

Mustangs win another game, now 4-0



The Heppner Mustangs defeated the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 41 to 0 at home last week. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

The Heppner Mustang football team won another game in dominating fashion by defeating the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots with a score of 41-0. The Mustangs, who are 4-0 on the season, racked up a total of 449 yards of total offense and had 17 first downs in the game. The powerful Heppner defense held the Tigerscots to -25 total yards in the game and didn't allow a first down to Weston-McEwen (W-M) for the entire game.

On the first Mustang possession of the game, Heppner only needed four plays to score their first touchdown. Quarterback Jayden Wilson made a nice fake and then took off with the ball and scored on a 43-yard run to give the Mustangs a 6-0 lead.

The teams traded possessions before the Mustangs would score again. After a W-M punt, Heppner scored on the very next play as Jace Coe took a handoff and sprinted 62 yards for a touchdown. Coe then scored the 2-pt. conversion on a run to give the Mus-

tangs a 14-0 lead as the first quarter ended.

The stingy Heppner defense forced another W-M punt and five plays later the Mustangs scored again as Brock Hisler ran the ball in from 28 yards out for the touchdown. That made the score of the game 20-0 only two minutes into the second quarter.

After the kickoff to the Tigerscots, their quarterback fumbled the ball deep in their own territory. Tucker Ashbeck recovered the ball to give the Mustangs great field position. Heppner scored again as Hisler took another handoff and scampered 15 yards for the touchdown making the score 26-0.

On the next W-M drive, Jackson Lehman stepped in front of a pass and intercepted the ball to give the Mustangs good field position. It only took five plays to score again as Wilson passed the ball to Kason Cimmiyotti for a 26-yard touchdown. Conor Brosnan kicked the extra point to make the score 33-0.

The teams traded possessions for the rest of the quarter and the first half ended with the score 33-0 in favor of the Mustangs.

Heppner got the ball to start the second half and went right down the field on an eight-play drive that resulted in a touchdown. Lehman caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from Wilson for the score. Wilson then ran the ball in for the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 41-0.

The rest of the game was played with a running clock and the teams traded possessions several more times. The final score of the game was 41-0.

Wilson was 5-11 passing the ball for 156 yards and three touchdowns. Landon Mitchell came into the game and was 1-4 throwing the ball for 25 yards.

Coe caught two passes for 72 yards and a touchdown while Lehman had two catches for 58 yards and a score. Cimmiyotti had one catch for 26 yards and a touchdown and Saul

Lopez caught one ball for 25 yards.

Leading the team in rushing was Wilson with 121 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries. Hisler ran for 90 yards on 14 carries and scored two touchdowns. Caden George was next with 21 yards on two carries and Hayden Hyatt rushed for 10 yards on three carries. Coe and Mikel Jaca each gained nine yards running the ball and Brosnan gained eight rushing yards in the game. Cimmiyotti carried the ball one time and gained four yards.

The outstanding defensive effort was led by Hyatt with nine tackles and a quarterback sack in the game. With four tackles each in the game were Jaca and Hisler. Hisler also had a sack for the team. Roy Collins recorded three tackles and with two each were Lehman, Ashbeck, Kegan Steagall and Cody Fletcher. Fletcher also had a big game with two quarterback sacks for the Mustangs. With one tackle each were Coe, Lopez and Brosnan.

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legal workforce to operate and raise the more than 200 crops produced in our state. In doing so, the bill will also help guard against future illegal immigration through a mandatory, nationwide E-Verify system for all agriculture employment," said Bentz.

The bipartisan Farm Workforce Modernization Act provides reforms that have long been sought after by the agriculture sector to help streamline and reduce costs in the H-2A visa

program. In the past, this program has been criticized for being cumbersome, inefficient, and slow. Despite these shortcomings, many in the agriculture sector rely on H-2A visas to help fill gaps in their workforce, grow our economy, and feed America. This legislation would also institute a mandatory E-Verify system for all agricultural employment - serving as a last necessary part of ensuring a legal workforce for the agriculture sector.

Births

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Cora Marie Ellis

Jon and Janelle Ellis, Heppner, welcomed a baby girl, Cora Marie Ellis on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9:41 a.m. She was born at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton and weighed 6 lbs. 8oz and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Cora joins one sibling, big brother Cole, who is two years and three months old.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Carmen Healy of Heppner. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Kae Ellis of Pilot Rock.



Cora Marie Ellis

Fire district has new name



Boardman Fire and Rescue District sports a new logo.

The Boardman Rural Fire Protection District has changed its name to Boardman Fire and Rescue District. The district continues its operations at 300 SW Wilson Lane, Boardman. The phone number to reach them is 541-481-3473.

Joseph R. Yocom

Joseph R Yocom was born to John and Mae Belle Yocom in The Dalles, OR December 27, 1932 and died March 21, 2021, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA.

Joe grew up in Wasco and graduated from Wasco High School in 1952. He was drafted and served in the US Army 82nd Airborne. On November 21, 1953, he married the love of his life, Hilda Stanley. They settled in Lexington and raised four children. She passed in 1992. Joe worked for Morrow County Grain Growers for 35 years as a pump man.

Joe was quite a storyteller. He loved to talk about horses, his family and especially his adventures over the years. One of his favorite quotes was, "We

worked hard, but we played harder."

Joe was a lifelong volunteer for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. He was honored as grand marshal in 2008.

He was a teamster for the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train. He was also the wagon master and teamster for the Roundup Wagon Train for many years. His draft team, Sugar and Spice, and his fully restored yellow covered wagon were well known and carried many dignitaries in the Westward Ho parade and Happy Canyon.

Joe was a devoted husband, father and Papa. He enjoyed teaching the kids about his love of horses. He was an avid high school sports fan; watching all of his grandkids play.

He is survived by his sister, Shirley Otto; his children, Debbie Jones, Millie West, Jack (Renee) Yocom and Marie (Darin) Simonis; grandchildren, Brenda Jones, Olivia West, Nicole Crosby, Heather Tritt, Travis Jones, Justin Yocom and Zachary Yocom; and seven great-grandchildren with another on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Beverly Gunderson, his wife Hilda; grandchildren, Joseph West and Jane Jones; and son-in-law, Leland Jones.

A graveside service with military honors was held Monday, March 29, 2021 at the Lexington Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care if arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.



Joseph R. Yocom

Wayne E. Rietmann

Wayne E. Rietmann of Ione was born May 13, 1937 in Hood River, OR. He died March 22, 2021 in Hermiston at the age of 83 years. Wayne was raised and attended schools in Ione, graduating from Ione High School in the class of 1956. He then attended OTI in Klamath Falls, OR where he earned his certificate in auto mechanics. Wayne then served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1962 when he was honorably discharged, and he returned to Ione to continue farming the family farm.

He was united in marriage to Vera Lou Smith on October 28, 1972 in The Dalles, OR. Wayne was an active member of the American Legion, was a volunteer fireman, served on the Fire District Board and spearheaded the 4th of July Fireworks show for many years. He enjoyed reading, going to the coast,

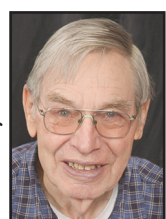
gardening and growing pumpkins to take to school for the kids. Wayne cherished spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his sons, Ed Rietmann (Becky), Ione, OR and Len Rietmann (Karin), Pendleton, OR; brother, Harold Rietmann; sister, Juliana Frink; grandchildren, Calvin, Keltie, Kinasyn, Konleigh, Jonathan, Liberty and Micah; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Vera and his parents, David and Lucile.

For those who choose, donations may be made to the Ione American Legion post 95 or Ione 4th of July Fireworks.

A private family celebration will be held. Please share memories of Wayne with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Wayne E. Rietmann

Death Notices

Sharon L. Kennedy - Sharon L. Kennedy, 72, of Ione, died Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Richland, WA. She was born July 4, 1948 at Medford, OR. No service is planned at this time. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

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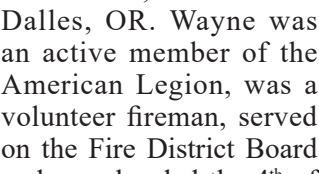
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