

**JEWELL BLUE JAYS**

**FOOTBALL • VOLLEYBALL • CROSS COUNTRY**

# Jewell team set to have five runners at the starting line

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The Jewell cross country team will field five runners this season, three boys and two girls.

The Blue Jays open the season with their annual home meet, the Jewell "Elk Run," at Teevin Ranch on Sept. 8.

Jewell is coming off a season in which the boys placed 10th out of 11 teams in the district meet, while the Lady Jays had just two runners in the district race.

The top runner for the Jewell boys, Thomas Meehan, has graduated, but Daniel Kuhnly returns for his senior season. He will be joined by Chase Swearingen and Andrew Valdez on the boys' squad.

Nedi Morales and Alivia Swearingen will team up for the Jewell girls.



Daniel Kuhnly is looking to lead the charge for the Jewell cross country team in 2018.

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**SCHEDULES**

**JEWELL FOOTBALL**

Sept. 7	..... Powers	..... 5 p.m.
Sept. 14	..... McKenzie	..... 5 p.m.
Sept. 28	..... Triangle Lake	..... 6 p.m.
Oct. 5	..... at Eddyville Charter	..... 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	..... at Gilchrist	..... 1 p.m.
Oct. 19	..... at Triangle Lake	..... 6 p.m.

**JEWELL VOLLEYBALL**

Aug. 23	..... at Columbia Christian	..... 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	..... at Warrenton Tournament	..... 9 a.m.
Aug. 28	..... at Neah-Kah-Nie	..... 5 p.m.
Aug. 30	..... at Willamette Valley C.	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 4	..... Livingstone Adventist	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 6	..... St. Paul	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 7	..... at Damascus Christian	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 11	..... at Falls City	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 13	..... C.S. Lewis	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 18	..... at Crosshill Christian	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 20	..... at Perrydale	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 24	..... Willamette Valley C.	..... 6 p.m.
Sept. 26	..... at Livingstone Adventist	..... 6 p.m.
Oct. 2	..... at St. Paul	..... 6 p.m.
Oct. 4	..... Falls City	..... 6 p.m.
Oct. 9	..... at C.S. Lewis	..... 6 p.m.
Oct. 11	..... Crosshill Christian	..... 6 p.m.
Oct. 16	..... Perrydale	..... 6 p.m.
Oct. 20	..... League playoffs	

# Jewell returns to the gridiron

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Jewell football is back in business.

After an abbreviated season in 2016 and nothing at all in 2017, the Blue Jays have landed in the seven-team Special District 4, as part of the OSAA's new six-man football division at the 1A level.

As of the second week of practice, Jewell head coach Joel Johnston had eight players on the roster, and the Jays have a slate of six games on the schedule.

After opening this year with three straight home games against Powers, McKenzie and Triangle Lake, Jewell will finish with three consecutive road games, at Eddyville Charter, Gilchrist and Triangle Lake.

**THE DISTRICT**

In addition to Jewell, special district 4 teams include

Alsea, Eddyville Charter, Gilchrist, McKenzie, Powers and Triangle Lake.

Jewell was 0-4 as a Class 1A independent team in 2016, when they played Alsea and junior varsity teams from Falls City, Perrydale and Oregon School for the Deaf.

Jewell did not field a team in 2015, after going 0-7 overall in 2014. The Blue Jays were 3-2 as a member of the Casco League in 2013.

**THE BLUE JAYS**

Jewell's roster of eight players includes juniors Ryan Kane and Joshua Ruch, and sophomores Edward Berg and Aiden Bixel.

The remainder of the roster is made up of freshmen: Cyrus Blodgett, Reid Duncan, Jackson Gnuschke and Bradley Rogers, who will be a team captain along with Kane.



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Jewell football coach Joel Johnston, seen here during practice in 2016, has eight players to work with this season.



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The Jewell volleyball squad, looking for big things in 2018.

# COACH MILLER HAS JEWELL WINNING AGAIN

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After two so-so seasons, the Jewell Blue Jays' volleyball program took flight again in 2017.

Jewell went two straight years (2015 and 2016) with just five victories each, before head coach Jessica Miller led the team to an 11-9 mark last season, 8-4 in the Casco League.

The third-place finish earned the Jays a No. 21 ranking (out of 64 at the 1A level) and a berth in the state playoffs.

Alsea defeated Jewell in three games in a first-round match, but the groundwork has been set, and the Jays are looking to pick up where they left off.

And the current season is already off to a 2-1 start for the Lady Jays, who opened the 2018 campaign with a



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Jewell players celebrate a three-game sweep at Neah-Kah-Nie.

thrilling five-set marathon Aug. 23 at Columbia Christian, 24-26, 25-22, 29-27, 22-25, 16-14.

Jewell went 1-1 in bracket play of the Warrenton tournament Aug. 25, losing to eventual champion Culver (16-25, 19-25), but bouncing back with a two-game sweep (26-

24, 25-17) over 2A Nestucca.

**THE CASCO LEAGUE**

Defending league champion Crosshill Christian advanced to the state semifinals before a loss to Country Christian, while Perrydale came up one win short of the

state tournament.

Like most years, the private schools will be among the favorites at the 1A level.

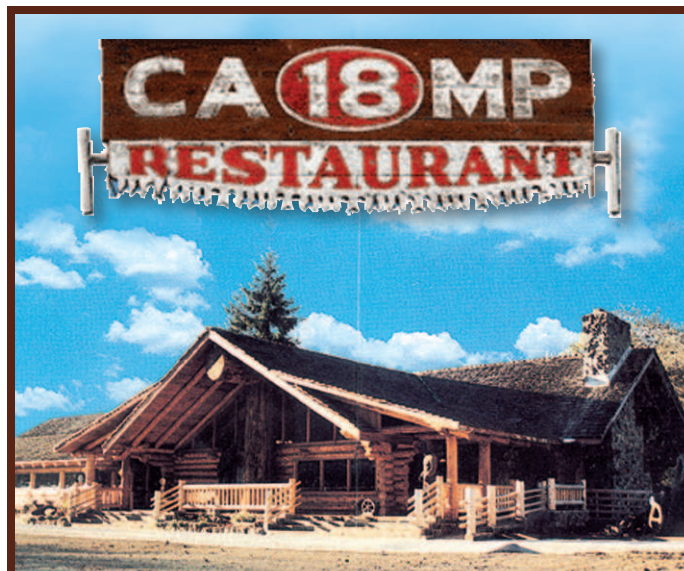
**THE LADY JAYS**

Jewell had just two seniors last year (Niqui Blodgett and Emma Guillen), and the Jays only have two seniors this season: hitter Lillian Kaczenski and outside hitter/middle blocker Cheyenne Stapleton.

On top of that, the perpetually young Jewell team only has two juniors on the current roster, Haley Norman and Haven Shaw.

Rounding out this year's lineup, the Blue Jays have sophomores Stella Gilmore, Aliyah Hart, Lillie Meier and Almada Phillips, and freshmen Kiera Butori and Delilah Crawford.

Assisting Miller will be former Jewell player Jesika (Kaczenski) Crook.



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