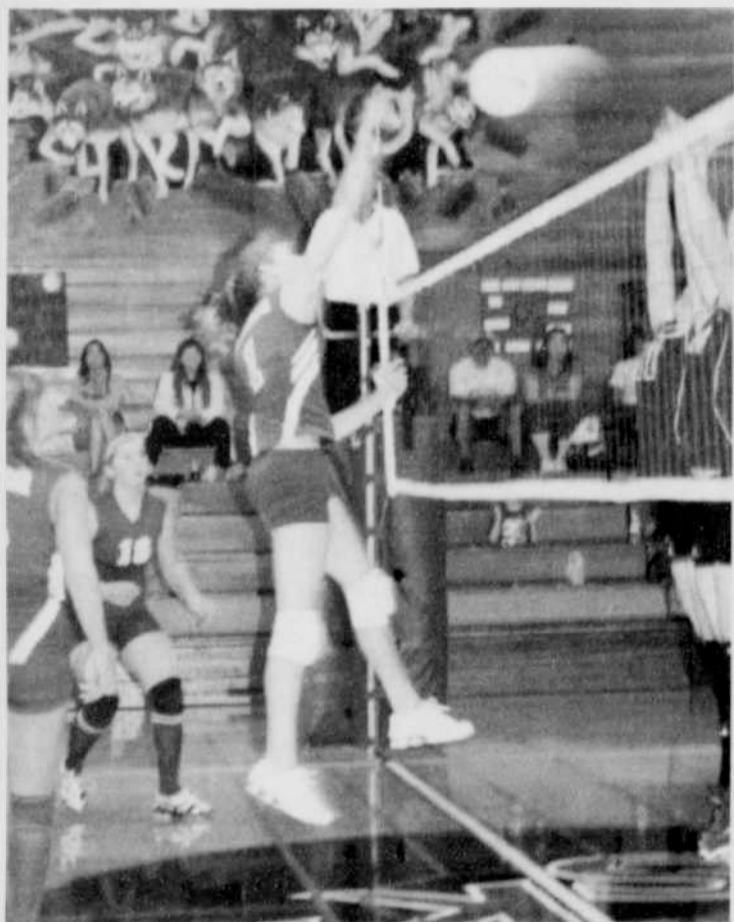


## Mustang girls win two matches at Elgin tourney



Heppner Mustang #2 Megan Orr saves the ball against an Elgin serve. Photo by Sandy Matthews.



Heppner Mustang Amber Patton works hard against the net to win against Enterprise. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Mustang volleyball team competed in a four-way tournament in Elgin on Saturday, Sept. 24. The Heppner team played against Enterprise and Elgin.

The Mustangs played Enterprise first. The Mustangs won the match in five games going 25-16, 19-25, 25-12, 15-25 and 15-12.

The Mustangs then went on to win the league match against Elgin in three games with scores of 25-19, 25-18 and 25-20.

## SMART to hold kick-off party

The Heppner SMART program will be holding its annual kick-off to the reading year on Monday, Oct. 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Heppner Elementary School library.

All new and returning volunteers, anyone interested in learning more about SMART, as well as parents of children who participate in the program are invited to attend. Program staff will be going over the plan for the year, training and explain how beneficial SMART is for the children of Heppner.

This year, special guest speaker Mary Haguewood will be sharing with the group the importance of talking to and engaging children in conversation so as to foster literacy in youngsters.

If you have an extra hour a week and would like to become a hero in a child's life, attend the kick-off Monday night. Refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Moore at 676-9128, ext. 2630 or 676-5272.

## Heppner man wins awards at Chuckwagon Cafe Dutch Oven Cookoff

A field of 11 Dutch Oven cooks earned prestigious awards and valuable prizes during the "Third Annual Chuckwagon Cafe Dutch Oven Cookoff" held Sept. 23, at the family restaurant.

The large parking lot behind the Chuckwagon Cafe, bustling from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. as cook camps sprung up, side-by-side, next to three large canopies. Observers of this "Cook's Row" saw a wide variety of clean campsites ranging from elaborate kitchens with running water to a dropped-down tailgate covered with a vinyl tablecloth.

"Our competition attempts to maintain the rustic Mountain Man spirit," said Cathy Stolz, the cookoff's organizer. "Those brave explorers didn't face the wide range of microscopic contagions around us today. They dealt with larger-than-life threats, like grizzly bear and severe weather." Stolz said she was constantly impressed with the attention contestants gave toward sustaining a healthy environment within their outdoor kitchen. In addition, the judges kept a close watch after inspecting each empty Dutch Oven at the 9 a.m. Cook's Meeting.

Surrounded by strategically placed, white-hot, charcoal briquettes, each cast-iron, three-legged, flat-topped Dutch Oven baked or simmered while boy scouts, fiddlers, cloggers, gospel singers, judges, cooks and the adventuresome public celebrated the pioneer spirit of the event.

At 11 a.m. Boy Scout Troop #654, of Hermiston, presented the colors and led the outdoor assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The Scouts, led by Scoutmaster Nathan Thompson, Hermiston, also baked on site and offered Dutch Oven Huckleberry Cobbler to the public for donations. The Umatilla High School Senior Class, Umatilla, OR, offered hot dogs, Ice cream, fountain drinks and floats to raise funds for their graduation trip to Disneyland.

For a donation of \$2, people could obtain a Tasting Plate. This allowed them to receive a "taste" of each entry after the judges' samples had been collected. The public then voted on their favorite dish. The winner received the "People's Choice Award."

The gathering of Dutch Oven cooks ranged from novice to veteran. In fact, the winner of the People's Choice Award (\$100 cash) was first-time competitor Dennis Wall of Heppner, OR. He also won First Place for the same dish, Cowboy Camp Stew. "He was so nervous, because he had only cooked for family and friends, never for the

public," Stolz said. "When he won two top awards, he smiled and said, 'I'm overwhelmed'."

The judging staff consisted of three experienced Dutch Oven cooks. Head Judge, ShaovenHarvey, Hermiston, who owns 'Sharon's Sweet Treats,' is a Dutch Oven caterer. Fellow judges Terry Valentine, Pendleton, OR and Matt Ginter, Hermiston, are seasoned Dutch Oven cooks. Faced with one tough job, the judges chose this roster of winners:

People's Choice Award (\$100 cash): Dennis Wall, Heppner, for Cowboy Camp Stew.

Main Dish: First Place- Dennis Wall for Cowboy Camp Stew; Second Place- John Nichols, Umatilla, for Martha Washington's Chicken Fricassee; and Third Place- Ruth Nichols (John's wife) for Hobo Stew.

Side Dish: There were no entries in this category.

Breads and Rolls: First Place- team of Gerald Creech, Plymouth, WA and nephew, Lauren Creech, Kent, WA for Jalapeno Cornbread and Second Place- John Nichols for Zucchini Bread.

Desserts: First Place- husband-and-wife team of Debra and Tom Imus, Boardman, for Caramel Apple Pie with Brandy Sauce.

Judge's Special Awards: Recognition was given to five participants. The husband-and-wife team of Paula and Nathan Thompson received "The Pioneer Spirit Award." They had prepared Deep-fried Tacos. First-time participant Dan Selmer, Hermiston, who prepared two entries (Whole Wheat Pull-apart Bread plus Potatoes with German Sausage), received the "Best Chuckwagon Camp Award." The daughter-and-mother team of Cathy Creech, Plymouth and Claudine Osborne, Umatilla, received "The Most Porsnickety (spotless) Camp Award." They prepared a main dish called Broken Sombrosos.

The biggest winners were the Boy Scouts and Senior Class of Umatilla High School. They received \$1260 from the cookoff's "30-Minute-30-Item Auction" held just before the judging. "Team Columbia" from Columbia River Auction, Hermiston, coordinated the annual auction.

Chuckwagon Cafe marked its 36th Anniversary at the event. Owners Dorothy Beason and Cathy Stolz have sponsored and hosted the event for three years. The "Annual Chuckwagon Cafe Dutch Oven Cookoff" is open to any Dutch Oven cook. Next year's cookoff, scheduled for Sept. 22, 2007, is already simmering on the back grate.

## Mustangs open league with 54-0 win over Tigers

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs began play in the new Blue Mountain Conference with a convincing 54-0 win over the Stanfield Tigers on Friday, Sept. 22 in Stanfield. The Mustangs, 1-0 and 2 and 2 overall, will be at home for homecoming on Friday, Sept. 29 against the Union Bobcats.

The Tigers took over on their own 35-yard line after the opening kick-off and with the help of a sack by Justin Delveaux and Nacho Elguezabal the defense forced a punt. The Mustangs took over at the Stanfield nine after the snap sailed over the head of the punter and was run down by Matt McCabe. They couldn't take advantage though as a fumbled pitch was picked up by the Tigers and ran back to the 19-yard line.

The defense held again though and the Mustangs got the ball back at the Stanfield 17-yard line after a two-yard punt. After an offside penalty on the Tigers, McCabe went for five, then for seven more and a touchdown. Tim Hauer booted the extra point and the Mustangs led 7-0 midway through the first quarter.

Great coverage on the kick-off by Lane Bailey pinned the Tigers back at their 16-yard line and after the defense held, the Mustangs took over at the Stanfield 44-yard line. McCabe went twice for 13 yards, after an incomplete pass, Caleb Maben ran for eight and McCabe picked up the first down with a five-yard gain to the nineteen. Bailey then broke free taking it to the end zone for the touchdown and after Hauer kicked the extra point the Mustangs led 14-0 late in the first quarter.

The teams traded punts then Maben picked off a pass and returned it to the Mustangs 38-yard line. Bailey ran three times for 31 yards, McCabe ran three times for 16 yards, Bailey for eight and a first down at the eight-yard line. Spencer Palmer went for six then it took Bailey two runs from the two but finally got it in the end zone for a touchdown. Hauer's kick was perfect to increase the lead to 21-0 with 7:03 left in the second quarter.

The defense held again and the Mustangs took over at the Stanfield 44-yard line after the punt. Maben took a pass from Quinn Peck 20 yards, Palmer went for four then Peck hit R.J. Farrens for a 20-yard touchdown pass. Hauer's kick made it 28-0 with 4:10 left in the half.

On the Tigers next possession, Peck picked off a pass and returned it 48 yards to the Stanfield 28-yard line and on first down hit Farrens again for the touchdown. Hauer's kick was again perfect to make it

35-0 late in the second quarter.

The defense again held forcing a punt, but a bad snap was scooped up by Delveaux and returned 29 yards for another touchdown. Hauer's kick made it 42-0 as the first half came to an end.

On their first possession of the second half, the Mustangs couldn't move the ball and were forced to punt and after it bounced off a Stanfield player, Dennis Kenny jumped on the ball at the Heppner 49-yard line. Bailey hit Kenny for 43 yards to the eight, then ran for four where McCabe took it in for the touchdown. The conversion run failed, but the Mustangs led 48-0 and kicked in the 45-point rule, which made it a running clock for the remainder of the game.

After the defense again held, the Mustangs took over at their own 32-yard line following a punt. On third and long, Sam King took a pass from Dalton Wellman and went 72 yards for a touchdown. The conversion run failed, but the Mustangs led 54-0 late in the third.

The Tigers had a chance to score late in the fourth, but the Mustangs held inside the one and took over on downs and were able to run out the clock.

McCabe picked up 61 yards on 13 carries with Bailey running seven times for 41 yards. Peck was three of seven with no interceptions for 68 yards and two touchdowns. Farrens caught two passes, both for touchdowns, for 48 yards.

The defense held the Tigers to 41 total yards for the game.

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**First Quarter:**  
Heppner- Matt McCabe seven-yard run (Tim Hauer kick) 7:04

Heppner- Lane Bailey 19-yard run (Hauer kick) 2:56

**Second Quarter:**  
Heppner- Bailey one-yard run (Hauer kick) 7:03

Heppner- R.J. Farrens 20-yard pass from Quinn Peck (Hauer kick) 4:10

Heppner- Farrens 28-yard pass from Peck (Hauer kick) 1:49

Heppner- Justin Delveaux 29-yard fumble return (Hauer kick) :34

**Third Quarter:**  
Heppner- McCabe four-yard run (run failed) 9:28

Heppner- Sam King 72-yard pass from Dalton Wellman (run failed) 2:35

**Team Statistics:** First downs- Heppner 8, Stanfield 2; Rushes-yards- Heppner 28-123, Stanfield 25-18; Passing yards- Heppner 183, Stanfield 23; Passes- Heppner 5-9-0, Stanfield 4-9-2; Fumbles-lost- Heppner 3-2, Stanfield 2-1; and Penalties- Heppner 0-0, Stanfield 3-15.

**Individual Statistics:**  
Rushing- Heppner- McCabe 13-61, Bailey 7-41, Peck 2-11, Spencer Palmer 2-10, Josh Shank 2-8, Caleb Maben 1-8, Keenan Jack 2-13, Bryan Holland 1-(-5); Stanfield- Baros 7-20, Gabeal 3-11, Mills 10-19, Ibarra 1-(-5), Ellis 4-(-32).

Passing- Heppner- Peck 3-7-0 68 yards, Wellman 1-1-0 72 yards, Bailey 1-2-0 43 yards; Stanfield- Ellis 4-9-2 23 yards.

Receiving- Heppner- Farrens 2-48, King 1-72, Dennis Kenny 1-43, Maben 1-20; Stanfield- Mills 2-5, Marcum 1-12, Esquivel 1-6.

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