

Mustangs win conference game Heppner celebrates 2019 homecoming

The Heppner Mustang football team won their first Blue Mountain Conference game of the year by defeating the Riverside Pirates 54-8.

The first score of the night came as Mason Lehman returned a punt 50 yards for the score. Kannon Wilkins kicked the extra point to give the team a quick 7-0 lead.

The next Heppner score came as Jayden Wilson dropped back and passed the ball to Mason Lehman who packed it in from 41 yards out for the touchdown. Wilkins added the extra point to give the Mustangs a 14-0 lead.

Brock Hisler scored the next touchdown as he took the handoff and raced 82 yards for another score. Once again, Wilkins made the PAT kick and the score was now 21-0.

A touchdown pass from Wilson to Evan Kollman that covered 27 yards was the next score for the Mustangs. Wilkins made the PAT and the score moved to 28-0.

The Mustang defense forced another Pirate punt and Jackson Lehman stepped in front of the kicker and blocked it. Hisler scooped up the ball and ran it 25 yards for another touchdown. The Wilkins PAT kick was good and the score increased to 35-0.

Casey Fletcher moved to quarterback and threw a touchdown pass of seven yards to Jorden Sweeney to take the score of the game to 41-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Fletcher led the team on a seven-play drive early in the second quarter that led to another score as Kollman caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from Fletcher. The Wilkins PAT was good and the score was now 48-0.



Heppner's Mason Lehman runs to avoid the tackle in the homecoming game versus Riverside. -Photo by Kirsti Cason.

at halftime. The final score of the night for the Mustangs came in the third quarter when Fletcher threw a touchdown pass to Hunter Greenup that covered 11 yards. The Pirates scored very late in the game to make the final score 54-8.

Fletcher led the team in passing by going 7-11 for 83 yards and three touchdowns. Wilson finished 2-2 for 68 yards and two touchdowns.

Kollman caught two passes for 52 yards and two touchdowns and Wilkins had four catches for 40 yards. Mason Lehman had a catch for 41 yards and a touchdown, Greenup one catch for 11 yards and a score while Sweeney caught one ball for seven yards and a touchdown.

Hisler led the rushers with 82 yards and a touchdown. Blake Wolters had

18 yards and with 15 yards each were Jace Coe and Ty Boor. Blane Mahoney rushed for eight yards, Bryan Collins seven and Kollman had six yards rushing.

Wolters led the team with six tackles in the game. With four tackles each were Matt Orem, Hayden Hyatt, Coe, Hisler and Saul Lopez. Recording three tackles each were Gavin Hanna-Robinson, Kevin Rea, Kegan Steagall and Tucker Ashbeck. With two tackles each in the game were Kellen Grant, Nate Maret, Mikel Jaca, Cody Fletcher and Boor. Finishing with one tackle each were Kollman, Wilkins, Sweeney, Jason Rea, Roy Collins, Jackson Lehman, Derrick Smith, Brian Lindsay and Dillan Doyle.

Next up for the Mustangs are the Irrigon Knights this Friday night in Irrigon.

Community lunch menu

Nazarene/Christian volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, October 16 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be parmesan crusted pork chops, apple bran muffin, baked squash, mixed vegies, cauliflower and tomatoes and pineapple.

Milk, coffee and tea is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.



The 2019 Heppner High School Homecoming Court was crowned in a half-time ceremony during the Heppner-Riverside game on Friday night. Pictured, left to right, are: Prince Jayden Wilson, Princess Kennisyn Wilkins, Prince Mason Lehman, Queen Alyse Wentz, Princess Cami Vanarsdale, King Jason Rea, Princess Nicole Prophet, Prince Kellen Grant, Princess Marlee Mitchell, Prince Blake Wolters.; (front) junior court, Harper Coiner and Urijah Wedding. The queen was crowned by 1979 HHS homecoming queen, Jackie Gentry Ansotegui. -Photo by Kirsti Cason.



Cheerleaders Makaykla Silvia, Genevieve Smith, Kayla McAnnich, Alyse Wentz, Julie Teeman and Brooke Wilson posed for a picture at the 2019 homecoming game.

Hospice coordinator to retire

The Morrow County Health District Board voted to make the district's Hospice program volunteer coordinator position a full-time paid position, following the notice of the impending retirement of current volunteer coordinator Cyde Estes.

The board praised Estes for her many years of dedication and hard work at the September 30 meeting, noting she has volunteered for the past "15-20" years and acknowledging it would be hard for someone to follow in her footsteps.

"We probably need to make it a paid position. We're not going to find someone," said Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney, who noted that finding volunteers has been extremely difficult of late, "We need trained volunteers across the county." She said the Hospice program "must continue" as it is required as part of the Medicare certification program and added, "We don't want to lose the program." Mahoney said Estes wants the position to be preserved and sent "a very detailed letter" outlining the duties and requirements of the position.

The board approved \$84,735 for salary, taxes and benefits for the Hospice volunteer coordinator paid position beginning 2021. (Salary for funding eight months of the coordinator position for 2020 would have been up to \$56,490.)

Mahoney estimated the job has been "sometimes half-time and sometimes full-time", so indicated that the job will be advertised as "up to full-time." She added it will take a very competent person to fill the position. Chief Nursing Officer Jamie Houck commented she has found it may be more difficult to hire a part-time employee.

Houck also noted the Oregon Health Authority has reviewed and accepted the plan of correction from the nurse staffing survey. "Now that our plan of correction has been accepted, we can move forward and start implementing the corrections," she said.



Cyde Estes

The board also approved a bid for \$14,134.57 from Dynamic Computer Consulting out of Pendleton for hardware and software. Mahoney told the board the purchase would "handle to immediate concerns with our data" and recommended this be done "the quicker, the better."

Also at the meeting Mahoney noted the district had a \$167,848 gain for the month of August, with \$1,162,281 in gross patient revenue, plus an additional \$51,023 in contractual (Medicare/Medicaid) and other adjustments, \$165,790 in tax revenue and \$55,165 in other operating revenue for \$1,429,088 in total operating revenue; \$1,305,791 in operating expenses and \$44,551 in a non-operating gain. "The first two months of the fiscal year look pretty good," commented Mahoney.

In other business, the board: -heard a presentation on the district's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 from Eric Volk, CPA, Wipfli CPAs and Consultants.

-voted in favor of allowing district employees to borrow against their own 457(b) accounts, not the 401(a) the employer contributes to. Previously the only options for employees for borrowing were the 403b hardship or 457b unforeseen emergency funds.

-learned from Houck an all staff flu vaccine clinic will be held at Pioneer Memorial Hospital on Oct. 16.

-received the following clinic reports for August: Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner had 438 patient visits with five new patients, 22 seen by a nurse and 10 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 309

patient visits with 16 new patients, 137 seen by a nurse and 39 no-shows; Ione Community Clinic had 89 patient visits, six new patients, nine seen by a nurse and four no-shows.

-received the following reports for Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner: 10 admissions for observation, one admission for hospital respite, 581 outpatients, 92 emergency room encounters, 1,730 lab tests, 127 x-ray/ultrasound tests, 35 CT scans, one MRI scan, 26 EKG tests, five lower endoscopy procedures, two upper endoscopy procedures, three respiratory therapy procedures; six acute (in-patient) admissions, two skilled swing bed admissions.

-Home Health had 171 patient visits; Hospice had four admissions.

-Pharmacy had 3,352 drug doses for \$107,611 in drug revenue.

-received the following CEO report from Bob Houser:

-Physician's Assistant David Collins has been hired and will receive patients around the week of October 23 at the Irrigon Medical Clinic. Other hires were Annabelle Campbell, housekeeping, Stephanie Rill, EMT-Intermediate at PMH, and Maggie Flynn, CNA.

-all apartments at Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living are full.

-still needed (as of the Sept. 30 meeting) were RNs for PMH, a mid-level provider for Irrigon Medical Clinic, a licensed clinical social worker for behavioral health, a part-time dietician and a part time medical assistant for Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

-MCHD is taking part the InterMountain ESD program of having student interns throughout the school year. Sydney Wilson is the current intern.

-Dr. Emily (Thompson) Jack, formerly of Heppner, will be doing a rotation at Pioneer Memorial Clinic and Pioneer Memorial Hospital in mid-December. She is in her first year of residency training at Boise, Idaho.

Openings on Compensation Committee

Morrow County currently has three openings on the Compensation Committee. Committee members must be County Residence who are knowledgeable in personnel and/or compensation management. The appointment is a four-year commitment and the Committee meets once per year to discuss Elected Officials Compensation and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners during the budget process. If you are interested in serving Morrow County Government and can meet the requirements of the appointment, please contact Human Resources at 5471-676-5620 or email kcarlson@co.morrow.or.us.



Morrow County Health Department upcoming flu vaccine clinics

All day Flu Clinic at Heppner City Hall
10/24/2019 9:00 -7:00 p.m.

Irrigon Stoke's Landing Sr. Center
10/28/2019 10:30-1:00 p.m.

Ione Fire Hall
10/30/2019 4:00 -7:30 p.m.

Boardman Senior Center
10/31/2019 10:00-1:00 p.m.

More to be announced at a later date!
We do have flu vaccine for folks with no insurance, so drop by our clinic in Boardman, Heppner or Ione if you are unable to attend any of above scheduled flu clinics

Morrow County Health Department
110N Court Street, Heppner
541-676-5421
541-676-5652



Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Ann Spicer, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Cathleen Ann Halversen, 65, Ione, was convicted of violation of basic rule, 69/55 mph, fine \$165.

-Philip Doran Mullins, 64, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule, 74/55 mph, fine \$165.

-Derek Matthew Howard, 19, Heppner, was convicted of minor in possession of alcohol, fine \$265.

-Jasen Curtis Lester, 18, Heppner, was convicted of careless driving/accident, fine \$440 and driving uninsured, fine \$265.

-Joe Lewis Halversen, 72, Ione, was convicted of violation of basic rule, 80/55 mph, fine \$265.

-Diana Jean Healy, 19, Heppner, was convicted of violation of speed limit, 50/30 mph, fine \$265.

-Brady L. Smith, 24, Ione, was convicted of dog as a nuisance, fine \$265.

-Levi Wade Beers, 27, Prosser, WA, was convicted of possession of falsely applied for license or tag, fine \$115.

-Brian Hammill, 41, Heppner was convicted of Theft III, fine \$463.50, one year bench probation.

-Jon David Hanna, 42, Heppner was convicted of Criminal Trespass II, fine \$205, one year probation.

-Gena Marie Tortolani, 20, Heppner, was convicted of Criminal Trespass II, 15 days in jail.