

Future looks bright for Mustang volleyball



The Heppner Junior High School Mustang volleyball "A" team celebrates after a great day of volleyball at the end of their season. (Back L-R) Coach Darcee Mitchell, Coach Mindy Wilson, Ivy Sandford, Morgan Correa, Kacie Gray, Claire Grieb and Madison Combe. (Front L-R): Sophie Grant and Jacee Currin. —Contributed photo

The future looks bright for the Mustang volleyball program after the Heppner Junior High School Mustang volleyball "A" team travelled to Irrigon on Saturday for their last matches of the season.

They beat teams from Umatilla, Stanfield and Irrigon to go undefeated on the day. They had many days like that this season, as the team ended the year

with a 13-2 overall record.

There was steady improvement with this group of girls throughout the year and they were playing their best volleyball at the end of the season. They served the ball well as a team and really worked on being able to pass and set well. They also had several players that could come up with some big kills when needed.

MAN SENTENCED FOR ACCIDENT

—Continued from PAGE ONE based on a plea of no contest, and sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, to include 30 days in jail with credit for time already served. Ball was also given 160 hours of community service; his fines, fees and assessments for the case totaled \$3,173.

"When I think about this case in the future, the one thing that will always stand out is the fact that Branson Dyer will never have his father back.

Branson Dyer's statement to the court discussed how hard it is to get through the holidays, Father's Day, and birthdays without his father," said Nelson. "At the end of the day, Gary Lynn Ball is able to go back to his family while Donald Dyer can never go back to his. I hope the public will use this case as a reason why you must always be paying attention when you are driving. It only takes a small lapse in concentration to cause an accident."

JV Mustangs bring down Rockets

The Heppner High School Mustang JV football team defeated the Pilot Rock Rockets by a score of 38-12 Monday night.

Caden Hedman returned the opening kickoff 28 yards to give the Mustangs good field position. They fumbled the next snap to give the Rockets the ball. Pilot Rock then scored on a long pass play to take the lead 6-0.

The next time the Mustangs got the ball Kevin Murray scored on a 65-yard touchdown run. That tied the score at 6-6.

On the next Rocket possession Hedman intercepted a pass and ran it back to the 10-yard line. Two plays later, Murray scored from five yards out, making the score 12-6 in favor of the Mustangs.

Ryan Smith intercepted a Rocket pass to give the Mustangs the ball back. Quarterback Jake Lindsay capped off a seven-play drive with a touchdown run up the middle of two yards. Murray passed the ball to Smith for the two point conversion to make the score 20-6.

Both teams traded several possessions until Heppner scored again just before halftime. Kolby Currin burst through the line and outran several Rocket defenders to score from 48 yards out. That gave the Mustangs a 26-6 halftime lead.

The Rockets scored first in the second half on

a long pass completion, making the score 26-12. The next time the Mustangs got the ball they scored after an eight-play drive ended when Murray scored from two yards out. That made the score 32-12.

Then the Mustang defense held the Rockets on downs and took over on the 28-yard line. Three plays later Jesse Boyd scored from three yards out to give the Mustangs a 38-12 lead at the end of three quarters.

Neither team could get much going offensively in the fourth quarter. The highlights for the Mustang defense in that quarter were a fumble recovery by Tim Jaca and an interception by Skyler Palmer. Lindsay took a knee on the last play to end the game with the score 38-12.

Murray led the team in rushing with 183 yards. Currin had 48 and Hedman 33. Tobias Mueller followed with 32 and Kaden Corbin had 15. Murray also led the team in tackles with 16. Boyd recorded 11 and Currin and Ross Cutsforth had eight each. Next were Saul Erickson, Clyde Britt, Jacob Moses and Palmer with seven. Hedman ended the game with five tackles. Recording two tackles each were Jaca, Smith, Corbin, Mueller, Tim Gould and Bryan Fowler.

The last game for the JV Mustangs will be at home next Monday, Oct. 28, against the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

Columbia-Blue seniors results from Big River

Willow Creek senior men enjoyed a beautiful day for golf at the par-70 Big River Golf Course in Umatilla on Oct. 14.

Results by flight were as follows:

Columbia Division (Handicap 0 to 14)

Gross: 6. Barry Munkers - 80, 8. Ron Bowman - 83.

Blue Division (Handicap 15 to 22)

Gross: 3. (tie) John Edmundson - 13, 7. Dave Pranger - 89, 8. Tom Shear

- 91.

Senior Division (Handicap 23 and over)

Gross: 3. Dave Mitchell - 95, 5. Bill Morris - 96, 7. Gene Orwick - 99.

Net: 2. Roger Ehrmantraut - 64.

The annual meeting for the Columbia-Blue Senior Golf Association will be at China Creek Golf Course, Arlington, on Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. Next year's schedule will be set and officers for 2014 will be elected.

Wolf depredation in Wallowa County

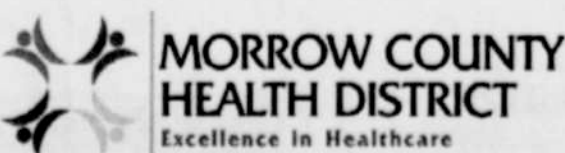
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced last week that it has confirmed a wolf depredation on a calf by the Snake River wolf pack in Wallowa County, the first confirmed depredation by this pack.

MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 15TH!

Morrow County Health District will again offer free Medicare Part D assistance during open enrollment.

Please call 541-676-9133 or 1-800-737-4113 to make an appointment.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic & Irrigon Medical Clinic will no longer accept Familycare Health Plans (Premier Care) effective January 1, 2014.



Cover Oregon assistance available



Anna McElligott, Social Benefit Coordinator for Morrow County Health District, compares insurance plans on the Cover Oregon website. —Contributed photo

Morrow County Health District will be offering free assistance throughout Morrow County to help area residents navigate the Cover Oregon insurance marketplace.

The health district is a Cover Oregon Community Partner and will help people

compare insurance plans and sign up for coverage.

"This assistance is provided free of charge as a service to the communities we serve," says District Administrator Dan Grigg.

To schedule an appointment, call 541-676-9133 or 1-800-737-4113.

High school class gives local woman gift of freedom

Heppner woman Barb Orwick received a special gift last week when Heppner high school teacher Dave Fowler brought his Woods Manufacturing class to her house to install a new wheelchair ramp at her back door.

Orwick, who has Multiple Sclerosis, broke both the bones in her right leg in a home accident recently, and says the doctor told her she would be in a wheelchair for at least a month. Confined to a

wheelchair, Orwick says she would have been a prisoner in her own home without the new ramp.

"It means freedom and independence. Before that, I was housebound," she says.

Students in Fowler's class who helped on this project were Ethan Ashbeck, Skyler Hawks, Keenan Helfrecht, Jacob Moses and Lane Pilant. Orwick says they finished installing the ramp in about 20 minutes.



Barb Orwick sits on the new wheelchair ramp installed by Dave Fowler's woods manufacturing class, which she says gives her newfound freedom to leave her home in her wheelchair. Not available for the picture were Fowler and class members Ethan Ashbeck, Skyler Hawks, Keenan Helfrecht, Jacob Moses and Lane Pilant. —Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

INC presents 15th season

Inland Northwest Chorale will present its 15th season with opening concerts "Autumn con Affetto" Oct. 26 in Ukiah and Oct. 27 in Stanfield.

The concerts, under the direction of R. Lee Friese and accompanied by former Heppner resident Myrna Van Cleave on piano, will feature selections such as Cornerstone (with handbells); Arise, My Soul, Arise (with Alice Massey on violin); The William Tell Overture; and more.

Performances will be held Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Ukiah School Gym, 201 Hill St., Ukiah, OR and Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. at Stanfield

Baptist Church, 310 NE Wheeler Ave., Stanfield, OR.

There is no charge for either concert, but donations will be accepted at the door. A reception will follow each concert enabling the audience to meet and greet the performers.

For questions about Inland Northwest Musicians, playing or singing in one of the ensembles, or the concerts, visit their website at <http://inlandnorthwestmusicians.com/>, find their Facebook page or contact Judi Mason at judimasn@eoni.com or R. Lee Friese at 541-377-1865.

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