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## Heppner volleyball team fourth at state

By Kim Cutsforth

The Heppner Mustangs could not have gotten off to a rockier start at the state tournament held Saturday, November 8, at Forest Grove. After leading the Nestucca Bobcats two games to 0, 25-15, 25-22, it looked like they had it wrapped up. The Bobcats, however, not prepared to give it up, came out for the third game fighting and put themselves back in the game, winning, 16-25.

The next game was more of the same, ending 19-25 which left them tied in an important battle. Just as they were tied 3 to 3 in the fifth 15-point game, Sherilyn Peck came down awkwardly and instantly broke her leg in three places. In one report her injury was termed "one of the worst sports injuries ever witnessed." After what seemed "way too long" Peck was transported to a local hospital and play resumed. The much shaken Mustangs proved their tenacity once again, playing a heartbreaking game into overtime and losing, 14-16.

With that game behind them, the Mustangs had the evening off to regroup and prepare for their early morning game, another match against fellow Blue Mountain Conference team Elgin. Playing in a new rotation trying to fill the hole left by Peck, Brynna Rust stepped in and the Mustangs played a warm-up game one, losing 21-25. Then the Heppner girls were ready and they finished the next three, 26-24, 25-23, 25-11.

This win qualified the Mustangs for a state tournament trophy, the first Thanksgiving dinner to be held at All Saints'

The Hope Lutheran, All Saints' Episcopal and United Methodist churches combined youth group is sponsoring the Heppner community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 27 at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Heppner starting at 1 p.m. This is a free event and all are invited to attend.

### Mini-carnival set at St. Pat's

Saint Patrick's Parish in Heppner will hold a mini carnival on Sunday, November 16, in the parish hall just after noon.

All families are invited to attend and enjoy games that include fishing pond, golf, darts, hoop shoot, Bingo, cake walk and more.

A hotdog and chip lunch will be served and a basket from Murray's Drug will be raffled.

### School district commends school teams

Morrow County School Superintendent Mark Burrows, at the regular school board meeting held Monday night in Lexington, congratulated the Heppner High School volleyball team for taking fourth place in the state tournament last weekend. He also commended Morrow County Health District's Director of Nursing Molly Rhea who was at the tournament and responded to assist a Heppner player who was seriously injured during a game.

Burrows also congratulated the Heppner and Riverside High school football teams who are advancing in playoffs and the RHS soccer team.

Also at the meeting Burrows discussed the outlook for school funding considering the current economic downturn. Burrows and board members



Mustangs show fourth place trophy at State.



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The afternoon match against Bonanza began well. The Mustangs won the first two games, 25-17, 25-19. Bonanza came back to win number three, 22-25. The Mustangs finished in the fourth game, 25-19, earning the fourth-place OSAA 2A

trophy and big cheers from the large Heppner fan club that followed them to Forest Grove.

Lenka Dobosova was named to the first team all state and Sherilyn Peck was named second team all state. The Mustangs also brought home the sportsmanship award.

### Web site to offer live broadcast Mustang face Lakeview in 2nd round of playoffs

The Heppner Mustangs routed the Oakland Oakers, 57-8, Saturday, November 8, in Heppner to advance to the second round of the 2008 OSAA / U.S. Bank / Les Schwab Tires 2A Football State Championships. Heppner's next game is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Lakeview. (see bracket page 3)

The No 1 ranked Mustangs will face off against the No 1 ranked Lakeview Honkers.

According to the web site [www.rivalblitz.com](http://www.rivalblitz.com) there will be a live audio webcast of the game. A \$5 donation is asked for to help support the live broadcast, however it is not required to listen.

Dusty Collier, webmaster and play by play announcer of the game, said he is trying to get enough sponsors together to be able to pay for a web video broadcast of the game. He said he needs at least \$150 to pay OSAA for the rights to broadcast video. Collier's email is [rivalblitz@hotmail.com](mailto:rivalblitz@hotmail.com).

#### 2A Coaches Poll - 10/29/08 State Rankings

- 1 Lakeview (8) (6-2)
  - 2 Culver (1) (7-1)
  - 3 Heppner (7-2)
  - 4 Oakridge (8-1)
  - 5 Pilot Rock (7-1)
  - 6 Portland Christian (8-1)
  - 7 Nestucca (1) (7-2)
  - 8 Bonanza (6-1)
  - 9 Knappa (7-1)
- Central Linn (7-2)  
Santiam (6-2)  
Others: Elgin 3, Kennedy 2, Oakland 2.

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### Golf Course wants more water from city

By David Sykes

The Willow Creek Country Club wants more irrigation water from the city of Heppner saying that what they are getting now is not adequate to keep the golf course green.

Country Club Board member Dale Holland and Ed Struthers were at Monday's council meeting to ask for more water so there will not be brown grass spots on the fairways. "We are not getting enough water," Holland said.

Under an agreement, the city provides water for irrigation at the golf course from effluent from the city's waste water treatment plant. Public works employees at the city said they are giving all the water allowed and that the dry

spots are the fault of bad sprinkler heads and incorrect watering.

The DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) regulates how much effluent water can be applied to the golf course, and at Monday's meeting the city's public works director, Brian Harmon, said he examined the golf course sprinklers and found a number of them not working and some shooting water straight up in the air. He also said that there are different sized heads which could be used in places that need more water.

"It is disheartening to me," Holland told the council. It's not just spots, but whole areas are dry," as he passed around pictures to the council of the six and

eight hole areas taken one-and-a-half weeks ago. "The golf course needs more water on the grass," he said.

The golf course can receive up to 100,000 gallons per night when irrigating and Harmon said the exact amount is determined by several weather factors and a formula provided to the city by DEQ. The amount and application of the water has been a bone of contention for some time between the city and the country club, and officials say they want to get the disagreement worked out.

"Come to city hall and I will show you the water usage," Harmon told Holland. Harmon explained that he goes onto the DEQ web site to find out how much water the golf course gets. "If we could get more water we would," he told Holland. "We have the water and would use it if we could."

Heppner Mayor Les Paustian agreed, saying that a man from the DEQ looked at the golf course and said it was getting the same amount of water it was getting in the past. "We would like to see the course green," Paustian said, "but we are under the gun from DEQ."

Holland said he would go back and talk to the country club board in a couple of weeks and then wanted to come back at next month's meeting and put on a presentation for the council. The council agreed to keep up the discussion in an attempt to solve the problem.

In other action at the meeting, the council voted to change a six-year-old policy of the city being responsible for all sewer lines from the edge of home owner's property out to the city mainline. The council voted to change the policy so the homeowners will

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Golf course wants to do something about brown spots like this one

### Ropp shoots 6x6 bull elk



Linsey Ropp shot this 6x6 bull elk on the Rocking Lazy A Ranch in Ukiah, OR owned by Vilas and Deb Ropp. The rough score on this bull is approximately 314. Also pictured is Brandon Kellogg.

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