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## All fired up about mill cleanup



Cleanup continued at the old Kinzua Mill site Monday with the burning of the piles of rubble. -Photo by Mark Schlichting

## Popular trivia show returns Friday

This Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. the Heppner Day Care will again sponsor the fun and entertaining Mr. Bill's traveling trivia show.

The event, held at the Heppner Elk's Club, is an annual fundraiser for the nonprofit organization.

Entries are still being accepted, and entry forms are available at Heppner Day Care or on the table at the post office.

Though teams may enter on the evening of the show, early entries are strongly encouraged.

A table will be reserved with the team name for every early entry, and early entries will help with starting the show on time and help to prevent delays at the door.

The entry fee for each team is \$150, or \$25 per person on a team six members. A team can have from one to six members.

Participants are reminded not to use phones to look up answers; designated individuals will be watching.

The members of the three top-scoring teams at Mr. Bill's will receive prizes, as well as bragging rights, but every participant will have an equal opportunity to win a door prize.

The day care also will be raffling some baskets.

"This fundraiser is critical to the operation of Heppner Day Care," says one board member. "Your support is greatly appreciated."

## Parade of Lights back this year



Heppner's Parade of Lights has been on hiatus for a couple of years but will return Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. -File Photo

Heppner's Parade of Lights is back this year, planned for Thursday, Dec. 3, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The parade is still looking for participants. Anyone interested in putting together a float should call or text Sheena Shank at 541-980-5881. Parade en-

## Mustangs gallop toward semifinals



Heppner's Boys of Fall cheer after their crushing 52-14 victory over the Reedsport Braves. The Mustangs now head to Hillsboro Saturday to tackle Regis in the 2A state semifinals. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang football team punched its ticket to the OSAA 2A Football State Semifinals with a convincing 52-14 win over the Reedsport Braves.

The Mustangs scored touchdowns the first seven times they had the ball. The offensive line blew open holes in the Braves' defense and led Heppner rushers on long gains all game long.

The Reedsport defense, which had not allowed five of their opponents to score at all this season, were over-matched by the powerful Mustang offense.

Heppner got the ball to start the game. An eight-play, 68-yard drive ended with a touchdown when Weston Putman ran the ball in from five yards out. Quarterback Kaden Clark then threw a pass to Logan

Grieb for the two-point conversion and the score was 8-0 just three minutes into the game.

Then the Mustang defense got to set the tone of the game as they forced Reedsport to punt on their first possession. Another long drive, this one of nine plays, led to a Mustang touchdown when Putman powered his way in from four yards out. Clark then

found Jake Lindsay open in the back of the end zone. He hit him with a pass to score the two-point conversion to make the score 16-0.

Another three-and-out for Reedsport gave the Mustangs back the ball. Grieb scored the next Heppner touchdown when he ran a sweep around left end and raced down the field. -See SEMIFINALS AHEAD/ PAGE THREE

## Health district commemorates 'The power of rural'

Thursday, Nov. 19, marks the nation's fifth annual National Rural Health Day. In commemoration, Morrow County Health

District says it continues its efforts to demonstrate "The power of rural" by providing visits to local schools and hosting small celebrations at Pioneer Memorial Clinic and Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, at the Ione Community Clinic and at Irrigon Medical Clinic.

"First and foremost, National Rural Health Day is an opportunity to 'Celebrate the Power of Rural' by honoring the selfless, community-minded, 'candor' spirit that prevails in rural America," says the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health.

"Sixty-two million, or nearly one in five Americans live in a rural community. These small towns, farming communities and frontier areas are places where neighbors know each other, listen to each other, respect each other and work together to benefit the greater good. These rural communities also have unique healthcare needs. It also gives us a chance to bring to light the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face - and showcase the efforts of rural healthcare providers, State Offices of Rural Health and other ru-

ral stakeholders to address those challenges."

Some rural healthcare facts, according to the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, include:

-Hospitals are the economic foundation of many rural communities. The 1,330 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) provide essential health care to rural communities across 45 states and, on average, bring jobs to the local economy.

-The total time rural patients spend in the emergency room is 56 minutes less in rural hospitals than in urban hospitals.

-Rural workforce education and training programs are needed to help recruit, retain and increase the number of well-qualified medical providers for rural veterans.

As part of the day's commemoration, Dr. Russ Nichols and Sheridan Tarnasky, PA-C will visit Hep-

per Elementary School to speak with fifth and sixth grade students about rural healthcare.

"In today's changing world, rural healthcare is becoming rare. We are lucky to have a facility in a small town that has so many capabilities and services. This allows us to take care of people close to home and to not have to travel for healthcare," says Nichols.

"I have had the opportunity of watching rural health care mature over the past 60 years. As a child in this community (Heppner) our rural health clinic consisted of the 'family doctor' and, fortunately for us, our hospital," Tarnasky adds. "Yes, we still have those capabilities, but due to national and state acknowledgement of the importance of rural health care, we have many programs available to meet the overall medical needs of our communities."

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## Wildhorse grants to benefit county

Pendleton, OR—The Wildhorse Foundation, a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to support organizations in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington, has announced grant awards for the third quarter of 2015. A total of \$201,447.33 was awarded to 29 recipients, bringing the total for 2015 to almost \$625,000. Four of the projects will impact Morrow County in some way, including:

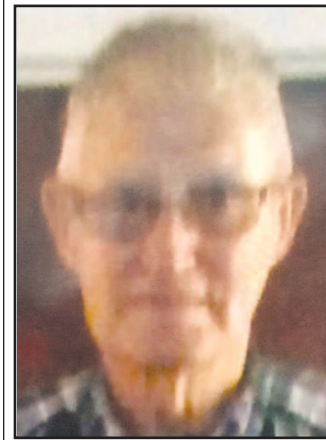
- \$10,000 to the Boardman Park & Recreation District for exercise stations in the Community Recreation Center;

- \$3,425 to the Libraries of Eastern Oregon to purchase KEVA planks 12 libraries in Umatilla, Morrow, Union and Walla counties for the Full STEAM Ahead program;

- \$5,360 to SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) for a Umatilla and Morrow County SMART Pre-K Program; and

- \$1,800 to Umatilla County 4-H for Attitudes - See WILDHORSE GRANTS/ PAGE TWO

## Elderly Irrigon man still missing



Police continue to search for any elderly man who went missing from Irrigon early Monday morning. According to Morrow County Sheriff's Office, John W. Getman, 78, is of particular concern because he suffers from Alzheimer's and does not know the local

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