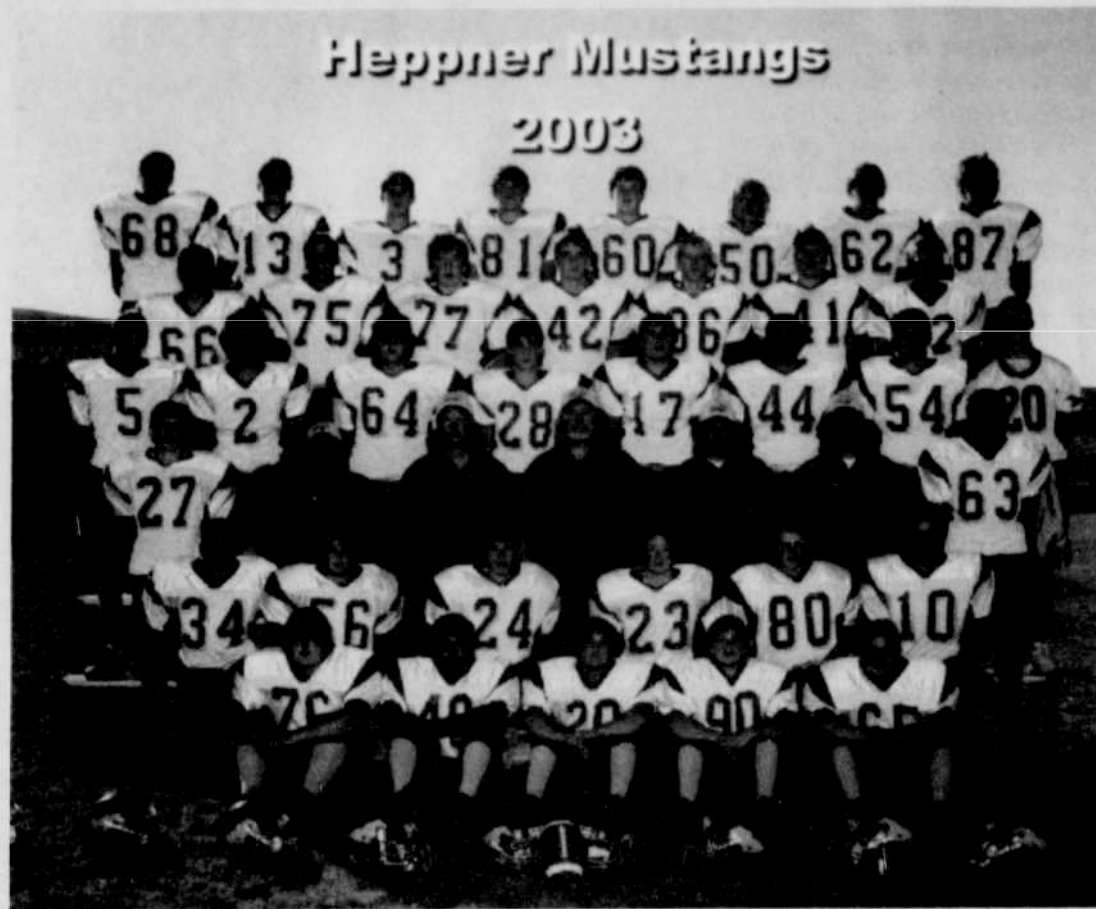


## Mustangs beat Tigers early in game



By Rick Paullus

The third-ranked Heppner Mustangs capped an undefeated regular season by beating the visiting Stanfield Tigers 52-0, after jumping out to a 34-0 lead after one quarter on a cold Friday, Oct. 31 night.

The Mustangs also wrapped up their fifth straight Columbia Basin Conference season without a loss. The Mustangs, 7 and 0 in the CBC and 9 and 0 overall, will host the Vernonia Loggers, 7 and 2, on Saturday, Nov. 8 in the first round of the Les Schwab/US Bank/OSAA Class 2A state play-offs. The Loggers finished in second place in the Northwest League to Warrenton.

The Mustangs wasted little time in jumping on the Tigers as Tyler Boyer brought the opening kick-off back to the Stanfield 41-yard line. Tyler Lovgren ran for 12 yards, and after a motion penalty, ran for nine more. Lovgren had a touchdown run on the next play called back by a holding penalty, but Cody Walton ran it in from 21 yards out for a touchdown.

Stanfield took over at their own 16-yard line and on their first play from scrimmage Judd Lemmon caused a fumble that Boyer jumped on at the 15-yard line. Chuy Elguezabal then hit Tanner Britt in the end zone for a touchdown, then passed to him for the two-point conversion to make it 14-0 with 10:09 left in the first quarter.

The Mustangs got the ball back at their own thirty-five after a punt and after a short run by Boyer, Walton took off on a reverse 57 yards to the six-yard line. Boyer took it in from there to make it 20-0 halfway through the first quarter.

The Tigers drove inside Mustang territory on their next possession, but another fumble recovered by Lovgren gave the Mustangs the ball at their own 30-yard line. Boyer ran for three then Elguezabal broke free for a 67-yard touchdown. Matthew VanCleave hit Boyer for the two-point conversion to make it 28-0.

The Mustangs forced the Tigers to punt on their next possession which Lovgren

brought back 28 yards to the seven where he took it into the end zone for a touchdown to make it 34-0 with just under two minutes left in the first quarter.

The Tigers coughed up the ball again on their next possession that was recovered by Brian Smith, but the Mustangs were unable to capitalize giving the ball up on downs at the Tigers' 30-yard line.

The Mustangs got the ball back at their 40-yard line after a punt. Lovgren then ran for 20 yards, after which Jode Coil broke free up the sideline for a 40-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but the Mustangs led 40-0 early in the second quarter.

The Mustangs forced another Tiger punt and took over at their own 47-yard line. They then went back to work as Matt Kenny ran four times for 21 yards before a 32-yard pass from Elguezabal to Aaron Griffith for a touchdown was called back by a penalty. Coil ran for six, and after a motion penalty, caught a pass from Elguezabal for nine yards, then ran for 10 yards to the twelve. Kenny ran twice for 11 yards to the one, where Boyer took it in for the touchdown.

The Tigers came back with a drive of their own getting inside the Mustangs' twenty, but Lovgren intercepted a pass in the end zone with 23 seconds left in the half to end the threat.

The only scoring in the second half was a 42-yard punt return for a touchdown by Lovgren early in the third quarter for the final margin of 52-0.

The defense was led by Boyer with 20 defensive points with Lemmon adding 13 points, Zack Skaggs and Smith 12 points each and Kenny finishing with 10 points.

Walton led the Mustangs on the ground gaining 78 yards on two carries, with Elguezabal adding 68 yards on three carries. Coil, playing in his first game since the first game of the season, had 53 yards on four carries and caught one pass for nine yards. Lovgren had 48 yards on four carries and Kenny had seven carries for 33 yards.

Heppner 34 12 6 0-52

Stanfield 0 0 0 0-0

**First Quarter**

Heppner- Cody Walton

21-yard run (run failed) 10:32

Heppner- Tanner Britt

15-yard pass from Chuy Elguezabal (Britt pass from Elguezabal) 10:09

Heppner- Tyler Boyer

six-yard run (pass failed) 6:39

Heppner- Elguezabal 67-

yard run (Boyer pass from Matthew VanCleave) 4:07

Heppner- Kyler Lovgren

seven-yard run (pass failed) 1:57

**Second Quarter**

Heppner- Jode Coil 40-

yard run (pass failed) 9:48

Heppner- Boyer one-

yard run (pass failed) 3:15

**Third Quarter**

Heppner- Lovgren 42-

yard punt return (run failed) 10:00

**First Downs:** Heppner 6,

Stanfield 5; **Rushes-yards:**

Heppner 31-314, Stanfield 24-74;

**Passing yards:** Heppner 24,

Stanfield 56; **Passes:** Heppner 2-

3-0, Stanfield 4-11-2; **Fumbles-**

**lost:** Heppner 1-1, Stanfield 5-3;

**and Penalties-yards:** Heppner 5-

24, Stanfield 6-61.

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing:** Heppner-

Cody Walton 2-78, Chuy

Elguezabal 3-68, Jode Coil 4-53,

Kyler Lovgren 4-48, Matt Kenny

7-33, Tyler Boyer 5-13, Brendan

McElligott 2-13, Francisco

Escalante 2-8 and Roy Proctor 2-

0; Stanfield- Nate Dick 12-40, Jared

Little 11-34 and Jason Flemmer 1-

0.

**Passing:** Heppner-

Elguezabal 2-3-0 24 yards;

Stanfield- Tyler Gabriel 4-11-2 56

yards.

**Receiving:** Heppner-

Tanner Britt 1-15 and Coil 1-9;

Stanfield- Flemmer 2-45 and

Herschel Zielke 2-11.

## Chili Feed to support Colt flag football

A chili feed will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 before the first round play-off game between Heppner and Vernonia. Food will also be available during half-time. The feed will start at 12 noon and the game begins at 1 p.m.

Cost is \$4 per person and includes chili, French bread, salad and choice of beverage.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Colt flag football program.

## Lady Cardinals lose second place to Devils

Three 1A district volleyball playoffs were held in Umatilla on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Dufur ousted Condon in the first match of the tournament to secure a first place seed to state. The Lady Cardinals defeated South Wasco County in the second match of the Big Sky Tournament, 25-17, 25-15, outscoring the number two west side seed.

The Cardinal victory earned the lone squad the opportunity to playoff against Condon for the second place berth to the state championship. Lone came back from a 1-6 deficit to defeat the

## St. Patrick's Center news

At the annual joint meeting of the Heppner Housing Authority and the Senior Center Board of Directors, the contract agreement between the City of Heppner and the Senior Center was reviewed. The document was created to insure consistent and clear policies of financial underpinnings and efficient operation of the Center as a service to senior citizens; also a benefit and source of pride to the whole community. The document, signed June 29, 1988, has been in effect 15 years.

A motion to continue the agreement passed. The issue of resident smoking was voted to remain as is. Total review is annual; any item may be raised for review at any time.

In regard to apartments, the new fire extinguishers for individual kitchens are being installed. The smoke alarms are each being examined and adjusted. Six new self-defrost refrigerators are still to be installed.

An updated inventory of the Center's furniture and equipment will be completed by the next board meeting on Nov. 19.

Several Halloween characters appeared at the Oct. 29 noon meal. These brave souls were enjoyed for their ingenuity.

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Christian Life Center volunteers will serve the noon meal. The menu will be hot dogs with chili and sauerkraut, tater rounds, pasta salad, hot dog buns, ice cream and cookies.

Ed Baker reminds all that the senior bus will travel to Condon for the annual meeting of CBEC shareholders. Time and date to be announced.

In addition, bus trips for medical related purposes, are made regularly to Hermiston, Pendleton and Walla Walla. Those needing the service must make an appointment for the bus at least 24 hours ahead, to be assured of a bus and driver. The schedule is as follows: Hermiston- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; Pendleton and Walla Walla- Tuesday and Thursday. Medical related needs are the primary purpose for the bus runs. Others may also go on a seat available basis. Those persons must also call ahead to be sure a run is scheduled and to be considered.

Blue Devils, 25-21 in the first game of the match. Lone let down their defenses in the second game losing to Condon, 10-25. Lone was unable to pick up the pace in game three and lost to the Blue Devils, 8-15.

Tina Tuzarova led the Cardinals on the scoreboard with 14 points. Tuzarova also delivered five aces, 34 passed balls, 16 hits and two kills. Meghan M. McCabe contributed 13 points, 11 passes, five hits and led the team with 45 set assists. Megan E. McCabe scored nine points, passed nine balls and delivered 35 set assists and

one hit. Ashly Grams scored eight points and delivered 17 passes. Emily Key scored seven points and delivered 28 passes and eight hits. Natalie McElligott scored two points and led the Cardinals with 51 passes, 24 hits, four kills and blocked 12 defensive hits. Jenny Griffith came off the bench to contribute two passes, seven hits and three blocks.

Megan E. McCabe earned honorable mention on the Big Sky East All Star Team. Natalie McElligott and Meghan M. McCabe were named to the first team All Star team for the Big Sky East.

## Fire Season ends on private lands protected by ODF

After a tough fire season welcomed moisture brought fire season to an end on Nov. 3. This includes private lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry in Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties.

What this means to the private land owner: Unless you are in a rural or, city fire department protection area, burn permits for burn barrels and small amounts of yard debris are not required. If you are in rural or city fire department protection call your local fire department for any burning restrictions. Burning of slash from logging, thinning or juniper cutting, as well as juniper, sage and grass burning is still restricted. Written permits are required to burn these materials year-round and may be acquired from local Oregon Department of Forestry offices.

Despite moisture and cooler temperatures, fire managers are still concerned about one traditional fall and winter activity- the burning of slash piles.

Two of this summer's fires were escaped "holdover"

slash burns from last winter. "We continue to be plagued by escapes from piles that were burned months before and appear out. The fire takes off in the spring or summer when fuels dry out," stated Gordon Foster, John Day Unit Forester. "Driving by and looking for smoke is not enough," Foster emphasized. "Every pile needs to be checked closely to ensure that no heat remains." The problem is made worse by years of cumulative drought and abrupt changes from dry conditions to winter without fall rains. Piles tend to burn deep and hold fire. Soils and heavy fuels do not recover adequate moisture.

Persons who burn slash can take simple steps to prevent escapes. The first is to obtain the required permit from the Oregon Department of Forestry. "The permit gives us the opportunity to discuss and document prevention measures," Foster explained. "The other key is to ensure all piles are completely out."

In 2003 Central Oregon firefighters responded to 552 fires burning 123,481 acres - the private land portion: 185 fires and 2746 acres.

## Jr. High CCD helping fire victims



MaryAnn Elguezabal (far right) with CCD group.

Last year, the seventh and eighth graders enjoyed their service trip to Portland so much that they want to plan another trip this year. But first they decided to start some charity right here in Heppner.

They had been reading about other CCD groups doing good deeds in their home towns and came up with the idea to help the two families whose homes burned down this fall.

The students dug deep into their pockets giving money they had earned by babysitting, mowing lawns, doing yard work, and even gave money from their savings. (A few students gave \$20-\$35.) They also collected about \$35 worth of cans. Some parishioners heard of their efforts and also made donations.

The Parish Finance Committee got into the project and offered to match the money the group made, up to a maximum of \$400. The total amount from the students will be over \$225. With the match from the Parish Finance Committee, they will have \$450.

The group plans to give the families of Terry and Lynn and Dale and Diane a Bible, a gift certificate to Lott's Electric for a small kitchen appliance and a cash donation.

## WCLL to hold election meeting

The Willow Creek Little League Board will hold its election meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the Shamrock in Fossil.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

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**LADIES NIGHT:** Sally and Ralph Walker and Crew will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner starting at 6 p.m.

Lodge starts at 8 p.m.

