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Prairie City's football team honored the flag ahead of its homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 8. The Panthers defeated Pine Eagle 24-6.

Prairie City volleyball wins Dig Pink game

By STEVEN MITCHELL
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PRAIRIE CITY — When facing the fear, doubt and uncertainty that comes with a breast cancer diagnosis, the Prairie City volleyball team wants women to know they are supported.

The Lady Panthers hosted a Dig Pink game on Friday, Oct. 8, to raise awareness of breast cancer and money to fight the disease, defeating Pine Eagle 3-0.

Prairie City volleyball player Hannah Wall organized the Dig Pink fundraising effort for her senior project.

With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Wall said she wanted to let those who have been impacted by the disease know that people care about them.

"I just want people to know that if they're going through this they are not alone," Wall said.

Wall said she collected donations for two gift baskets. She raffled off one in between matches, and she said the other would be raffled off next weekend.

Prairie City assistant volleyball

coach Louanne Zwegardt won the basket. After the raffle, Billy Colson, Prairie City's athletic director and principal, thanked Wall and the volleyball team for decorating the gym and for their efforts in raising awareness of breast cancer.

The Lady Panthers are 4-6 overall and 1-1 in league play.

Prairie City volleyball head coach Jordan Bass said her team played well.

"It was really exciting to see what they can do when they maintain their energy," Bass said. "They did a really good job."

Bass said the team has a tough schedule in the coming weeks and she wants to make sure her players are prepared.

"We have really competitive matches next week," Bass said, "so we want to make sure the team is physically and mentally ready."

Prairie City stats

Junior Laken McKay was 100% serving with nine service aces. Sophomore Jaycee Winegar had 10 service aces and five kills and was 100%. Junior Betty Ann Wilson had five kills, while Hannah Wall, a senior, had 11 setting assists.

PANTHER PRIDE

Homecoming victory is a win for the community

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The Panthers' 24-6 win over Pine Eagle on homecoming night was as much a victory for the community of Prairie City as it was for the football team.

According to Nick Thompson, the Panthers' head coach, the last time

Pine Eagle played in Prairie City was in 2017, and the Spartans shut out the Panthers 102-0 in a game that saw, according to then-head coach Nate Barber, the Panthers lose a starting player to injury on the first play.

"There's a lot of people here who remember that game," Thompson said. "This was a community win, and it was good to see everybody out here and we feel the support."

The Panthers were the first team to score on a rushing touchdown by junior Cole Teel well into the first quar-

ter, the first of his two touchdowns.

Later, quarterback Wes Voigt connected with senior receiver John Titus for a touchdown, and Tucker Wright put the game out of reach for the Spartans with a fourth-quarter touchdown.

Prairie City's defense stopped Pine Eagle on four sacks by sophomore Trey Brown.

After the game, Brown said the team's strategy coming into the game was to play the Panthers' brand of football, which he called "nice and physical."

SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

Prairie City volleyball vs. Adrian, 4 p.m.
Dayville/Monument vs. Adrian, 5:30 p.m. (Prairie City)
Prairie City volleyball vs. Dayville/Monument, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14

Prairie City football vs. Echo, TBA
Prairie City volleyball vs. Crane, 6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 15
Dayville/Monument @ Pine Eagle, 2 p.m.
Grant Union football vs. Heppner,

6 p.m.
Prairie City football vs. Echo, TBA
Prairie City volleyball @ Elgin, 1 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCT. 16
Grant Union cross country @ Burns Invitational, 11 a.m. (Idlewild)
Grant Union volleyball @ Enterprise/Pilot Rock, 5:30 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dayville/Monument volleyball ends skid

Following a 3-0 loss to Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler on Friday, Oct. 8, Dayville/Monument rallied past Ukiah in four games on Saturday, Oct. 9, to snap a six-game losing streak.

The Lady Tigers are 2-6 overall and 1-2 in league play.

Dayville/Monument kicks off a busy schedule this week with games against Adrian and Prairie City at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13. The team goes on the road again Friday, Oct. 15, to Harper Charter. The match tips off at 4 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

"We set the ball up and had some great plays," Triela Smith, the Tigers' volleyball coach, told the Eagle.

Dayville/Monument football team falls to Wheeler 63-6

As the Tigers head into the final week

of the season, the team is 0-6 and goes on the road Friday to face Pine Eagle (2-4). The newspaper was unable to reach Tim Auty, Tigers head coach, for comment.

Grant Union Volleyball improves to 7-2 in league

The Lady Pros won two out of three matches last week.

The Pros hosted Weston-McEwen and Stanfield on Saturday, Oct. 9. Grant Union topped Weston-McEwen 3-0, winning the first two sets by scores of 25-22 and the final set by a score of 25-17.

In the Lady Pros' second match, Grant Union played competitively but ultimately lost three razor-thin sets to Stanfield (25-20, 26-24 and 25-22).

The Lady Pros blanked Heppner at home, 3-0 (25-14, 25-13, 25-12) on Thursday, Oct. 7.

Heading into the final stretch of the

season, Grant Union's volleyball team is 15-9 overall and 7-2 in league play and is ranked fifth in the Oregon School Activities Association's Division 2A.

Two Grant Union XC girls in top 20 at Mustang Invite

Grant Union's cross country teams competed at the Mustang Invite at Thompson Ranch in Heppner on Thursday, Oct. 7, and saw two runners place in the top 20.

For the girls team, freshman Maddie Bailey finished 17th overall, with a time of 23:41. Sophomore Aliciana Archibald, a sophomore, was right behind her at 18th, with a time of 23:45. Both Bailey and Archibald set personal records.

Seniors Riley Robertson and Paige Weaver finished with times of 27:17 and 27:43.

While none of the Grant Union boys

cracked the top 20, several had strong races. Junior Brady Dole led the squad with a time of 18:03, a season record.

Junior Quinn Larson finished in 19:08, and sophomores Skylor Boyd and Landon Boyd finished in 21:18 and 22:16.

Grant Union cross country coach Sonna Smith said in a Sunday email the team had great races all around at Heppner.

The Pros will have a full team of boys and girls heading into the Burns Invitational at Idlewild on Saturday, Oct. 16.

This, Smith noted, will give a "sneak preview" of what is to come later.

Grant Union has not had an entire girls team healthy since the first meet of the season.

"We are heading into our peaking phase of our workouts and are hoping for steady gains the next three weeks,"

Smith told the newspaper.

According to Smith, Burns is a challenging course and is at an elevation of 5,000 feet.

Smith said she would compare previous timed runs on the course to see the team's gains for the Burns meet.

Meanwhile, Smith said the team is excited for the Prospectors' home meet, Grant Union's Gold Rush Run, on Oct. 29 at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day.

Smith said the team could use volunteers to help the meet run smoothly.

While a timer has been hired, she could use three to four people at the finishing chute to guide athletes and help keep them in line as they come in. Additionally, she could use a starter and a few people at points along the course where runners could get turned around.

Smith said those interested in volunteering can text her at 541-620-0073.

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