

MUSTANGS VS GERVAIS

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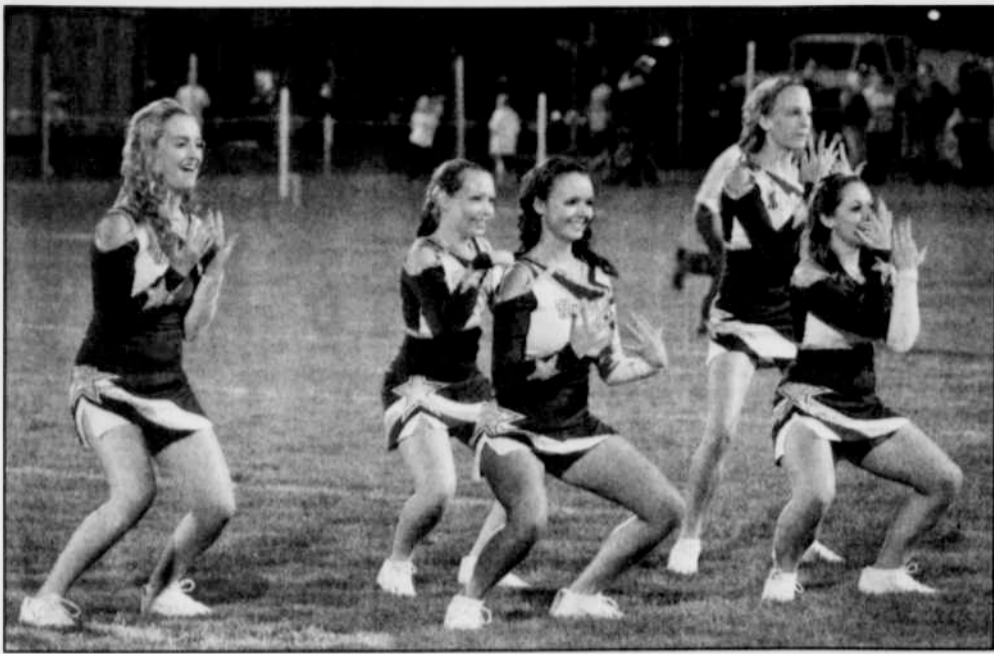
On the defensive side of the ball, the Mustangs were

led in tackles by Collins with seven. JC Putman and Tresten Maben each had six tackles and John Propheter had five.

Bailey, Bredfield and

Ethan Ashbeck had three each.

The Mustangs travel to Willamina on Friday, Sept. 13, to take on the class 3A Bulldogs.



Mustang cheerleaders (L-R) Maci Gibbs, Erica Nelson, Faith Jones, Emily Cecil and Samm Lemmon cheer on the victorious Heppner team at Friday night's home game. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Mustang JV football takes the growl out of Cougars 36-8

The Heppner High School Junior Varsity football team opened their season by playing a two-quarter game with the visiting Gervais Cougars on Friday night. The Mustangs won the contest 36-8.

The game started with Jake Lindsay returning the opening kickoff 17 yards to give the Mustangs good field position. A six-play drive, with strong running by Kevin Murray and Weston Putman, ended with a one-yard touchdown run by Murray. The PAT failed and it was 6-0 Mustangs.

Logan Grieb kicked off for the Mustangs and, on the third play from scrimmage, Murray picked off a Cougar pass and ran it in 45 yards for another Mustang touchdown. Ryan Smith ran in the PAT and

the score was 14-0.

On the next Gervais possession Smith intercepted a pass to give the team good field position. On the very next play, Putnam passed the ball to Caden Hedman, who ran 45 yards for a score. Putnam ran in the PAT to give the Mustangs a 22-0 lead. The next time the Mustangs got the ball, Murray scored on an 83-yard run around right end. Saul Erickson ran in the PAT to now make it 30-0.

In the second quarter, the Mustangs' only score came when Hedman ran a reverse in from 35 yards out. The PAT failed and the score was 36-0. The Cougars' score came on their last series of the game. That made the final score 36-8.

The Mustang offensive line did a great job of blocking, and opened up some big running lanes for the backs. The team was led in rushing by Murray with a total of 148 yards. Hedman had 60 yards in the game. Putman and Erickson both tallied 24. On the defensive side of the ball, Kolby Currin led the team with nine tackles. Clyde Britt, Skylar Palmer and Logan Grieb each had five for the game. Tom Gould, Jesse Boyd and Jacob Moses all had four tackles each.

The next action for the JV team will be this Friday when they travel to Willamina and play a two-quarter game before the varsity action. They will then travel to Irrigon on Monday, Sept. 16, for a game with the Knights.

Mustang volleyball strong facing start of league play

The Heppner High School Mustang volleyball team had a big week of volleyball, hosting several top-quality programs from around the area.

On Tuesday night the Mustangs defeated the always-strong Ione Cardinals in three straight games. Then, on Saturday, the team hosted a tournament that featured several teams that made the state playoffs last year.

The Mustangs started the morning by playing the Wallowa Cougars. The team looked sharp from the start and served very well in this match; they dispensed with the Cougars in two straight games by scores of

25-10 and 25-13.

Next up was the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. It is always good volleyball to watch when these two teams get together. The Mustangs were hurt by too many unforced errors and their serving was off just a bit from the first match. The TigerScots won by scores of 25-20, 25-15.

Another league rival, the Grant Union Prospectors were next. The Prospectors beat the Mustangs last Saturday in John Day. That was not to happen here in Heppner, as the Mustangs won by scores of 25-19, 25-27, 15-12. All parts of the Mustangs game were on display. They served

well, their passes were on target, and great sets led to big kills.

The last match of the day was with the 1A powerhouse Dufur Rangers. Both games of this match were hard-fought between the teams and great to watch. Both teams played with lots of intensity and there were many exciting rallies, but the Rangers finally beat the Mustangs by scores of 25-23 and 25-16.

Next up for the Mustangs is the start of league play. They will travel to Enterprise this Saturday, Sept. 14, to face the Outlaws and the Elgin Huskies.

Heppner will always be home

It all started long ago with seven girls who attended Heppner High School. They all became such good friends that they became known around town as "The Mob": Betty Graves Carlson (Heppner), Marlene Dubois-Brooks (Seattle, WA), Colleen Connor-Williams (Aloha, OR), June Van Winkle-Duvall (Sun City West, AZ), Juanita Padberg-Ross (Hermiston), Joyce Buschke-Ward (Heppner) and Francine Hisler-Bristow (Rockaway Beach, OR).

The 1950 graduation class had 20 girls and nine boys. "The Mob" has stayed in contact with each other by attending class reunions. After attending the 50th class reunion, "The Mob" started getting together more often.

They celebrated their 70th and 75th birthdays at Francine's at Rockaway Beach, they have met up at Joyce's cabin at Blakes, and they have also had a fun time staying at Betty's TREO hunting lodge.

This year Colleen, Francine, Betty, Juanita and June celebrated their 81st birthdays at Welches OR, where Francine's niece, Angela Sumner-Shearer has a cabin.

They said they all had a wonderful time sharing smiles and wiping tears, reminiscing about the good old Heppner High School days. They all laughed as they said their next reunion could be getting rooms at the Heppner Senior Center. A lot of things have



Above: "The Mob" back then (L-R back): Betty Graves Carlson, Marlene Dubois Brooks, Colleen Connor Williams, June Van Winkle Duvall, Juanita Padberg Ross, Joyce Buschke Ward and, in front, Francine Hisler Bristow. Below: "The Mob" in 2013 (L-R): Colleen Connor Williams, Francine Hisler Bristow, Juanita Padberg Ross, Betty Graves Carlson and June Van Winkle Duvall. -Contributed photos

changed through the years, and that's the special bond but member of "The Mob" "The Mob" shares that said there's something that keeps them close no matter where they are.

Beginning American Sign Language classes offered

Rev. Elke Sharma, Heppner United Methodist Church's new pastor, has begun offering free American Sign Language (ASL) beginning level classes every Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Heppner United Methodist Church. The class meets in three-week rotations, with a break the first Tuesday of every month.

Due to demand, the same beginning-level class will be offered Tuesdays at 7 p.m. so working adults, students and youth can also attend. This class began Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The first three-week, beginning-level ASL class curriculum includes the alphabet, numbers, family and pet signs, time signs, some basic verbs and basic conversations with deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

The second three-week class session adds colors,

non-pet animals, food and meal times, school, work and hobby signs, and more basic conversations.

A third three-week class session is in the works to begin Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 2 and 7 p.m. It will include fall and winter holiday vocabulary and traditions, religious signs and traditions, conversation practice and signing music.

All sessions include individual, paired and small-group practice to communicate with one another and others in American Sign Language. Lessons also endeavor to teach the students something about deaf culture.

Advanced beginning and intermediate classes will be offered later when students improve their ASL skill abilities or students with higher skill abilities show interest in having classes.

These beginning-level

classes are free of charge and open to anyone in the community who would like to learn something about this beautiful language and culture. Students who have not attended previous classes are welcome to join at any time as sign vocabulary from previous classes is often reviewed and practiced at each class. Handouts from previous classes are available for new students. A donation toward the printing costs for the handouts is welcomed, but not required.

Sharma has been profoundly deaf in her left ear and moderately to profoundly deaf in her right ear since age five. She grew up communicating orally and first learned Signed English at age 10 and ASL at age 13. Pastor Elke took intensive ASL classes and became fully immersed in the deaf culture while an undergraduate student at

Gallaudet University. She graduated from Gallaudet University, the only liberal arts college for the deaf in the world, with her bachelor's degree in 1996.

Pastor Elke later also obtained her masters in teaching English to speakers of other languages and her Master of Divinity using American Sign Language interpreters and other communication technology for deaf people.

Driver safety training workshop planned

Pendleton, OR—RSVP of Eastern Oregon in partnership with AARP of Oregon will host a driver safety training workshop at Pendleton City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Avenue, on Monday, Oct. 7, from 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m. with a lunch break from noon until 1 p.m. Attendees are asked to use the Emigrant Avenue entrance.

The class is open to all ages but is focused on those aged 50 and older.

The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Members

will need to provide a membership card to take advantage of the discount. The fee covers the cost of classroom materials.


No lunch is provided, so participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

Upon completing the class, participants will be issued a certificate of completion that can be given to their insurance companies for applicable discounts.

To sign up for the class, contact Stephanie McElroy at 541-276-1926. Class is limited to 25 participants.

Morrow County Health Department Changing Clinic's to Wednesday
The Morrow County Health Department will now hold clinics on Wednesday
8:30 am - 12 noon
1:00 pm- 4:30 pm

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 799
120 S. MAIN
HEPPNER, OREGON 97836
541-676-5421



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As of September 11, 2013, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner has lifting the burning ban

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If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment. If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)