

## Football game against Gold Beach reveals ties between communities

The 2010 Heppner Mustang football season began this past Friday, September 3, with an away game against Gold Beach. But during halftime something special occurred that tied the two teams, and



Pictured is the 1945 Heppner football team. Ted Ferguson was the starting quarterback for the Mustangs in 1944 and 1945. He is pictured third from the left in the middle row. Ferguson told his son that "after awhile, you could just fold the (helmets) in half and stick them in your back pocket." —Contributed Photo

ily is honored that he was amongst the first to be inducted into the 'Gold Beach High School Hall of Fame' on September 3. It just seems so right that the Gold Beach Panthers played the Heppner Mustangs on that very night." Kevin Swift, Gold Beach High School athletic director and head football coach stated that Ferguson was "a proud Heppner alumni."

The Ferguson family owned a wheat ranch out on Sand Hollow and also ran the Chevy dealership/gas station where the Heppner Ranger District is now located. As a teenager, Ferguson worked at a clothing store in Heppner.

Ted's son, Jeff, was sitting in on the first Hall of Fame meeting and remembers thinking it was ironic that Heppner was scheduled as the game to be played on the Hall of Fame night. "What are the chances of that?"

towns, together.

To start off their season Gold Beach High School inducted the first group of people into their newly started Hall of Fame. Among those people is a former Heppner resident, Charles Edward (Ted) Ferguson, now deceased.

Ferguson was born in Heppner in 1927 to Gene and Fay Ferguson. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1945 where he was the starting quarterback

in 1944 and 1945. Ferguson moved to Gold Beach after finishing college.

Ferguson, who had a love for sports, became one of the founders of the Gold Beach football team and the first booster club. "Family always came first with him but Gold Beach and Heppner High School sports were a very close second," stated Ferguson's son Jeff. "He absolutely loved his beloved Panthers and Mustangs! Our fam-

## Second annual Ione High School Hall of Fame to be held

The second annual Hall of Fame for Ione High School will be on Saturday, October 2. There will be 52 inductees from the year 1934 to 1970.

Festivities will begin on Saturday afternoon with tours of the school beginning at 3 p.m. at the Ione School. At 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall a no host social hour will begin. Dinner

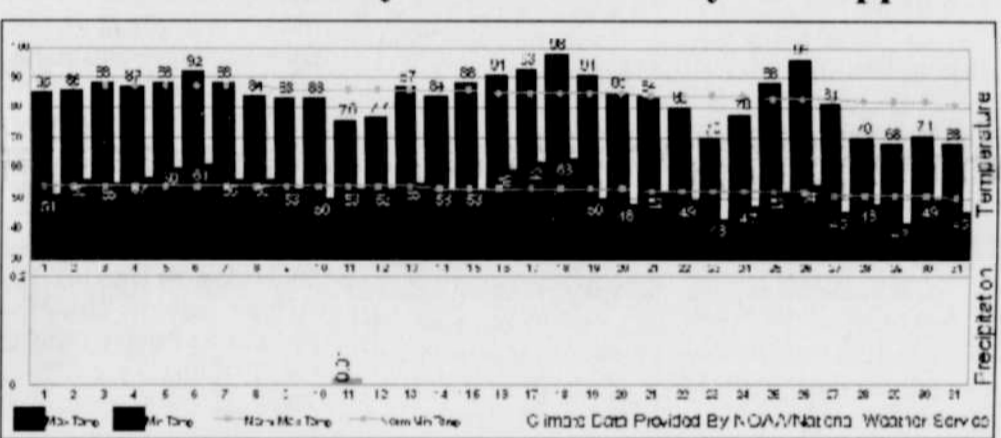
will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$15 per diner. Inductees will be paid for by the Ione Cardinal Booster Club. The meal will include a barbecue mix grill with beef and chicken, salads, potatoes, home made rolls and dessert.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to Betty Gray by September 25 at Post Office Box 355,

Ione, Oregon 97843 or call at 541-422-7335 or work number is 541-989-8214.

Hall of Fame nominations were selected by a committee after nominations were made for this year. Areas of nominations include State Champions, All State Selections, Academic Achievement, Citizenship, and outstanding Civic Achievements.

## NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged slightly colder than normal during the month of August.

The average temperature was 68.0 degrees which was 1.1 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 83.5 degrees, which was 1.7 degrees below normal. The highest was 98 degrees on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Low temperatures averaged 52.6 degrees, which was 0.5 degrees below normal. The

lowest was 42 degrees, on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

On six days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.01 inches during August, which was 0.53 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on 1 day.

Precipitation this year has reached 10.25 inches, which is 1.13 inches above normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 13.39 inches, which is 0.48

inches above normal.

The outlook for September from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during September are 75.9 degrees and normal lows are 46.3 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 0.69 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

## Heppner to celebrate Homecoming Week

Next week is homecoming week in Heppner. The theme for the week is Medieval Madness.

Students at Heppner High School will be participating in various events

throughout the week.

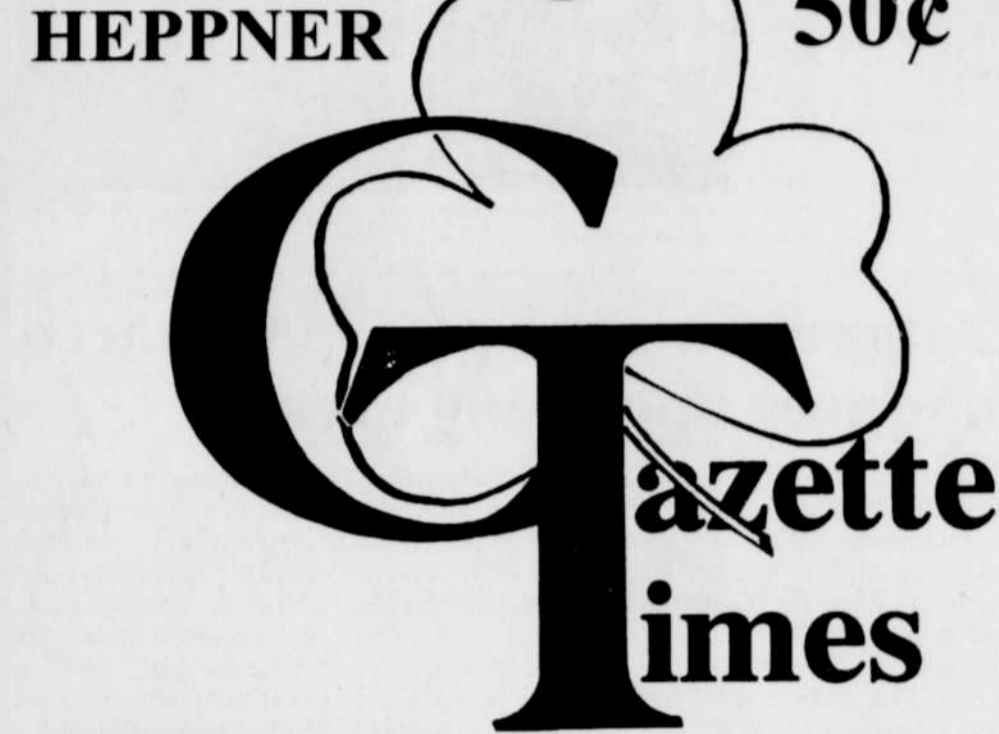
The community is invited to attend the Mud Tug of War and bonfire on Wednesday, September 15, at 7 p.m.

The noise parade

will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, down Main Street. A community pep assembly will follow immediately at the football field.

## Hamburger barbecue planned before game Friday

A hamburger barbecue is planned before the Culver game in Heppner this Friday. The barbecue will start at 5:30 and the cost is \$5. Proceeds go towards the football team.



## Campfire restrictions lifted on the Umatilla National Forest

"Public-use restrictions on the Umatilla National Forest, prohibiting the use of campfires and smoking outside of designated recreation sites, have been lifted," announced Brian Goff, fire staff officer. The restrictions were implemented in mid-July to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires.

"Though recent rain and cooler temperatures have eased the need for public-use restrictions, we are still in fire season with forecasted warmer and dryer weather for this weekend," warns Goff. Hunters, campers and other forest visitors are urged to be careful with their campfires, warming fires, cooking fires, and wood stoves. "Please help us prevent wildfires. Never leave a fire unattended and always make sure the campfire is dead-out before leaving the site," said Goff.

Forest users are reminded to obtain the most current public use restriction information before heading out. If you're unsure of which restrictions apply, please contact the Umatilla National Forest Office at (541) 278-3716. Public-use restrictions are updated on the toll-free

message line at 1-877-958-9663 and are also available online at: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/).

As a reminder, fire season is also in effect on all private lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in Northeast Oregon. Specific information on ODF's restrictions

is available on the web at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/>. Similar restrictions may be in effect on lands protected by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WA-DNR.) Specific information on WA-DNR's restrictions is available on the web at: [www.dnr.wa.gov/](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/).

## Combe brings home prize from Oregon State Fair



Nine year old Madison Combe of Heppner brought home the second place prize from the talent show at the Oregon State Fair on Sunday, September 5. Combe won a \$500 prize after singing "Suds in the Bucket." An article on the event can be found at [www.statesmanjournal.com](http://www.statesmanjournal.com). —Contributed Photo

## The 10th Amendment: What is it, and does it matter?

### Program planned for Heppner

A program explaining the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution and its relevance today will be held in Heppner Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2p.m. at Heppner High School.

The program will address the following topics:

- What is federalism?
- Why are States' rights important?
- What is in the proposed Bill of Federalism?
- Has the Supreme Court nullified the 10th Amendment?



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The 10th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

The program is sponsored by the Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots and the featured speaker is Walla Walla Attorney Andrea Burkhardt. It is free and open to the public.

The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos, or email them to [editor@rapidsolve.net](mailto:editor@rapidsolve.net).

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