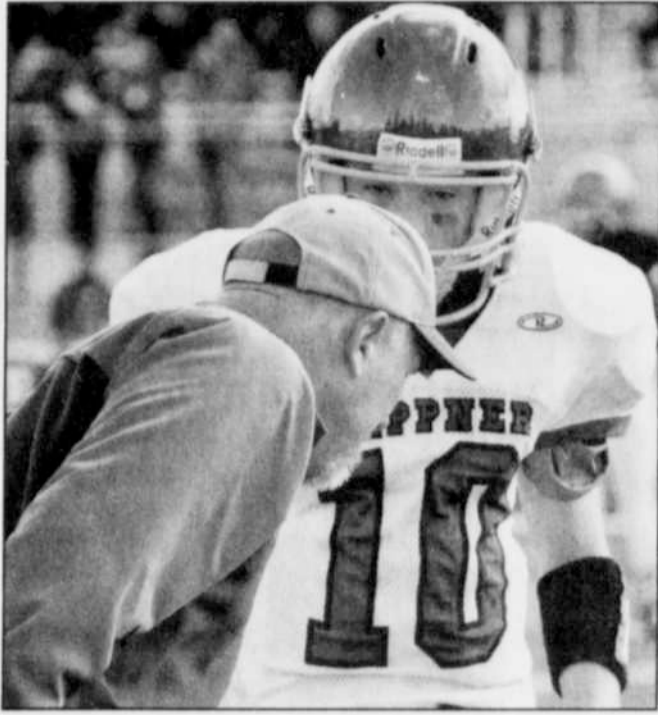


'STANGS HEAD TO FINALS

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Heppner Coach Greg Grant confers with Mustang quarterback Kaden Clark during the semifinals game versus Knappa last weekend. -Photo by Sandra Putman

then a tipped pass. On their third down play, Kolby Currin stepped in front of a Knappa receiver and intercepted the ball. Heppner took over at the 50-yard line and ran valuable time off of the clock with a 10-play drive. They ended up turning the ball over to Knappa on downs at the 30-yard line. On the very next play Kindle made a diving interception at the 41-yard line to give Heppner the ball back. Clark took the snap from center and knelt down to end the game. The Mustangs had won the game and advanced to the championship by a score of 25-16.

Heppner had 274 yards of total offense for the game and Knappa had 194. Heppner totaled 20 first downs to only nine for the Loggers. The Mustangs rushed for 239 and passed for 35. Kindle led the team in rushing with 153 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries. Putman carried the ball 10 times for 68 yards and a score. Clark packed it six

times for 18. Corbin caught one ball for 25 yards, Collins had one catch for 19 and Kindle also had a reception for the Mustangs.

The Mustang defense was dominant all afternoon long. They had five interceptions in the game. They held Knappa to only 22 yards rushing and also had six sacks of the quarterback. Collins led the team in tackles with nine and he also had a sack. Kindle recorded seven tackles and Ross Cutsforth was next with six tackles and two sacks. Putman, Currin and Saul Erickson each had five tackles and a sack in the game. Clark and Kevin Murray both had three tackles and Tom Gould had two. With one tackle each in the game were John Propheter, Tristan Moses, Corbin and Grieb.

Heppner will face Burns for the OSAA 2A State Championship. The game is to be played at Hermiston High School this Saturday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m.

Heppner wrestlers bring home wins in pre-season tournament

Seven student wrestlers from Heppner participated in an Oregon Wrestling Association tournament on Saturday, Nov. 21, in Irrigon, and came home with nine wins.

This group of "mat men" includes nine- to 14-year-olds Keegan Chitty, Roen Waite, Jace Coe, Blane Mahoney, Carson Brosnan, Leo Waite, and Trevor Chamberlin.

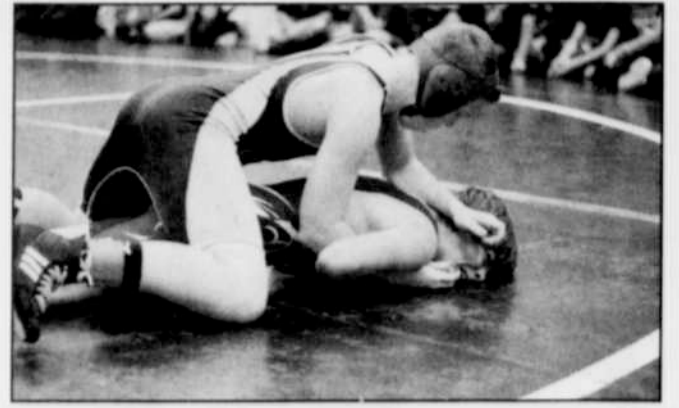
These young men faced wrestlers from Hermiston, La Grande, Baker City,

Tri-Cities, Irrigon, and John Day in the gymnasium that featured six matches at any one time for the more than 100 competitors.

As many as 300 participants sometimes register for a tournament on the east side of the state.

Saturday's meet was the third of seven that will be held during this period before the school wrestling season begins.

The opportunity to learn and improve skills on the mat is the benefit the



Carson Brosnan, Heppner, wrestles a competitor from La Grande. -Photo by Damon Brosnan

young wrestlers gain from their participation in the

Thanksgiving: Family, friends and some football practice

The Heppner High School football team invites parents, family, fans and friends to stop by Thursday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day, at Les Payne Field in Heppner. The Mustang team will be practicing from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds field, and the

HHS Booster Club will be serving hot chocolate and coffee.

Mustang coach Greg Grant says the team and coaching staff would like to use the Thanksgiving practice to personally thank everyone for the support they have received.

City gives Mustangs a heroes' send-off



The Mustangs received a heroes' send-off last weekend as they departed for the state semifinals game in Hillsboro. The team's bus received an escort from the Heppner Fire Department, and residents lined the streets to cheer and encourage Heppner's hometown boys. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

BAILEY PRESENTS ON DC TRIP

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The motto of the conference was the famous quote by Theodore Roosevelt: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Asked what the best part of the trip was, Bailey said packaging the meals for the kids of D.C.

"It was very fun. My job was to wrap them up. It took us two hours and we fed more than 70,000 kids," she told the chamber.

Choice Program will affect veterans in outlying areas

Many veterans now have the option to receive non-VA health care rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility.

As of Nov. 5, 2014, the new Choice Program began to cover non-VA care for eligible veterans enrolled in VA healthcare. You may be an eligible veteran if:

- You have been told by your local VA medical facility that you will need to wait more than 30 days from your preferred date or the date medically determined by your physician;

- Your current residence is more than 40 miles from the closest VA health care facility;

- You need to travel by plane or boat to the VA

medical facility closest to your home; or

- You face a geographic challenge, such as extensive distances around water or other geologic formations, such as mountains, which presents a significant travel hardship.

Every veteran will receive a letter and a Choice Card in the mail with details about the program. Veterans will be eligible for the program and receive cards in three phases:

- Veterans who may live more than 40 miles from a VA facility;

- Veterans who are currently waiting for an appointment longer than 30 days from their preferred date or the date determined to be medically necessary

by their physician;

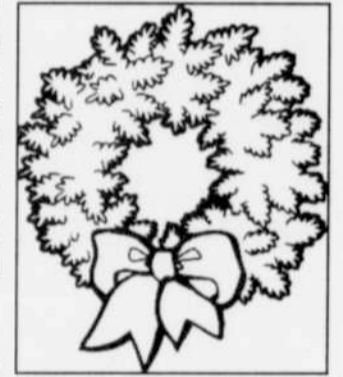
- All remaining veterans enrolled for VA healthcare who may be eligible for the Choice Program in the future.

To set up an appointment with a non-VA provider, call the VA at 866-606-8198 and they will work with you to ensure you are approved for care in your community.

Umatilla forest firewood season ends Nov. 30

Pendleton, OR—Personal-use firewood cutting on the Umatilla National Forest will end Sunday, Nov. 30. Firewood permits will not be available again until May 2015.

The public is asked to take additional precautions when cutting firewood late in the fall when road and soil conditions become slick, soggy and saturated.



Heppner High School agriculture students would like to remind everyone that they have taken over the Greens Workshop and will be creating and selling a variety of holiday wreaths, swags, candy canes and crosses for \$20 each, and centerpieces for \$12.

Special orders can be arranged; please contact an Ag student or Beth Dickenson at 676-9138. Pre-orders are appreciated and all orders will be available for pick-up through the week of Dec. 9-11.

"Not many extras will be made, so please let us know if you would like some locally made, holiday decor!" says Dickenson.

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