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Hayden Schafer (20) makes gains for the Dayville/Monument Tigers with Dakota Emerson (1) in the action.

Tigers motor on after loss to Adrian

Dayville/
Monument face
Crane on Friday

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

DAYVILLE – The Dayville/Monument Tiger football team is chalking up last Friday's 24-82 loss to Adrian to experience.

Tiger head coach Nathaniel Ashley said that

while Adrian is a good team, his young team played well.

"They never quit," he said.

The Tigers travel to Crane this week for a game on Friday at 1 p.m.

"We cleaned some of the mistakes up from the week before and as long as we keep getting better, that's all we can ask for," coach Ashley said. "We are going to get ready for Crane and keep improving."

HUNT

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In the United States, he's enjoyed hunting in Alaska and Hawaii, and abroad, he's hunted in areas such as Argentina, Bolivia, New Zealand, Russia and Africa.

Hunting in remote areas is what Russell likes best.

One of his favorites was in Kamchatka, Russia, going after a Kamchatka bear.

"It's the largest bear in the world," he said, adding the one he shot on Oct. 30, 2011, was over 1,300 pounds.

He said it's the farthest he's traveled.

A journey from Alaska to eastern Russia is usually a 5-hour flight, but for this trip, because of the time of year, he had to fly to New York, to Moscow, and then to the other side of Russia.

"It's a huge country," he said. Another memorable trip was to northern Alaska in the Arctic where he hunted a Dall sheep.

He was flown to the hunting site, "an absolutely desolate and very beautiful area," he said, adding hunters have to be in top physical shape to take on the hunt.

"A lot of guys go in there and come right back out – you have to go straight up and straight down," he said.

Worldwide hunting has brought its share of dangerous moments.



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Avid hunter Jerry Russell of Kimberly shows a fallow buck taken on the south island of New Zealand.

Russell recalls having a close shave with death two years ago, hunting in British Columbia.

"I was going across in some tight scree, and it was 300 feet straight down," he said.

He noted the vegetation there is so thick, you can't see 8 feet in front of you, until you come up to a sheer cliff.

"It's called the BC jungle," he said.

Russell said he lost his footing, but a branch stopped his fall. He said he panicked and pushed his face into the ground so hard, it was swollen for three days.

Another memorable hunt was one he organized for a

group to the Hawaiian island of Niihau, the "Forbidden Island."

His wife Kitty also joined him for the trip where he shot a trophy-sized aoudad ram, the first taken on the privately owned island in 18 years.

Russell says he's learned a lot about, and gained a respect for, the various animals he's hunted over the years.

While hunting bison last summer in Bozeman, Mont., he discovered a big gun is required to take one down; also if other bison smell the blood, they'll drive hunters away.

"It's not like Hollywood," he said. "All the movies showing

bison taken in one shot are not true."

He said in the last six years it hasn't taken him more than six shots to kill an animal.

"I shot (the bison) seven times before he went down," he said. "The next day my buddy, using a bigger caliber, shot his 18 times – since 1989, no one has taken a bison bull in one shot."

"I've gotten lots of education on all my hunts," he said. "The American bison is truly a unique animal."

Russell's next big adventure will take him to Zimbabwe in 2016 to hunt leopard.

Pros take on Bobcats for vital victory

Grant Union faces
Imbler
Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

UNION – The Grant Union Prospectors took their ambition on the road to Union last Friday, taking a 36-19 win.

"I'm really happy with the effort and really impressed with the offensive line," said head coach Jason Miller. "They blocked well and took it to them – it was a great running game."

The opponents kept each other from scoring in the first quarter and the half ended with Grant Union in the lead, 12-7. Garrett McConnell and Hayden Young each made a touchdown, Young returning the kickoff to score.

In the third quarter, Young rushed in for another touchdown, and quarterback Wade



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Grant Union Prospector Roen Langum (85) tackles the Union ball carrier Brooke Scantling (5) with Prospector Cauy Weaver (17) in on the action.

Reimers connected with Wyatt Weaver to add conversion points. McConnell added another six points, with Young gaining the conversion points.

Young added the final six points to the scoreboard and Reimers added two points to close out the game for the win.

The team has their sights set on a chance at the state playoffs, and their Oct. 30 game against league foes Imbler will decide their fate.

"We're one step closer to our goal," Miller said.

Grant Union hosts Pendleton junior varsity at 6 p.m. Thursday for a nonleague game.



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Grant Union and Burns cross country runners compete in the Run the River Meet at Clyde Holliday State Park in Mt. Vernon last Friday.

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Top three for the girls were: Mary Letham, Burns, 1, 22:23.40; Breanna Harader, 2, 22:39.11; and Sydnee Shelman, 3, 24:32.85.

Grant Union junior varsity boys and girls runners competed with each other, as Burns only brought varsity teams.

Smith said it was great to host a meet and she appreciated the volunteers who helped make it happen.

"It was a perfect day for a race," said Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith. "We raced tougher than we

did last week, so hopefully they're peaking and will be ready for districts next week in Pendleton."

Monument

Monument girls Maya Thomas and Dinorha Vidrio Landin competed at the Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite in Pendleton last Thursday.

Thomas finished 55th out of 146 girls, and Landin was 139 and shaved over one minute off her time.

For the middle school runners, Mark Thomas finished fourth.

The top 10 runners received medals.

"This is the first runner I've had in the four years I've been coaching who ended up getting a medal," said head coach Chuck Thomas.

He added the competition was tough with teams from The Dalles, Hood River, La Grande, and Tri-Cities, Wash.

"It was a competitive, good meet," Thomas said.

The 3A/2A/1A-SD5 District 5 Championships are set for Friday at McKay Park in Pendleton, with races beginning at 1 p.m.

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MAYA THOMAS

School: Monument
Grade: 12

Parents: Chuck and Maria Thomas
Sport: Cross Country

What I like best about my sport: "It's a really good challenge and fun to do every week. You get to try to beat your personal records, and you form relationships with athletes from other teams on the course as well."

Coach's Comment: "She's very easy to coach. She gives 100 percent all the time. Sometimes I have to hold her back from running too far."

– Chuck Thomas



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