

Football

Friday, Oct. 16

Prairie City/Burnt River vs. Jordan Valley in Unity, 1 p.m.

Dayville/Monument vs. Adrian in Dayville, 1 p.m.



Grant Union @ Union/Cove in Union, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 16

Prairie City vs. Jordan Valley in Unity, 1 p.m.

Grant Union @ Union in Union, 4 p.m.



Dayville/Monument vs. Adrian in Dayville, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Grant Union (Dig Pink) vs. Cove, Elgin in John Day, Noon/5 p.m.



PC vs. HH in Prairie City, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Grant Union vs. Crane, 5 p.m.

Cross Country

Thursday, Oct. 16

Monument @ Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite in Pendleton, TBA

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Grant Union hosts Run the River in Mt. Vernon, 1 p.m.

Prairie City upgrades are 'on track'

Athletic facility will get new equipment, tennis court, storage facility

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – Just a few more steps to go, and the Prairie City School Athletic Complex will be complete.

The school recently finished rubberizing and painting the track, high jump area and tennis court. Up next is to purchase track and field equipment, such as hurdles, high jump and pole vault mats and standards; removable partition fencing to separate events; and a storage facility for equipment.

Funding for the latest phase of renovations came from a \$60,000 grant from United States Rural Development's Community Facilities Program. Prairie City School District No. 4 contributed an additional \$120,000 loan from Bank of Eastern Oregon to the project.

The facility's improvements will allow the school to host track meets and other sporting events as well as enhance the community.

Prairie City School Superintendent/Principal Julie Gurczynski, "This is a wonderful opportunity for the school and the town."

Gurczynski said they are looking forward to running the school's first track meet next spring.

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Monument athlete sprints at Junior Olympics

Freshman has passion for track competition

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

MONUMENT – A couple thousandths of a second means a lot to Monument School sprinter Sophia Pettit.

The freshman had an opportunity to compete, for a second time, at the AAU Junior National Olympics last summer.

Although her mark of 13.11 in the 100-meter dash wasn't what she'd hoped, she still finished with a time that would have earned a second-place finish at the OSSA state high school track championship. She earned first placed at Oregon's middle school track competition as an eighth-grader.

"I should be under 13 every time," Pettit said of her time. "Even a couple thousandths of a second off is a lot for a sprinter."



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Sophia Pettit, right, sprints to the finish line at the AAU National Junior Olympics last summer. The Monument High School ninth-grader continues to train in the sport she loves.

She also competed in the pentathlon, 200-meter, long jump and triple jump at the Aug. 1-8 event held in Norfolk, Virg.

When she's not training for track, she plays on the Dayville/Monument junior varsity volleyball team and

she plans to attend a Jane Goodall Science Seminar in Portland this year.

She said track is her passion, when it comes to sports.

This year, she realized a "drastic difference" in the level of competi-

tion, going from competing with the 13-year-old division last year to the 14-year-old group.

"That was most true of the triple jump, because 14 is the average age that athletes start training for the triple," she said.

Pettit said she'll have to train harder to be competitive, and she's already working toward that goal.

"I spend a lot of my spare time training for future track meets, spending time in the weight room building muscle," she said.

She added she learned some lessons which she plans to apply this spring when she competes on the Monument track team.

"It taught me there are people out there who will be difficult to beat, and that I'm going to face challenges throughout seasons to come," she said.

Commenting on what she enjoys about the sport, she said, "I really like the rawness of talent sets – for every event it's a different skill set. Also, it's an individual sport where everything is on you."

Sophia is the daughter of Earl and Nittaya Pettit.

DIG PINK ACTION ON THE WAY



Eagle file photo

Grant Union Prospector Samantha Brock (3) spikes the ball in last year's Dig Pink games with Rheanna Cartner and Heather Mosley ready.



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The Tiger team listens to their coach Tiffnie Schmadeka during a timeout.

Lady Tigers serve and pass to 3-1 win
Girls take win in Monument

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

MONUMENT – The Dayville/Monument Lady Tigers battled for a homecoming win 3-1 against Harper/Huntington.

Tiger scores were: 22-25, 25-15, 25-11 and 25-14. The Hornets squeaked by for a three-point win in the first set, then the Tigers worked in the second and third sets to catch an early lead and build on it.

After tying 7-7 in the fourth, the Tigers pulled away. "We played really well as a team, and our serving was much better than it has been," said head coach Tiffnie Schmadeka. "Passing was good, so we were able to run and get a lot of kills. We had lots of good leadership from our older players. The team, overall, played really well."

The Tigers are on the road Wednesday, Oct. 14, to play South Wasco County at 4 p.m., and they host Adrian in Dayville at 5 p.m. Friday.



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Dayville/Monument Tiger Kyla Emerson (4) stretches for a dig in the homecoming game against Harper/Huntington, her teammates Ravyn Walker (18, left), Kendall Hettinga (2) and Skylar Powell (8) in the action.

Mountaineers show mental toughness in close sets

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

LONG CREEK – The Ukiah/Long Creek junior varsity volleyball team has had its share of setbacks this season, but they proved what they're made of at their homecoming doubleheader last Saturday, taking the sweep over Crane and Dayville/Monument's junior varsity teams.

The Ukiah/Long Creek Mountaineers had the advantage of a bigger roster, with 14 girls versus Crane's six.

While the teams tied scores early on, for the most part the Mountaineers kept a steady lead, toppling the Mustangs with scores of 25-20, 25-14 and 25-23.

The Mountaineers also stayed ahead of Dayville/Monument.

They beat the Tigers 25-20 and 25-14 in the first two sets. In the final set the teams were tied at 22-22 when the Mountaineers made a save and then closed out the game 25-23.

"I couldn't be more proud of the Ukiah/Long Creek girls," said head coach Reagan Enriquez who coaches with Linda Studmann. "They finally showed everyone what kind of team they are. They are committed to each other and show more support for one another than most teams."

Saturday's games were Ukiah/Long Creek's final league games, but they faced nonleague opponents, including Nixyaawii on the road Wednesday, past press time, and were scheduled to face the Rockets in Pilot Rock at 12 p.m. Saturday.



Ukiah/Long Creek volleyball player Alejandra Cabral and her teammates focus in on the game. The team toppled both Crane and Dayville/Monument's junior varsity teams for a Saturday homecoming sweep.

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