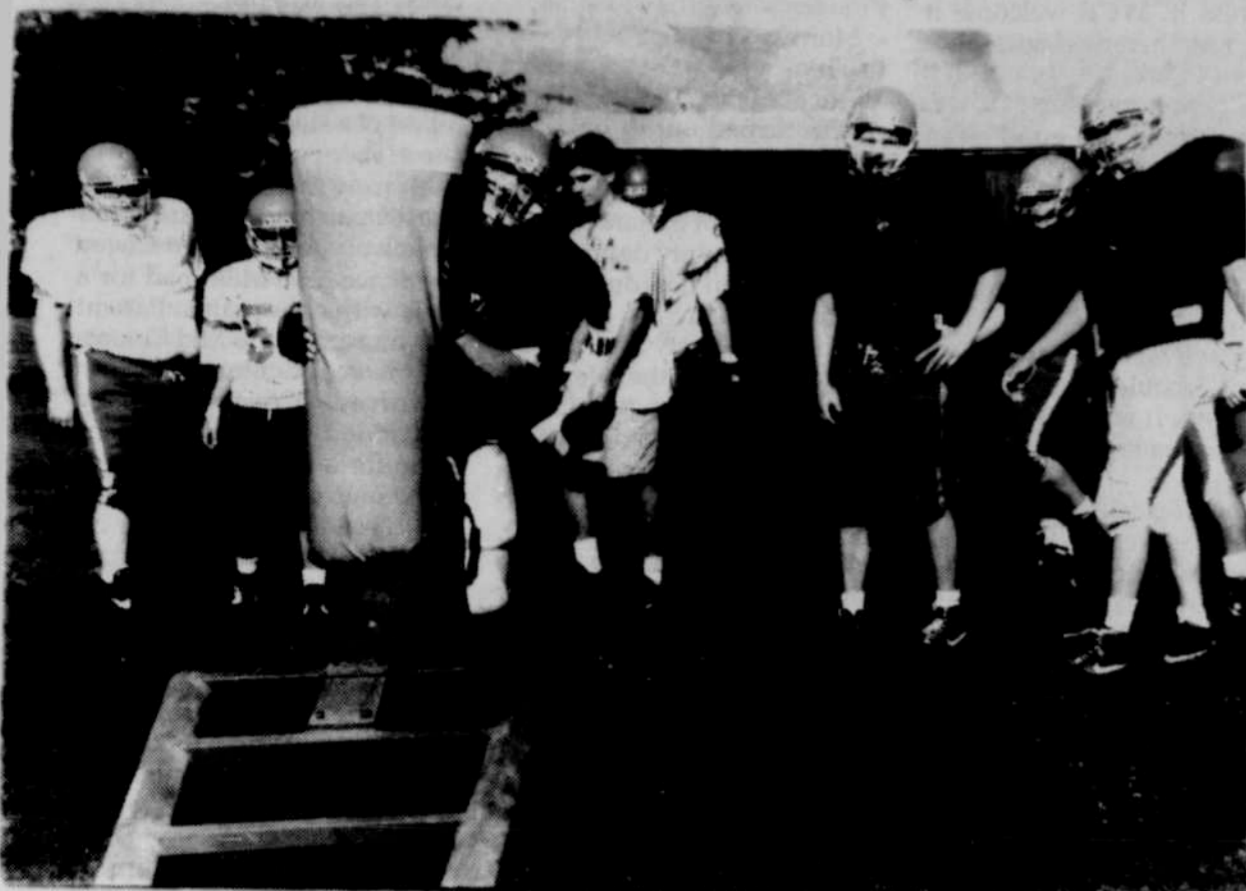
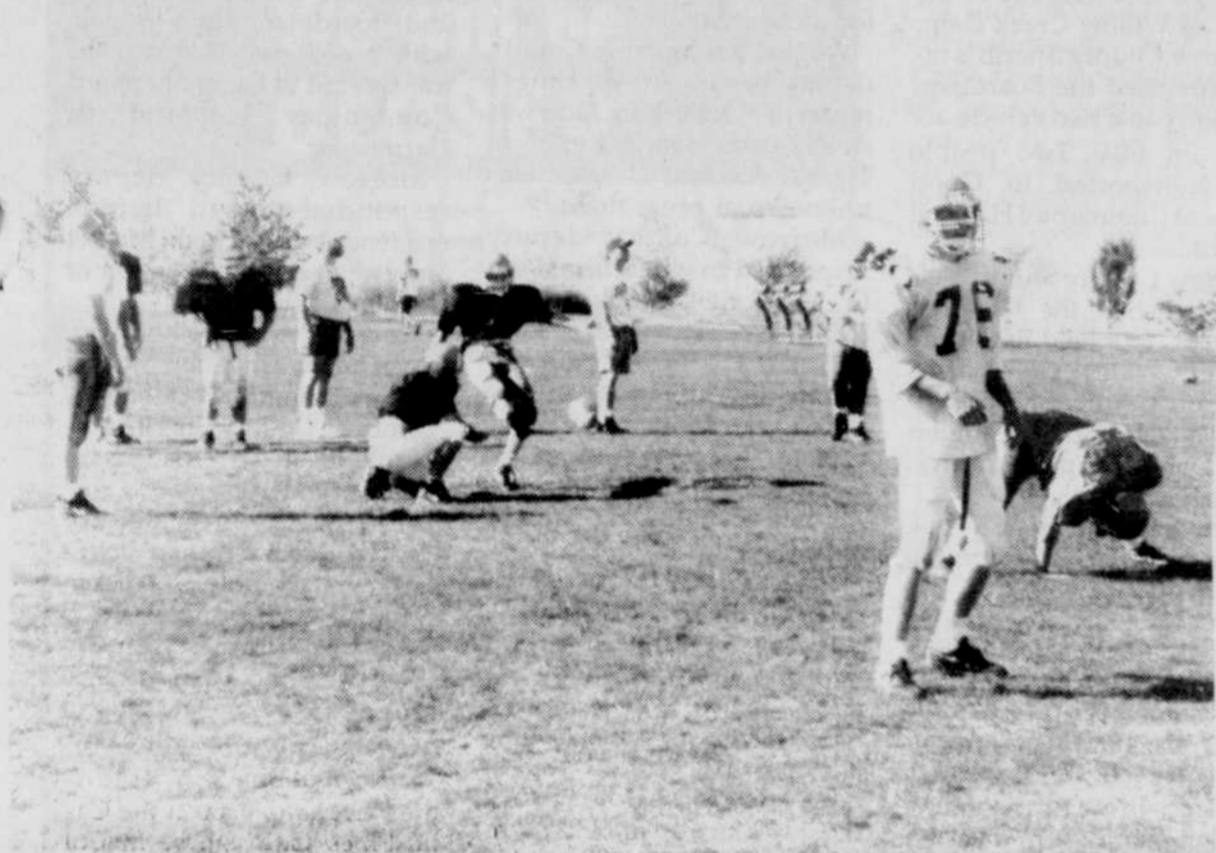


## Mustangs veteran but inexperienced



Chris Sykes (center) practices blocking during football practice while other Mustangs wait their turn. Heppner plays Imbler at home Friday, Sept. 2.



Gearing up for the new season Mustang men practice punting for the extra point.

The 1994 edition of the Heppner Mustangs will be a veteran team but without much game experience when they take the field Friday, September 2 in an early season non-league game against the Imbler Panthers at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Coach Greg Grant welcomed back 44 players to daily doubles last week. Grant, in his fifth season as the head coach, has a career record at Heppner of 33 wins 10 losses. His teams have won two league championships, qualified for the playoffs every year and in 1992 won the State championship with a 24-12 victory over Vale.

Gone this year are a number of three year, two-way starters who took up most of the playing time. In their places are a senior dominated line-up that needs to grow up early in the Mustangs' three pre-season tilts to make a run at a playoff spot.

Leading the Mustangs this year will be seniors Chris Dickenson, Jon Hanna and Jeremy Cimmiyotti, all letterman from a year ago.

Offensively, senior John Qualls should anchor the line at center with Hanna and senior Ethan Burnside at guard. Cimmiyotti and junior Chris Sykes will be offensive tackles and seniors Brent Wright and Bill Schlaich will be the receivers.

In the back field senior Chad Skroch will be handing the ball to Dickenson, junior Shaun Hisler and a trio of sophomores Brent Gunderson, Eric Schonbachler and Jim Schlaich.

On the defensive side of the ball, Hanna, Cimmiyotti and Sykes, along with Burnside and Schlaich will anchor the line. Gunderson and Hisler will line up at linebacker and Skroch, Wright, Dickenson and Schonbachler will be in the secondary. The Mustangs will run both a 5-2 and 4-3 line-up this year. Coach Grant will be helped

this year again by longtime assistant Les Payne, Russell Britt and new assistant Chris Rauch. Rauch will help with both the varsity and JV programs.

The Mustangs open with a tough Wapiti opponent the Imbler Panthers. The Panthers have gone through several

## Water heating big expense

Water heating is the second biggest energy expense in most older homes, points out Dave Brook, Oregon State University, Extension agent. In new homes with high insulation levels, water heating may cost more than space heating.

You can keep your water heating bills down by helping your water heater make hot water efficiently and by using hot water wisely. Brook suggests the following easy steps:

Set your water heater to 120 degrees F. That's hot enough for home use, even for automatic dishwashers. Changing your water heater setting should take no more than five minutes. Electric water heaters have two thermostats, for top and bottom elements. Gas water heaters have a dial near the bottom of the tank. Use a meat thermometer to check the temperature of hot water from a faucet six hours later. Readjust the water heater setting if necessary.

Insulate your water heater. An insulating blanket costs about \$10 and pays for itself in less than a year. Even water heaters located indoors should

be insulated. Follow the instructions included with the blanket specifically for electric or gas water heaters.

Install water-saving showerheads. According to "Consumer Reports" tests, new water-saving showerheads produce an excellent spray.

Don't leave the faucet running when washing dishes by hand. Use two sinks or basins, one for washing, one for rinsing, or rinse dishes as a group.

If you use a dishwasher, run full loads only.

If you regularly run out of hot water, Brook recommends that you observe how long it takes for the water heater to recover a full tank of hot water. For electric water heaters, a long recovery time likely means a burnt-out element. You can test elements with an electrical continuity meter. Elements cost about \$10 and are easy to replace, but you'll have to drain the tank first.

If you have an older gas water heater, slow recovery time could be a sign that the heat transfer fins inside the tank have corroded and the tank may need to be replaced.

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## Wallowa County stock growers meet

The Wallowa County Stock Growers, at its annual meeting at Enterprise Aug. 20, voted to file affidavits in a suit brought against the U.S. Forest Service by the Pacific Rivers Council and other environmental groups to ban grazing in the Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla National Forests.

"Our organization is going to take an active role in this lawsuit," said Bob Morse, president of the Wallowa County Stock Growers. "And we want the U.S. Forest Service to appeal the decision of the 9th Circuit Court which granted the injunction."

The stockgrowers and the U.S. Forest Service have been working together since the salmon was listed as endangered to improve salmon habitat areas and to make sure that livestock have no negative effect on them.

"The notion that it is necessary to stop grazing in the forests to protect salmon

habitat, as the Pacific Rivers Council contends, is just dead wrong," said Mack Birkmaier, president of the Oregon Cattleman's Association, who also attended the meeting.

"Taking cattle off the public rangeland will not protect the salmon," said Morse. "Research shows that grazing can be an ecological tool that can promote desired characteristics in plant communities."

"Livestock grazing is a risk management tool because the livestock reduce fuel loads on the range, which is so important in a drought year like this, what with so many fires burning in the West," added Wallowa County Judge Arleigh Isley. "Anyone can see that where the lands are not grazed and where the timber is unmanaged is where the fires are uncontrollable."

The organization, representing cattle and sheep growers

in the county, also voted to send formal requests to Oregon's congressional representatives asking that they support a rewrite of the Endangered Species Act. The stockgrowers want the act to take into consideration the economic consequences of listing species. "Until people and communities are figured into this endangered species equation, it will continue to be a failure," said Birkmaier.

At a later meeting of permit holders who graze on in the national forest, participants agreed to support the timber industry and work closely with its representatives in restoring logging, which has also been banned, in the two national forests.

"We're going to fight to save the livelihoods of generations of farmers, ranchers, loggers, and timber families in our county, in Oregon, and in the West," promised Birkmaier.

## CAPECO director announces resignation

CAPECO executive director Stan Foster announced recently that he will be leaving his position with the regional social service agency on December 31.

Foster, CAPECO's first executive director, has filled the leadership role for the organization since January 1988. Under the direction of Foster the organization grew from a one-room operation in the Pendleton hospital to the five-million dollar multi-faceted social service agency that it is today.

CAPECO originally provided programs which assisted low-income families in gaining emergency food, weatherization, emergency assistance, homeless assistance, and summer youth programs.

The agency later developed initiatives in housing and home improvements and is completing work on four new housing projects in the area.

continue to build on the strong record of accomplishments which have been achieved in the first seven years.

Carlson said that the board of directors will move quickly to select a new director by September 30.

Foster said that he had made the decision to leave CAPECO so he could pursue some private business opportunities, but that he expected to remain in the area. "I feel good about the future of CAPECO. The organization has strong managers and an excellent staff, plus a tradition of community service which will most certainly continue under new leadership," said Foster.

CAPECO is the largest social service agency east of the Cascades, offering a broad range of services to the people and communities of Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties.

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