

Heppner enters state playoffs undefeated

The Heppner High School Mustang football team beat the Weston-McEwen TigerScots by a score of 40-6 on Friday night. With the victory the Mustangs win the BMC title outright and advance to the first round of the state playoffs. The Mustangs ended the regular season undefeated with a record of 9-0 and are currently third in the OSAA 2A rankings.

The Mustangs kicked off to start the game in Athena. On the third play for the TigerScots, CJ Kindle intercepted a pass to give the Mustangs the ball at the 36-yard line. Kaden Clark then threw a 21-yard pass completion to Jordan Bailey. Heppner then scored on an eight-yard run by Brian Rill. Kindle ran the ball for the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0.

The teams traded possessions and then the Mustang defense tackled the TigerScot punter and took over on the 20-yard line. On the next play Kindle ran it in around the left end for the touchdown. The PAT failed and the score was 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Kindle intercepted the ball again on the next TigerScot possession to give the Mustangs the ball at the 29-yard line. The Mustangs failed to score and turned the ball back over on downs. The TigerScots then scored on a long pass play to make the score 14-6.



JC Putman (#59) sacks a TigerScot during the Mustangs' final regular season game against the TigerScots last Friday. Heppner will host Reedsport in the first round of state playoffs this Saturday. -Contributed photo

The next Mustang drive was highlighted by a 49-yard pass catch-and-run by Bailey. Rill then scored from nine yards out to make the score 20-6. After the teams traded possessions, the Mustangs got the ball again. A seven-play drive ended with a touchdown run of 11 yards by Rill to make it 26-6 at the half.

The Mustangs got the ball to start the second half. The big strong offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage for seven running plays. That led to a touchdown run of four yards by Rill. That made the score 32-6 early in the third quarter.

The Heppner defense got the ball back for the offense and they knew what to do with it. After three big runs by Rill, Kindle and Tommy Bredfield, Clark threw a seven-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Corbin. Kindle scored the two-point conversion to make the score 40-6 at the end of three quarters of

play. Both teams had the ball for three more possessions in the fourth quarter but neither of them could score.

For the game the Mustangs had 442 total yards and gave up 182. Clark was 11-19 for 164 yards passing. Bailey caught four for 87 yards, Corbin had three for 44, Kindle hauled in two for 23 and Rill two for 10. Rushing totals for the Mustangs were Rill with 148 yards on 24 carries. Kindle had 69 yards, Bailey was next with 43 and Bredfield ran for 16. Clark had nine yards rushing.

The Mustang defense once again had an outstanding game. They finished the year giving up the fewest points allowed in all of 2A football. Leading the way in tackles was JC Putman with 11. John Prophet recorded 10 and Jaden Orr, Ethan Ashbeck and Bredfield each had eight. Rill, Bailey and Logan Grieb had seven each. Kindle and Weston Putman followed with six each. Treston Maben recorded four tackles and Ross Cutsforth had two.

Heppner moves on to the state playoffs and will meet the Reedsport Community Charter School Braves at home at 1 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 9.

Reedsport is the number-three team from Special District 1; they finished the year with a record of 7-2 and were ranked 15th in the final OSAA rankings.



The Mustangs come in from the introduction of the teams at the beginning of the game against the TigerScots last Friday. Heppner took out the TigerScots on their home turf in a decisive 40-6 victory. -Contributed photo

HHS students celebrate 'Dia de los Muertos'

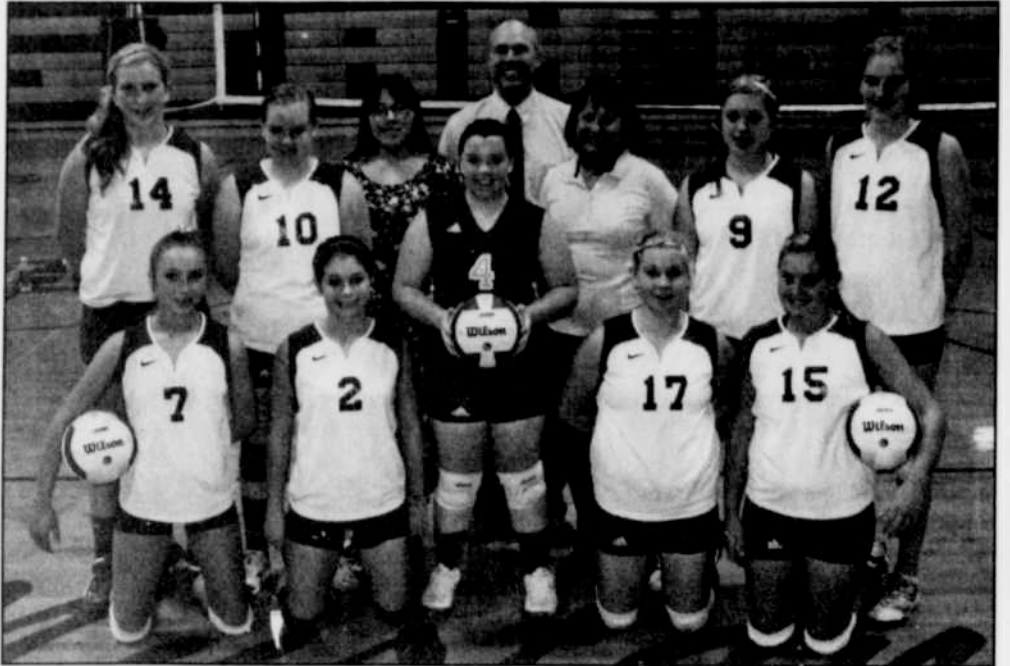
Mrs. Petra Payne's Spanish classes at Heppner High School are learning about Dia de los Muertos, a holiday celebrated in many Latin America countries.

One of the ways the holiday is celebrated is by building altars for deceased family and friends to remember and honor the dead. Altars consist of flowers, candles, photos, favorite foods, drinks and items that represent the deceased. Students in Payne's Spanish II class each built an altar in memory of a loved one.



(L-R) Logan Grieb, Jake Lindsay and Brian Fowler pose by a Dia de los Muertos altar dedicated to Jake's grandfather, Kenny Turner. -Photo by David Sykes

Heppner JV volleyball closes 2013 strong



The Mustang JV volleyball team ended a successful 2013 season recently. Back (L-R): Jessica Kempken; Taylor Hamby; Jennie Marick, manager; Dieter Waite, varsity coach; Molly Rhea, JV coach; Sydney Maben; and Antonia Tebbe. Front (L-R): Kaelyn Lindsay; Onna DeLoach; Rylee Wagoner; Rian Wizener; and Rylee Kollman. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Mustang Junior Varsity volleyball team had a successful 2013 season, according to Heppner JV Coach Molly Rhea.

Playing a 6-2 offense, Sydney Maben and Onna DeLoach handled the

setting duties as well as hitting in the back position. Middle hitters included Jessica Kempken, Antonia Tebbe, Taylor Hamby and Rian Wizener, with strong outside hitting coming from Rylee Kollman and Kaelyn Lindsay. Defensive

specialist Rylee Wagoner functioned aptly in the libero position.

"This young squad worked together as a team to overcome in many tight matches, coming away with a 13-5 season record," said Rhea.

Red Ribbon Week encourages youth to avoid drugs, alcohol

By David Sykes

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol and drug prevention awareness campaign observed annually across America in October, and last week students in Heppner participated as well.

On Monday the students attended an assembly where they watched two videos. One was called "They Lied" and spoke about how people using drugs will lie to their peers about its effects on themselves and others. One of the negative outcomes of drug use is how it not only hurts the person using them, but the whole family.

After the video Heppner High student body assistant treasurer Jasmine Garcia spoke to the assembly on how drugs had affected her and her family's life. Her brother did drugs and passed away several years ago, and "it affected the whole family," she said.

"It was very hard on all of us. Some kids think they are the only ones affected by their drug use, but it affects everyone," she said.

She also pointed out that one mistake such as a DUII can change a young person's life dramatically.



(L-R) Student body officers Blake Greenup, Business Manager; Jasmine Garcia, Asst. Treasurer; and Student Body President J.C. Putman show a banner that was part of Red Ribbon Week. -Photo by David Sykes

Other student body officers also talked at the assembly, and then on Wednesday the students spent time in class writing down their thoughts about what they had learned. The girls said students were encouraged to reflect and put their thoughts on paper as part of Red Ribbon Week.

"The students did a great job," said teacher Petra Payne. "We wanted it to be student driven and something they could be proud of. And I think it was," she said of the week.

To round out Red Ribbon Week students wore red to school on Thursday.

HHS Booster club holds election

The Heppner Jr/Sr High School Booster Club recently elected new board members for 2013/2014.

Melissa Lindsay was voted in as the new president, Teresa VanDoorn as vice president, Becky Kindle as treasurer, Renee Yocom as secretary, Carri

Grieb as publicity director and Lana Eckman and Jacque Hedmen as at-large members.

The Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month in the Heppner High School library at 6 p.m. Meetings and events are posted on the high-

school website, www.hhs.morrow.or.k12.us, as well as on their new Facebook page.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend meetings and get involved with the Booster Club. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Morrow SWCD board to meet

A regular meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board will meet Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Ag Service Center, 430 W Linden Way in Heppner, at 6 p.m.

Time will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting to receive comments from the public.

Agenda items for the SWCD meeting include approval of the September and October meeting minutes, treasurer's report, status of funding agreements, Lower Umatilla Basin report, district insurance coverage discussion, staff reports and partner reports.

Two board positions representing the Boardman and Irrigon areas are vacant. According to SWCD representatives, "Landowner representation from all areas of Morrow County is essential in order to conserve, protect and develop soil, water and other natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of the resources of Morrow County."

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