

Mustang volleyball sets match to TigerScots' perfect season

Earn a straight shot through districts to state

Heppner varsity volleyball lit up the court last week, securing themselves a safety pass through districts and into state finals.

The Mustangs beat the Pilot Rock Rockets in three straight sets 25-8, 25-21 and 25-15, on Saturday, Oct. 20 in Pilot Rock. They Mustangs came out strong in the first set and never looked back, anxious to play the previously undefeated TigerScots in the second match of the day. The TigerScots (13-0 BMC) had played well all year, leading the Blue Mountain Confer-

ence league.

The first set went to the TigerScots 25-19. The Mustangs didn't serve well from the line, having eight errors, for TigerScots points. The second set was tied at 16, then 18. The Mustangs finished strong and took the second set 25-20. Heppner immediately went up 9-2 in the third set; that match also ended in the Mustangs' favor, as they dominated 25-13.

The fourth match was close, knotted at 13 midway through the set, then at 16, and again at 19. With the

score at 22-22, spectators were on the edges of their seats. The gym went wild as the score climbed to 24 and up. Heppner finally took the hard-fought set 26-24, lighting a fire that reduced to ashes the Weston-McEwen TigerScots perfect season.

With these victories, the Mustang volleyball team has earned itself an easy slide through districts and into state finals. The Heppner team played a home game against Stanfield Tuesday night (results unavailable at print time),

which determined whether they go into the district tournament this weekend in second or third place.

The second and third place teams will play against each other Saturday at noon in Stanfield, with the winner going on to play Weston-McEwen for the district championship.

Regardless of the outcome, high school sources say their performance in the season has earned them an automatic shot at the first round of state finals Saturday, Nov. 3.

Youth football holds successful helmet drive



The Heppner Colts of 2012 pose with Howard Bryant, class of 1936. Howard played football on the Heppner field before it had grass. He was quite a player and had to pass up a chance to play with Pacific University to stay and run the family business. The Heppner youth say they appreciate his support. Back (L-R): Leo Waite, Sabashtian Futter, Dakota Howard, Derek Howard, Mike Doherty, Ethan Holmgren Kelly Fox and Cody Wizner. Second row (L-R): Coach Adam Doherty, Jason Rea, Jacob Wallace, Dylan Rill, Howard Bryant, Hunter Nichols, Casey Fletcher, Matt Orem, Charles Cason and Jake Heideman. Third row (L-R): Kael Osmin, Cason Mitchell, Trent Smith, Hayden Qualls, Drew Coe, Gavin Hanna, Carson Brosnan, Zach Bredfield, Chance Jones and Mason Lehman. Front (L-R): Jordan Sweeney, Evan Kollman, Kellen Grant and Keegan Gibbs. —Contributed photo

The Heppner youth program helmet fundraising drive was reported to be a huge hit this year. The team was able to purchase 57 new helmets for players in grades five through eight.

"The helmets we had were outdated or would become outdated soon, so we really needed some help getting the kids into the best and safest helmet," said Heppner High School coach Greg Grant.

"We sent out the word through the newspaper and word of mouth and we had a tremendous response. It is so gratifying to work in a community that consistently steps up for their kids," said Grant.

The helmets are the newest Zenith model that has technology built in to

help with a better fit. "The research shows that the brand of helmet is really of no consequence in prevention of injury, but the fit and how we teach is the most important aspect. The Zenith model was the best in fitting our kids, so we went with that model.

Donors who helped make this possible included Ken and Carrie Grieb, Virginia Grieb, Casey Fletcher, Cody Fletcher, Sandi Hanna, Shawn Wilson, Staci Wilson, Palmer Roofing, Heppner Booster Club, Howard Bryant, Todd and Melissa Lindsay, Andy and Andrea Fletcher, Russ and Toni Nichols, Scott and Nicole Coe, Jay and Sue Gibbs, and Dan and Doris Brosnan.

Ione volleyball makes Academic All-State

Makes Top Ten in 1A volleyball listing

The Ione volleyball team has been named to the list of Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic All-State Award recipients. The team tied for ninth with fellow 1A team Southwest Christian with a GPA of 3.56.

This is the 16th year the OSAA and the Dairy Farmers of Oregon have teamed up to sponsor the award, which recognizes

excellence in the classroom throughout the state.

"This awards program continues our tradition of celebrating Oregon's student athletes," said Pete Kent, executive director of the Oregon Dairy Products Commission. "Their efforts are impressive, and we're proud of their recognition."

"As an organization

we are very proud of this award because it reveals all the hard work and commitment the student athletes around the state show in the classroom," said Tom Welter, OSAA Executive Director.

The Dairy Farmers of Oregon help recognize the achievement of all top ten teams in each classification by providing each student a

lapel pin. More than 4,500 lapel pins will be distributed to fall sports teams throughout the state in the coming weeks.

A complete list of winners for each classification in each sport is available on the OSAA website at: www.osaa.org/awards/allstate/ as well as the Oregon Dairy Farmers Facebook page.

Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

The Heppner Mustangs have a football game on Friday, Oct. 26, against the Pilot Rock Rockets; this is a home game that will start at 7 p.m. There will also be a volleyball game on Tuesday, Oct. 23, starting at 5 p.m.; this home volleyball game will be against the Stanfield Tigers, and it also happens to be Senior Night. I would like to wish the senior volleyball girls good luck on their final home game. I hope to see

the Heppner community out supporting our Heppner Mustangs.

One of this week's seniors is Andrea Maria Collins; her parents are Kenneth and Dora Collins, and she has one sibling, Edward Collins. In her spare time, Andrea likes to play hacky sack and video games; she also enjoys reading and drawing. For a fun fact, Andrea's favorite food is chef salad and her favorite colors are turquoise or hot pink. After Andrea gradu-

ates from Heppner High, she wants to attend a community college to get her associate's degree in applied science. Then Andrea wants to transfer to a four-year college so she can work on getting her bachelor's and master's degrees, so she can become a nurse.

The other senior is Bryce Benjamin Fowler; his parents are Dave and Kay Fowler and he has one sibling, Bryan Fowler. Fowler participates in football, basketball, track, Na-

tional Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America. In his spare time he enjoys snowboarding, weightlifting, hiking, and playing the guitar and piano. Fowler also enjoys reading and destroying Earl Prophet in Ping-Pong. Fowler's favorite color is blue and he says his favorite food is "a bowl of nails without milk." After Fowler graduates, he wants to attend a top college on the East Coast, preferably Harvard.

Spray Rodeo gets NPRA award

It's been an eventful season for the Spray Rodeo, with numerous awards going to the rodeo and those associated with it.

The Spray Rodeo was voted by National Pro Rodeo Association members as the NPRA 2012 Independent Rodeo of the Year, with a purse of more than \$900 in each event.

Their stock contractor,

B-D Rodeos, was voted Stock Contractor of the Year; Scott Allen was voted Announcer of the Year; JJ Harrison was voted Barrelman of the year; and Danny Durfee was voted Pickup Man of the Year.

The Rodeo's 2011 Rodeo Queen Sara Marcus was also crowned Miss NPRA for 2013.

Community lunch menu

Elohim Covenant church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include spaghetti with meatballs, green salad, bread sticks and devil's food cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

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-Howard Joel Larson, 55, was convicted of attempt to commit a Class C/Unclassified felony - unauthorized use of a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 30 days jail time with credit for time served, sentence to run concurrent with other cases. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$520.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court Report.

-Cesar Espinosa-Garay, 19, of Ione pled no contest to driving 86 in a 55 and Driving While Suspended Violation. He was fined \$435.

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Cardinal volleyball seeks spot in districts

The Ione Lady Cardinal volleyball team will engage in a playoff game against Sherman County for a spot in the Big Sky District Tournament this Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. in the Ione High School gym.

This is a game between

the number two and number three team, with the loser out of the running for districts. The winner will go on to play the number-one team in the district on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. in Hermiston.

HHS football to hold tailgate dinner

The Heppner High School football team will hold a tailgate dinner at the Morrow County Fairgrounds before the Mustang versus Pilot Rock game this Friday, Oct. 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meal costs \$5 and includes soup, roll dessert and a drink.

FBLA plans cancer awareness fundraiser

The Heppner High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is once again raising money to raise breast cancer awareness.

Since October is breast cancer awareness month, this Friday, Oct. 26, during the home football game against Pilot Rock, the FBLA students will be selling breast cancer awareness

items to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. The students are hoping to match their \$750 donation of last year to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The FBLA students also would like to ask everyone to wear pink to the football game to show their support for breast cancer awareness.

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