

# Gazette Times

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## Mustangs end regular season undefeated



Senior football team with coach Greg Grant and 300 victory award (L-R): Mason Lehman, Kannon Wilkins, Evan Kollman, Casey Fletcher, Matt Orem, Coach Grant, Kellen Grant, Jason Rea, Nate Maret, Jordan Sweeney and Gavin Hanna-Robinson. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

The Heppner Mustang football team won their final regular season game when they defeated the Stanfield Tigers 49-0. With the win, the Mustangs finish the season undefeated with an overall record of 9-0 and they were the Blue Mountain Conference champions with a 4-0 record. The victory also means that they won the OSAA Special District 6 championship and will advance to the playoffs.

Heppner ended the season as the only undefeated team in 2A football. They scored 387 points this year which is the third most points in the state. The stingy Mustang defense only gave up 66 points on the season which was the lowest point total in the state by a long way. The Mustangs ended the regular season as the third ranked team in the final OSAA 2A football standings and will host a first-round playoff game against the Bandon Tigers. The Tigers, the second-place team from the Sunset Conference finished the season as the 14th ranked team in the state. They had a 5-4 overall record and were 3-1 in conference play.

It was senior recognition night and the Mustangs started their ten senior players on offense in the game against the Tigers. The Mustang seniors moved the ball but then punted it away on their first possession. The Heppner defense stopped Stanfield

and forced them into one of their many punts on the night. It then only took the Mustangs three plays to score their first touchdown. Quarterback Jayden Wilson dropped back and drilled a pass into the arms of Mason Lehman who then ran 48 yards for the score. It was 6-0 mid way through the first quarter.

Stanfield was forced to punt and Heppner needed only three plays to score again. Wilson took the ball himself and darted through the middle of the Tigers defense and went untouched as he raced 53 yards for a touchdown. The 2-pt. conversion attempt was good when Wilson threw the ball to Mason Lehman for the score. That made it 14-0 as the first quarter ended.

The next Mustang score came early in the quarter when Wilson found Mason Lehman open on a pass route and hit him in stride for a 24-yard touchdown.

That made the score of the game 20-0.

Another Tiger punt and the Mustangs quick strike offense needed only two plays to score. This time, Wilson completed a short pass to Kason Cimmiyotti who then took it and outran the entire Stanfield defense for a 50-yard for a touchdown. Wilson threw to Jackson Lehman for the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 28-0 at halftime.

Heppner kicked off to start the second half and forced the Tigers to punt again. The Mustangs then went on an eight-play drive that ended in a score. Blake Wolters took a handoff, put his head down and blasted through the line for a one-yard touchdown. The 2-pt. conversion attempt was good when Wilson completed a pass to Jace Coe. That made the score 36-0 midway through the third quarter.

The Heppner kickoff

## County creates new Community Development position

### Long-time planner Carla McLane resigns

By David Sykes

Long-time Morrow County Planner Carla McLane has resigned, and the county is now looking for a full time Community Development Director.

McLane abruptly resigned effective last Friday with no reason given either by her or county officials. She had been discussing an upcoming retirement from the county, where she has worked for the past 18 years and her resignation came as a surprise. "It is with regret that I am announcing the resignation of Carla McLane effective as of November 1, 2019. Since 2001, Ms. McLane has been a valuable member of our team. As an employee of the Planning Department, she was appreciated by her co-workers and the County. We wish her all the best for her future endeavors," County Administrator Darrell Green said in a statement. When contacted McLane said she had nothing further to add.

McLane has been involved with many activities across the county over the

years other than just her duties as planning director. As an example, she was instrumental in the structuring and formation of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and also served as its director for several years. She formed a county-wide economic development group that would meet monthly with representatives across the county to discuss common problems and solutions. And she would, on many occasions, assist cities with complex zoning issues when asked. She also schooled herself on issues of wind and solar power generation which became big to Morrow County during her tenure. McLane also oversaw the planning process for a rapidly expanding Port of Morrow where many businesses enlarged, and new data farms such as Amazon were planned and constructed.

In creating the new Community Development Director position it appears from the job description the county is seeking someone to take over many of those jobs McLane was doing



Carla McLane

outside of planning. At its October 30 meeting the commission voted to create the new position and also hire a head staff planner for just the planning department.

Some of the duties to be carried out by the new Community Development Director would be direct supervision for the economic development programs throughout the county including the planning department, public transportation (The Loop), code enforcement and the fair. The description also covered a wide range of duties involving many aspects of the county's economic development.

Pay for the job will be \$82,332 a year with an additional \$42,149 in benefits. Requirements for the job include a bachelor's degree as well as government administration experience.

next with 50 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries. Hisler finished with 44 yards and Mason Lehman had 42. Ty Boor and Colby Keslar each finished with four yards rushing in the game.

The outstanding defensive effort was led by Jason Rea who finished the game with 13 tackles. Gavin Hanna-Robinson was next with 11 and Wolters recorded nine tackles. Roy Collins had a big game with eight tackles and Hisler finished with seven. With four tackles each were Mason Lehman, Jackson Lehman and Coe. Kellen Grant and Matt Orem each recorded three tackles for the Mustangs and with two tackles each were Wilson, Casey Fletcher and Connor Brosnan. Finishing with one tackle each in the game were Nate Maret, Hayden Hyatt, Cody Fletcher and Cimmiyotti.

The home playoff game with Bandon will be played Saturday, November 9 at Les Payne Field.



Seniors and family, front row (L-R): Cheerleaders Alise Wentz (Brody and Sandra) and Makayla Silvia. Football players Mason Lehman (Jessica and Andy), Kannon Wilkins (Renee and Tim), Jason Rea (Suzanne and Gary), Matt Orem (Brandi and Eric), Nate Maret (Angeleena and Mike), Gavin Hanna-Robinson (Jade and Justin, Lindsay and Jason), Casey Fletcher (Andrea and Andy), Jordan Sweeney (Brandi and Corey), Evan Kollman (Amy and Brian) and Kellen Grant (Virginia and Greg). -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

pinned the Tigers deep in their own territory. They couldn't move the ball and were forced to punt again and that gave the Mustangs good field position. After 22-yard runs by both Mason Lehman and Brock Hisler, the Mustangs scored when Wolters punched it in from three yards out for the touchdown to make the score 42-0.

The teams traded possessions in the fourth quarter until the Mustangs scored their final touchdown in the game. Wilson hit Evan Kollman in stride with a pass as he streaked down the right sideline for a 36-yard touchdown strike. Kannon Wilkins kicked the extra point to make the final score 49-0.

## October coldest on record

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged much colder than normal during the month of October.

The average temperature was 45.4 degrees which was 5.9 degrees below nor-

mal. High temperatures averaged 56.8 degrees, which was 7.4 degrees below normal. The highest was 74 degrees on the 8th. Low temperatures averaged 33.9 degrees, which was 4.5 degrees below normal. The lowest was 12 degrees, on the 29th.

There were 10 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.68 inches during October, which was 0.46 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation, at least .01 inch, was received on six days with the heaviest, 0.35 inches reported on the 19th.

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## Mustang volleyball finishes 2019 season



The Heppner Mustangs varsity volleyball team recently completed their 2019 season. Pictured (L-R) front row: Marlee Mitchel, Alexis Cutsforth and Kennisyn Wilkins. Back row: Fabrena Masterson, Suzy Cason, Kayla McAninch, Genevieve Smith, Sydney Wilson, Sage Ferguson, Nicole Propeter, Aimee Turrell, Aubri Rodriguez and Madison Ashbeck. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

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