

## Mustangs whitewash Umatilla Vikings 27-0

The Heppner Mustangs whitewashed the visiting Umatilla Vikings Friday night, Nov. 5 and qualified for the OSAA 2A state football playoffs in the process. They tied for the CBC league championship with the Weston-McEwen TigerScots after the TigerScots were upset that same night 8-6 at Sherman.

Heppner and Umatilla were fighting for the final berth in the state playoffs and the Mustangs delivered the knockout punch to the beat-up Vikings.

Defensive end Jeff Botefuhr recovered a fumble for the first of five Viking turnovers on the Vikings' first possession. The Mustangs completed a 10 play, 65 yard drive with quarterback Rick Koffler hitting split end Leonard Brittner with a 17 yard scoring strike with 6:17 remaining in the first quarter. Brittner was good on the pat for a 7-0 Mustang lead.

Heppner and Umatilla traded possessions for most of the rest of the first half. The Heppner defense did a great job on the Vikings and their leading rusher Brian Pursiful.

The Mustangs took over from their own 13 yard line with exactly one minute remaining in the first half. Koffler hit Brittner with a 16 yard pass for a first down. After two incomplete passes, the Mustangs executed a perfect screen pass with senior running back Kevin Payne sprinting 35 yards for a Mustang first down. With only seven seconds left in the half, Koffler hit Brittner with a 20 yard pass for the Mustangs' second touchdown, a real backbreaker for the Vikings. Brittner was good with the pat for a 14-0 halftime lead.

Heppner put the game away with the first drive of the second half. Kevin Payne did most of the damage with seven carries in the



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Kevin Payne picks up some of his 119 yards against Umatilla drive. Payne gained 119 yards on 21 carries for the evening and ran the ball as well as he has this season. Koffler blasted into the end zone for the score with 5:02 left in the third quarter. The pat was wide and Heppner led 20-0.

The Vikings couldn't get anything going in the second half. Pursiful was injured just before the half and the Mustangs were stealing everything Umatilla threw in the air. Brittner and Koffler each intercepted a pass and junior Chris Dickenson picked off two passes to halt Viking drives.

Heppner scored again in the

fourth quarter. Big plays in the drive were a 15-yard pass play from Koffler to Payne and a 22 yard twisting run up the middle by sophomore Shaun Hisler. Hisler, who had been out most of the season with a broken wrist finished the drive with a two yard plunge. Brittner kicked the pat for a final score of 27-0.

Even though the Mustangs share the league title with the Weston-McEwen TigerScots, they still must travel to the Wapiti league champion Vale Vikings for a first round OSAA state playoff game Saturday, Nov. 13.

## HHS drama club to present Oscar Wilde play Nov. 18 & 19

The Heppner High School drama club will present Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest", Nov. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Student directors are Aleida Goodyear and Candis Marshall.

The cast includes Dan Beck, Tony Becket, Dani Hill, Brandi Marshall, Ryan Munkers, Patty Anderson, Joe Lindsay, Troy Wilson, David Michael, Robby Schultz and Cimmie Huth. Bryce Tucker is technical engineer. The stage crew includes Nicole VanEtta, Cimmie Huth and Amber Rollis.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Advisor is Nancy Swarat and the sets were done by the HHS art class.

## Refuge sets youth hunt on Dec. 4

Young waterfowl hunters will be given a special day of hunting at the McCormack Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday Dec. 4. Youth hunters age 15 and under, will have "first choice" of slough, river and field blinds for hunting ducks, geese and coots. All youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older, possess a Hunter Education Certificate and proper state license and stamps for their age.

On Youth Hunt Day, the reservation and blind fee will be waived for both the youth hunter and his/her adult companion. Youths must apply for the hunt by sending a postcard with their name, address and age to the Umatilla NWR Youth Hunt, PO Box 700, Umatilla, 97882 postmarked by Nov. 6, 1993.

The McCormack Unit, located near Irrigon, is a steel shot only area and there is a 20 shell limit on waterfowl hunters. Standby hunters will be allowed access to blinds on Youth Hunt Day after the youth hunters have made their selections. Standby hunters will pay the regular blind fee of \$10. For more information call 503-922-3232, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or 503-922-HUNT.

## Committee sought for farm museum

The Morrow County Court is seeking applications from interested residents to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee concerning a collection of antique farm equipment known as "Shorty's Museum".

The Peck family had deeded the collection to Morrow County for preservation and display.

Members of the committee will act in an advisory capacity to determine if the development of a facility for the antique farm equipment is appropriate; where the facility will be located; if zoning ordinances will allow the facility; acquisition of property; and how the project will be financed, said a county court press release.

The size of the committee will reflect the widespread interest in preserving the antique collection from the Peck family. Also included in the collection are numerous items donated by the Osmin family and a possibility of other items that have been offered if such a project is consummated.

Marsha Sweek, Morrow County Museum director, will act as staff to the committee. Written applications of interest will be accepted by the Morrow County Court until December 15.

## Craft fair planned

The second annual "Sugar and Spice Everything Nice" craft fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

Cookies and cider will be served all day and door prizes will be awarded.

## Card's football playoff hopes derailed by Dufur

By Anne Morter

The Ione Cardinals football playoff hopes were derailed by a strong Dufur team last Friday, Nov. 5 as they lost to the Rangers 22-42. The Cards needed to win by six points to slip into the playoffs as the Big Sky Conference's second place team. However the Rangers' stiff defense and potent offense kept the Cardinals well away from their goal.

In the early going, the game was close. Dufur scored first but the Cards answered with a touchdown of their own. Brian Holtz ran it over the line from four yards out. But the Rangers put three additional scores on the board before Ione found the end zone again. Bridger Baker recovered one of three lost Dufur fumbles and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown. That pulled the Cardinals to within two touchdowns. The Rangers were not to be denied as they scored twice in the fourth quarter to Ione's once to put the game, and

the season, on ice.

Statistically the game was more lopsided than the score indicates. The Cards were held to just 87 yards of total offense. On the ground, they attempted to move the ball 46 times to gain just 75 yards. Dufur had 25 carries for 245 yards. The Cards had problems in the air too. Jared Ashbeck completed two of eight passes for just 12 yards with one interception. The Rangers had 162 passing yards. Brian Holtz was the leading rusher with 30 yards followed by Ashbeck with 29 yards.

"We played a great game," noted coach Gregg Rietmann. "Dufur is very good. They put pretty good defense on us." He also noted that several penalties in the first half hurt the Cardinals.

Although he had hoped the season would be extended, Rietmann was pleased with the outcome. "It was a good season. We played some great football," he said. The Cards finished the year third in the league with an overall 5-4 record.

## Cards beat Wasco Co. and Condon

By Anne Morter

The Cards pounced early at the District Tournament held last weekend when they beat the Wasco County Redside 15-3, 15-2, never giving the Redside any breathing room. Behind 95 percent serving and 90 percent hitting, the Cards put Wasco County away in two games. "We played the way we can play, the way we should play," commented coach Greg Likens. "The girls played really well."

Melissa McElligott was perfect on 14 serves, scoring 12 points with two aces. At the net, she was five of six in hitting with three kills and one stuff-block. Mary Jane McCarty was eight of nine serving with seven points and two aces. She hit five for five with two kills. April Taylor had a good defensive effort as well as serving seven for seven with five points and two aces. Freshman Suzie Heideman came off the bench with four kills on seven of eight hitting.

Likens also noted that Jamie Lovett and Kim Bedortha were outstanding in the back row, where they each collected several digs. "It was an all out, awesome team effort," he said.

The lady Cardinals were a little surprised to find themselves playing Condon for second place and the second state tournament berth. After finishing the season undefeated, Condon lost in the opening round to Dufur. But it was the Blue Devils who were in for the big surprise in the end when the rampaging lady Cardinals barged past them 15-5, 15-8 for their biggest win of the season. In their three previous meetings Condon had always prevailed but the Cards won the match that counted the most.

In the first game, the lady Cardinals carried over the momen-

tum from their first match to easily win the game. Condon started out the second game with a 5-1 run, but Ione called a time-out to regroup and turn the game their way.

According to Likens, the big difference was 91 percent serving, 89 percent hitting and virtually no mistakes. The missed serves and unforced errors that plagued the Cards in their previous match-ups with the Blue Devils were on the opposite side of the net this time. "We got the balls up and back on their side. Then Condon started making mistakes," commented Likens.

Melissa McElligott was a force on the court with 12 of 12 serving, 10 points and three aces. At the net, she was 15 of 15 with six kills. Heidi Orem served five of six for five points and one ace. Kim Bedortha scored five points on six for seven serving. At the net, Jamie Lovett was 11 for 12 with four kills. Suzy Heideman and Mary Jane McCarty each had four kills.

"They played awesome. They played towards their potential," said Likens. "They were a wrecking crew on a mission."

## Holiday open house slated

A holiday open house will be held on Friday, Nov. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Kate's Pizza.

The open house will feature gifts from Home Interiors, represented by Penny Connor Tandy; Avon, Judy Handbury; and Mary Kay Cosmetics, Mary Kay Bellamy. There will be samples and free drawings.

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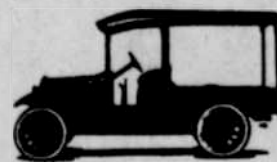
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