 15-6. As a team, they served only 80 percent but 18 of their total 30 points were from serving aces. The lady Cards' hitting percentage was 77 percent with a 55 percent kill ratio, a number that pleased coach Greg Likens.

Mary Jane McCarty was the leading scorer with seven points on eight of nine serving with three aces. April Taylor added five points on six of six serving with another three aces. Melissa McElligott led at the net with four kills on five successful hits.

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