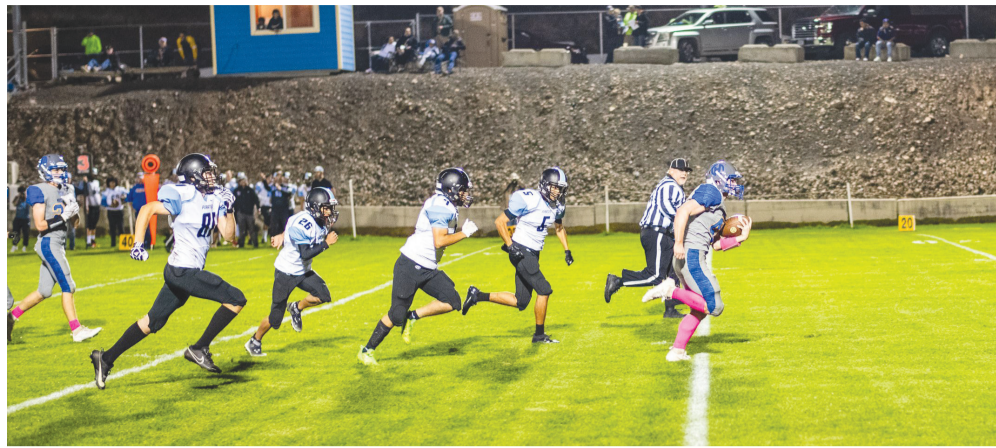


# Mustangs Win Second Blue Mountain Conference game, Defeating Pirates 48-4



Mustang player outruns riverside pirates in their 48-4 win - Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner Mustang football team won their second Blue Mountain Conference game by defeating the Riverside/Ione Pirates by the score of 48-8. The Mustangs (5-1 overall, 2-0 BMC) are the fourth ranked 2A team in the state this week.

Heppner got the ball first and went on an 11-play drive scoring drive. Caden George ran the ball in from 5 yards out for the touchdown. Quarterback Landon Mitchell then pushed the ball over for the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 8-0.

After a Pirate punt, the Mustangs went on another long drive of 11 plays. This time Cameron Proudfoot punched the ball in from 3 yards out for a touchdown. Caden George ran the ball in for the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 16-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Mustang defense forced another Pirate punt that Cameron Proudfoot returned 36 yards to the Pirate seven-yard line. Four plays later, Hayden McMahon scored a touchdown on a 4-yard run. Caleb George then ran the ball in for the 2-pt. conversion to make the score of the game 24-0.

Another outstanding defensive effort forced the Pirates to surrender the ball on downs at midfield. Three plays later, Caden George sprinted 42 yards for another Mustang touchdown. The score was now 30-0.

Riverside/Ione punted to the Mustangs on their next possession. On this drive, Quarterback Caden George handed the ball off to Hayden McMahon three straight times. Hayden had runs of 3, 27 and scored a touchdown on a 34-yard

run. That made the score 36-0 at halftime.

Heppner kicked off to start the second half. The rest of the game would be played with a running clock because the Mustangs were ahead by more than 35 points. The Pirates looked as if they were going to put a drive together until Mason Orem sacked their quarterback for a big loss. Heppner once again got the ball near midfield to start their next drive. Just two plays later the Mustangs scored again when Caden George passed the ball to Orem for a 26-yard touchdown. That made the score 42-0 early in the third quarter.

Jaime Cavan kicked off for the Mustangs and Nick Wenberg made a great play to get the ball back for his team at the Pirate 37-yard line. New quarterback Caylan Proudfoot led a 6-play drive that ended with a score when Tripp Stewart ran the ball in 6 yards for the touchdown. The score was now 48-0 as the fourth quarter started.

Riverside/Ione scored on their next possession to make the score 48-8.

The Mustangs got the ball back with seven minutes to go and had a seven-play drive to end the game. Several plays that were highlights of the drive were a Caylan Proudfoot to Keaton Coiner pass play for a 19-yard gain. Martin Medina had several good runs and Caylan passed the ball to Journey Cavan for a 9-yard gain and a first down. On the final play of the game Stewart ripped off a run of 6 yards to end the game with the Mustangs winning by the score of 48-8.

For the game, Heppner had 360 total yards and the Pirates 146. Heppner rushed the ball for 306 yards and passed the ball for 54.

Quarterback Landon Mitchell suffered a shoulder injury while making a tackle early in the contest and did not play for the rest of the game. He went to the hospital for x-rays and his status for the rest of the season is unknown.

In taking over for Mitchell, Caylan Proudfoot completed 2 passes for 28 yards and Caden George connected on a pass for 26 yards and a touchdown.

Orem led the team in receiving with 1 catch for 26 yards and a touchdown. Keaton Coiner caught a ball for 19 yards and Journey Cavan had a reception for 9 yards.

Leading the team in rushing was Caden George with 113 yards on 13 attempts. Hayden McMahon was next with 73 yards and Cameron Proudfoot had 39. Caleb George rushed for 27 yards, Mitchell 23, Stewart 22, and Martin Medina had 9 yards for the Mustangs.

The defense was led by Caden George and Jaime Cavan with 6 tackles each. Caleb George recorded 5 tackles and with 3 tackles each were Orem and Owen Guerra. Nick Wenberg finished with 2 tackles and with 1 each were Mitchell, Cameron Proudfoot, Landon McMahon, Lane Critchelow, Ryan Haugen, Martin Medina, and Keaton Coiner.

The Mustangs have another home game this Friday when they welcome the Stanfield Tigers to Les Payne Field for a 7 PM game.

# Mustangs raise over 3k from annual 'Dig Pink Night'



Students cheering on Heppner Volleyball team. -Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

On October 3, 2023, the Heppner Mustangs held their annual "Dig Pink" night during their game against the Dufur Rangers, honoring Sharon Miller, who recently lost her battle with breast cancer. Pink attire filled the stands and court as both the team and spectators showed their support. A dessert auction raised over \$3,000 to bene-

fit our local health district.

The Mustangs were victorious in a thrilling five-set game, showing their adaptability as they adjusted their lineup. The players navigated the changes in their on-court partnerships, showing drive during challenging moments. With determination, they stood up against Dufur's powerful middle hitters, digging and hustling to keep pace with

their opponents at every step.

Heppner vs. Dufur: W 5-2. 25-19, 18-25, 25-20, 24-26, 15-7. Stats: Ava Gerry: 4 kills, 13 assists, 13 digs, 2 aces. Maya Payne: 9 kills, 4 assists, 11 digs. Hallee Hisler: 8 kills, 6 digs, 1 block. Morgan Cutsforth: 3 kills, 11 digs, 4 aces. Katie Spivey: 17 digs, 2 aces. Avree Lathrop: 1 kill, 4 digs, 2 aces, 1 block.

# Heppner Volleyball dominates TigerScots during Senior Night



Hallee Hisler goes up for the spike against conference rival Weston McEwen. -Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti



Morgan Cutsforth #14 with her family - Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

On October 5, 2023, the Heppner Mustangs celebrated Mogan Cutsforth during their annual Senior Night while hosting the Weston McEwen Tiger Scots. The Mustangs dominated the match in three intense, fast-paced sets. Coach Wilson praised how the girls have come together as a team and executed their game plan. They gave their all and worked tire-

lessly to outmaneuver their opponents. Every player contributed significantly to seal the win. Go Mustangs! Heppner vs. Weston McEwen: W 3-0. 25-16, 28-26, 25-19. Stats: Ava Gerry: 8 kills, 11 assists, 11 digs. Maya Payne: 7 kills, 12 assists, 6 digs, 6 aces. Hallee Hisler: 5 kills, 2 assists, 9 digs, 1 block. Morgan Cutsforth: 3 kills, 19 digs, 3 aces. Katie Spiv-

ey: 1 kill, 22 digs, 2 aces. Avree Lathrop: 4 digs, 1 ace. Olivia Ogden: 2 kills.

The Heppner Mustangs have three League games left this week: 10/12/2023 in Stanfield at 5 PM, 10/14/2023 at Enterprise vs Enterprise at noon, and Enterprise vs Grant Union at 2 PM. Come out and support the Mustangs to finish this amazing season strong!

# Senior's Matter flu shot initiative

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Age Plus, a federal agency, offered gift certificates to Murray's for those who received a shot. They also provided a sizable stipend for SSM to host the event. "We will receive around \$3000 to seed other projects we have on our list." Stated Conklin.

The collaboration with Morrow Co Public Health and others provided seniors with a one-stop shopping experience. Two local nurses, Diane Kilkenny and Robin Canaday, and a few volunteers limited the wait time. Sarah Rhea streamlined the paperwork and Madison Rosenbaum, Heppner Chamber Administrator handed out free socks.

Jodi Seagraves and Todd Seagraves, Head Chef and Sou Chef respectively, provided a hearty meal of baked BBQ chicken with baked beans and potato salad. An ice cream sundae bar topped off a scrumptious meal. Volunteer servers, who are local members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, dedicated their time to creating a welcoming environment for the seniors. They set tables with care, engaged in friendly conversations, and provided assistance as needed, ensuring the seniors felt valued and cherished during their mealtime. "This opportunity has not only improved the seniors' dining experience but has

also fostered a sense of unity and togetherness within the community." Said Jackie Alleman, SSM board member. "This collaboration exemplifies the true spirit of our communities, where we unite to serve and uplift our seniors. It's heartening to witness the positive impact this project is making on the lives of our cherished elders."

The success of South Morrow Co Senior's Matter serves as a testament to the power of community collaboration in creating a more enriched and fulfilling life for our seniors, reminding us all of the importance of giving back and fostering connections within our neighborhoods.

# Woolery Project, Inc, host 9<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>

The owners of the Woolery Project, Inc., are hosting their annual Oktoberfest Auction on October 21<sup>st</sup> in Ione, along with other fundraisers, to help fund the Woolery Project.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the president of The Woolery Project, inc. Rod McGuire met with State Representative Greg Smith to talk about the purpose of building and having The Woolery on a beautiful property overlooking Arlington. Rep. Smith was impressed

and eager to help the project move forward with funding. On September 1<sup>st</sup> they were able to hand a \$10,000 check to Brad Baird of Anderson Perry to start engineering drawings, the permitting process, and so on for the construction of The Woolery. The first plan will cost the owners \$35,000, which includes plans for water, sewer placement, parking, trails and landscaping, and accessibility. Owners say "As close as we are to putting shovels to

dirt, we appreciate any support you can give, and any donations are tax-deductible. Our address is The Woolery Project, Inc, PO Box 205, Arlington, OR 97812"

