

DISTRICT CHAMPS

The Heppner Mustangs proved their will to win last Friday night when they crushed Weston-McEwen's playoff hopes in a decisive 42-0 victory.

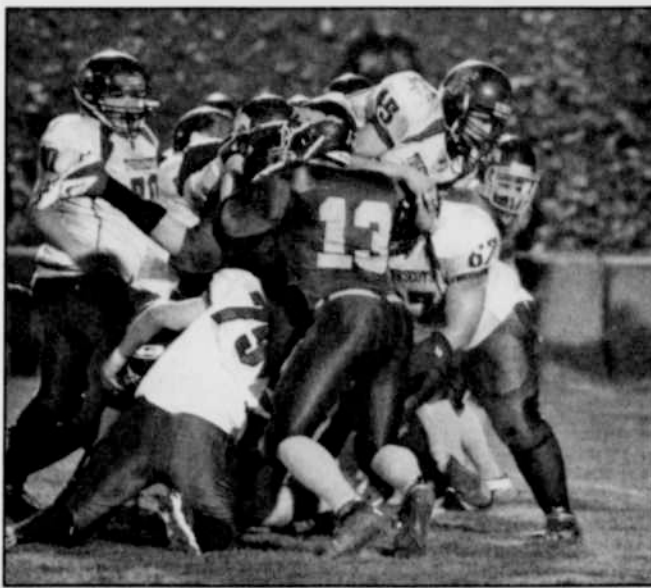
The Mustang victory, which eliminated the Tiger-Scots from the state playoffs, catapulted the Heppner team into the district championship for the Blue Mountain Conference.

The Mustangs saw their goal in sight and never looked back, orchestrating their victory with a balanced attack. Quarterback Stephen Thompson threw for 148 yards and two touchdowns. Aidan Wright ran 22 times for 133 yards. The Mustang attack also benefited from four Tiger-Scot turnovers. Weston-McEwen fumbled and lost the ball twice while throwing two interceptions.

The 'Stangs started out strong in the first quarter when Thompson (#7) dropped to the 16 and threw a pass completion. Jesse Corbin (#44) then ran the ball from the 33 for an 81 yard gain and the touchdown. Thompson then attempted the PAT, throwing a pass completion. JC Putman (#85) ran the ball into the endzone for a two-point conversion. The first quarter saw more points on the Mustang side of the board when Thompson and Putman combined for another touchdown, followed by Thompson and Wright with a PAT two-point conversion.

Mustang momentum carried into the second quarter when Thompson handed off to Wright, who gave the team a 14-yard gain and another touchdown. The PAT failed, but left the Heppner team well in the lead going into the second half.

The third quarter saw another touchdown by the Thompson/Wright combo;



Top: The Heppner Mustang defense held tight against Weston-McEwen last Friday, with #45 Peterson keeping the Tiger-Scots scoreless during the last league game of the year. The Mustangs brought home the BMC district trophy. Bottom: Freshman Tommy Bredfield digs in to reach the goal line. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

#26 Earl Prophter ran the ball in for the two-point conversion.

When most teams might have relaxed going into the fourth quarter, the Mustangs turned up the heat to keep the Tiger-Scots caged. It was #42 Tommy Bredfield who took the ball from Thompson and ran it from the 46 for a 43 yard gain and yet another touchdown. An incomplete pass by Thompson cost the team the PAT, but the by then unstoppable Mustangs rallied for one final push. Bredfield carried the ball from the 6 for the game's

final touchdown. The Mustangs could rest easy at the final buzzer, knowing they'd successfully shut out a good team to secure the BMC district title.

"We ran the ball well," said Tiger-Scot Coach Kenzie Hansell. "But when you are playing a team as disciplined and well-coached as Heppner, you can't have the turnovers or big plays given up to them."

The Mustangs enter round one of the state playoffs this Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. in a home game against the Oakridge Warriors.

1992 HHS state football champs recognized

The Heppner High School Mustang state championship football team of 1992 was recognized during halftime of the Mustang home game Oct. 26 versus Pilot Rock, commemorating the 20th anniversary of their winning season.

1992 members included: Tracy Blodgett, Jeff Botefuhr, Leonard Britner, Tony Burt, Jeremy Cimmiyotti, Scott Coe, Mark Conklin, Chris Dickenson, Chad Doherty, Dwayne Dunaway, Jason Hanna, Shaun Hisler, Kevin Kilkenny, Rick Koffler, Willie Kraft, Joe Lindsay, Jeremy Maddern, Ryan Munkers, Shane Munkers, Kevin Payne, Ryan Pence, T.R. Riehl, Bill Schlaich, Kevin Scott, Chad Skroch, Chris Sykes, Jim Tellechea and Brent Wright.

The 1992 team had a 12-0 record, beating Grant Union 3-0, Riverside 21-7, Sherman County 44-14,



1992 HHS Championship football team, (L-R): Kevin Payne, Chad Doherty, Jeremy Cimmiyotti, Chris Dickenson, Jeremy Maddern, Kevin Scott, Mark Conklin, coach Les Payne, coach Greg Grant, Scott Coe, Ryan Munkers, Kevin Kilkenny, Joe Lindsay, Jason Hanna, T.R. Riehl, Chris Sykes, Shane Munkers-Photo by Alita Nelson

Stanfield 41-6, Harrisburg 34-0, Pilot Rock 51-0, Wadonka 41-0, Weston-McEwen 20-7, Enterprise 14-0, Warrenton 21-0, Crow 14-13 and Vale 24-12.

Head coach was Greg Grant; assistant coaches

were Les Payne and Russell Britt. Dale Conklin was athletic director and Steve Dickenson was HHS principal. Phillip Spicerkuhn was manager and Bob Isted was the band director.

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Morrow County Health District has announced that Pioneer Memorial Clinic in

Heppner and Irrigon Medical Clinic will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12, for the Veterans' Day Holiday.

Laboratory and Radiology departments at Pioneer Memorial Hospital will also be closed that day for non-emergent outpatient services.

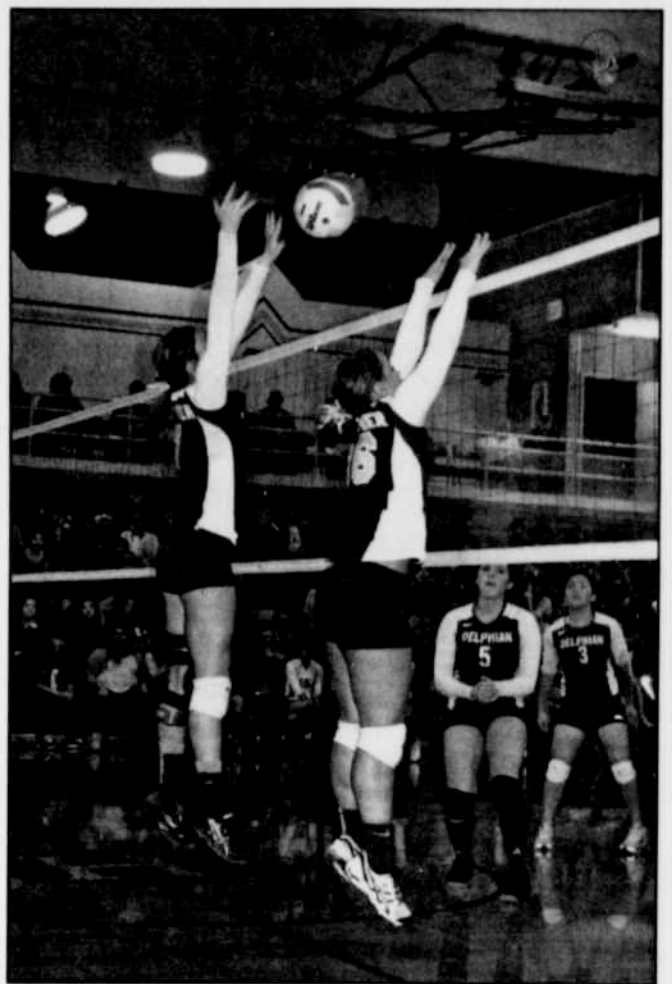
Mustang volleyball advances in state

The Heppner Lady Mustang varsity volleyball team steamrolled through the first round of OSAA 2A state playoffs last Saturday.

Hosting the #23 Delphian Dragons, they clinched the win in three sets, 25-10, 25-12, 25-21. Heppner served exceptionally well from the line and had good play from everyone on the roster. The Dragons had a good crowd for the contest and cheered on their team to the very end.

The win sends the Mustangs to Ridgeview High School in Redmond, OR to continue in the state tournament, beginning with a quarterfinals game on Friday, Nov. 9 against North Douglas; game time is 1:15 p.m. With only eight teams left to decide the champions for 2012, the Mustangs will have to kick it up a notch, as every team is now a threat to continued advancement.

Three teams from the Blue Mountain Conference have made it into quarterfinals this year—Heppner, Weston-McEwen and Grant Union—which says a lot for the strength of the league. The Mustangs have won



Alana Wilson and Micha Hintz go up for a block at the first round of state playoffs. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

their last six matches, however, giving them momentum going into the final stretch.

Games are broadcast live on OSAA-TV. Go to

<http://w3.osaa.org/score-center> and click on volleyball 2A to view broadcast times and follow the outcome of the games as they are played.

Heppner High news

By Jordan Jones

Congratulations to our football boys on their Blue Mountain Conference title; the first round of playoffs will be on Saturday, Nov. 10, at home. The Mustang football boys will be playing the Oakridge Warriors at 1 p.m.

Congratulations also to the volleyball girls on their OSAA first round state tournament victory. The volleyball girls will be playing North Douglas on Friday, Nov. 9; this game will be played at the Ridgeview high school in Redmond, OR.

One of this week's featured seniors is Kellie Renae Nelson; her parents are John and Alita Nelson and she has three siblings, Tim, Cody and John Nelson. Nelson is much diversified in her extracurricular activities; she is involved in TSA, FFA, FBLA, cheerleading, wrestling and track. In her spare time she enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and hanging with friends. Nelson's favorite food is lasagna and her favorite color is blue. After high school, Nelson wants to go into the Marines and she wants to study mechanical engineering.

Our other senior is Hanna Jane Lovgren; her parents are Pat and Bobette Lovgren and she has four siblings, Kyler, Kody, Torri and Ali Lovgren. Lovgren's favorite color is purple and her favorite food is chicken. Lovgren

participates in volleyball and softball. In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with her friends and family. After Lovgren graduates she wants to major in business/management and accounting; she wants to attend college at BMCC.

HHS announces math students of quarter



Above: Students of the Quarter were chosen from each class. (L-R): Makenzi Correa in Technical Math, Maddie Lindsay in Algebra 2, Tommy Bredfield in Geometry and Skyler Palmer in Algebra. Right: Kelly Wilson was chosen as the Overall Student of the Quarter in math due to her hard work and commitment to helping others. According to teacher Troy Morgan, "Each of these five individuals is committed to excellence in the classroom. This special group of students is team players, independent and goal-oriented. Their dedication and willingness to learn is admirable." -Contributed photo



CELL STORE

-Continued from PAGE ONE have to visit Hermiston or Pendleton. U.S. Cellular has the best service in Morrow County, so we have a lot of customers (here)," said Denton. "When we started the process with Devin Oil, it was a natural fit to put something in Heppner.

"It's almost like needing a grocery store or gas station or any of those daily needs a consumer has. These days, everyone has a cell phone. It's that need of daily communication; people need to come in and see their phone is active,

pay their bill, check on their service. If they have any questions, we can help with that."

Denton, who is from Pendleton and used to work for Pendleton Grain Growers, now works for Devin Mobile. Her job, she said, is to guide the company through daily processes, opening new stores and working with new customers. She will also work in outside sales, creating relationships with area businesses.

"We have customers from Boardman to Arlington," Denton said. "A lot of the Morrow County area has really accepted us well."

While Denton will divide her time between U.S. Cellular stores in Heppner and elsewhere, the Heppner office has hired two familiar faces to man the home front. Amber Fritz and Lisa Patton both live in Heppner, which Denton said was a purposeful move by the company.

"We've got a couple of people familiar with area, who know people, who are familiar with the small community lifestyle and needs," said Denton.

The store will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed Sundays. Their number is 541-676-5533.

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