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South Morrow Co. welcomes new teachers

Heppner and Ione schools have eight new teachers to welcome this fall. Heppner and Ione schools will share an art teacher and a special education teacher. Heppner High School also has a new vo-ag teacher, math teacher, science teacher and Spanish teacher. Heppner Elementary School has two new fifth and sixth-grade teachers.

Heppner and Ione and has also seen quite a bit of country.

Scanlon, 26, is originally from Okotoks (Oak-uh-tokes), Alberta, Canada, and graduated from Foothills Composite (high school) in Okotoks. She graduated from Rick's College in Idaho, obtaining an associate degree in general education, and then attended Utah State in Logan, Utah, for a year and a half. She transferred to Brigham Young University, Hawaii, where she received a degree in special education this June.

After Scanlon's first year at Utah State she served a mission in The Philippines through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS/Mormon Church). While in the Philippines, she worked as a missionary, traveling around to different areas representing the LDS church. She went door-to-door, worked with church members and invited people to hear about her church. "I loved it," said Scanlon about her experience in The Philippines. "I would live there in a second. The people were great. It opens your eyes to acceptance about a lot of things, because they are so accepting. They teach you a lot."

While in The Philippines, Scanlon learned the language, Tagalog (Tuh-gah-log). Her knowledge of the language was a factor in her selecting BYU Hawaii as her college. Because there are many Filipino people in Hawaii, she felt it would give her an opportunity to continue speaking Tagalog. "There are over 60 countries represented in the schools in Hawaii," she said.

The special ed position in Morrow County is Scanlon's first experience teaching. "It's exciting because I work in both Heppner and Ione," she said. "I'm excited to get things going."

While growing up in Okotoks, Scanlon's family owned a pizza-steak house restaurant, where the children also helped out. Her parents now work for a bed and breakfast in Mountain View, Alberta, where her mother is the pastry chef and her father is the night chef. Scanlon has two brothers, one 23 and one in junior high school, and an older sister who has a young son.

Harmonson says that region is a big dairy area and also produces stone fruit, table grapes and raisins.

After a year as assistant manager at Salinas, Harmonson returned to Cal Poly for one year to obtain his teaching credentials. He then taught one year at Liberty High School at Brentwood, which has around 900 students; a year at Exeter High School, which is about the same size, in Exeter, CA; four years at Gustine High School, which has around 300 students; and then at Hanford High School, CA, which has around one thousand students. In his eight years of teaching, Harmonson taught vo-ag six years and earth science/ecology two years.

In his off time, Harmonson's hobby is "vaning". He is chairman of the National Truck-in Board (because vans are built on a truck chassis) supervising the national meeting where van owners from all over get together for camp-outs and other events. Harmonson, who is single, has a white 1973 Chevy van decorated with flames.



Kaya McLaren

Kaya (pronounced Kay-uh) McLaren, 28, will teach art at Heppner Elementary in the morning and at Ione in the afternoon. Plans are for an art class at Heppner High School beginning second semester, around January 20.

McLaren not only has an art background, but also spent several years working as an archaeologist.

McLaren grew up in Enumclaw, WA. She was able to attend college classes while still in high school. She first attended Green River Community College at Auburn and then transferred to the University of Washington. At UW she first studied anthropology, then medical anthropology and finally changed her major to archaeology because she discovered she didn't enjoy living in the city.

After attending an archaeology field school and graduating with a degree in archaeology, she got a job as an archaeologist. As a part of her job, she worked in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Hawaii. While in Hawaii, working at a construction site, she decided to return to school. She first went to massage therapy school, which supported her while she obtained her teaching certificate.

For the past two years, McLaren has taught on the Quinalt Reservation in the rain forest of the Olympic Peninsula. According to McLaren, the area gets more rain than any other place in the continental U.S., which is an important factor in her selecting a position in Morrow County. "I'm excited to live in a place with four seasons and lots of sunshine," she said. "Growing up in a small town I have an appreciation for it. You can tell that the families here are cohesive and are doing a good job," she added.

McLaren is very close to her half-Rottweiler, half-Siberian Husky dog named, Good Dog, which lives up to his name and "doesn't chase cows," she says. McLaren had to give up a horse when she was 13 and says she is determined to have a horse again.

She also likes to paint, quilt, play guitar, and enjoys all kinds of music and outdoor recreation, including cross country skiing.

In addition to her parents, McLaren has a brother who lives in Seattle. Also a graduate of UW, he works in construction management.



Tanya Scanlon

Tanya Scanlon, new special education teacher for south Morrow County Schools, also divides her time between



David Connor

New Heppner High School math teacher David Connor is returning to his birthplace in accepting a position in Heppner.

Connor, 37, grew up in Pilot Rock and graduated from high school there. But, he was born at the hospital in Heppner and his grandparents, Gladys and Frank Connor both worked at Pioneer Memorial years ago. His aunt, Lil Boyce still lives in Heppner and an uncle, Bob Hubbard, lives in Ione.

After high school Connor enrolled at Corpus Christi State University at Corpus Christi, Texas, and received his bachelor of science degree in secondary education, with a minor in chemistry.

After graduation he spend six months in California before moving to Stanfield, where his parents were living at the time. He worked as a quality assurance manager at Hermiston Foods, a subsidiary of Norpac, and was also a substitute teacher for two years during the winter when the plant wasn't in operation. He was then offered a full time job at Norpac in Salem, where he worked for four years.

Last year he returned to school at Western Oregon State College at Monmouth to work on his master's degree in secondary education and integrated science.

This is Connor's first full time teaching experience. He will teach physics, eighth grade science and physical science.

"It's going to be an exciting school year," said Connor. "I see lots of challenges ahead of me, but I'm used to the small school atmosphere. I think I can relate to the students in the community. I'm going to be in the same frame of mind as the students--I'll grow from learning."

After hours, Connor, who is single, enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.



Juan Elguezabal

New Spanish teacher at Heppner High School, Juan

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Ione VB players kick off season on Thursday

By Kara Miller

Down in numbers this year, the 21 member Ione Lady Cardinal volleyball team is not lacking in hustle and the "want to win" attitude.

Last year, Ione lost many players to the graduating class. Returning to set for Ione are Brenda Burright and Kara Miller, both seniors with varsity experience and leadership qualities.

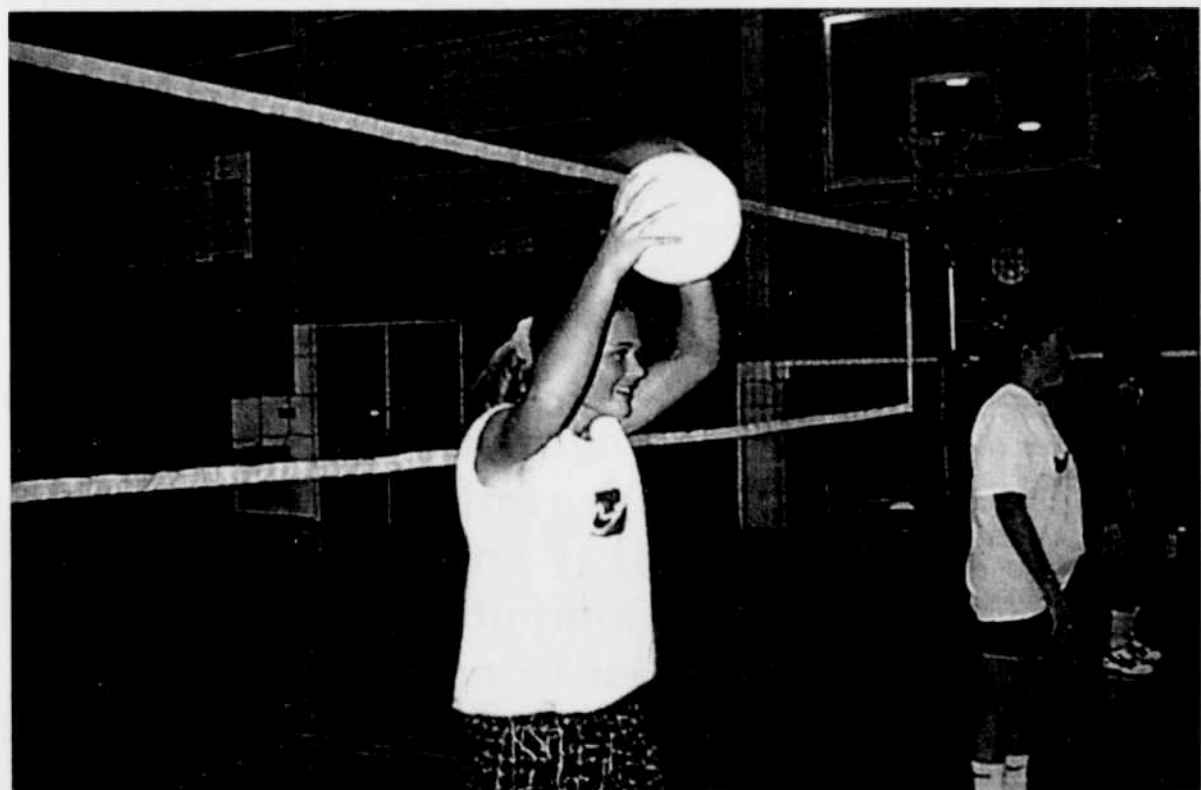
Rising up for the team at the net are 5'8" sophomore Camie Burright, 6' junior Niki Sullivan and 5'10" senior Jenny Sullivan. Back row play is nothing new to junior Katie Tworek, who will be the main player there for the Cards.

New faces to the Cardinal bench are: Molly Barrow, Adrienne Swanson, Katie Bacon, Allison Halvorsen, Jennifer Thompson, Shelby Krebs, Jeanette

Brantley, Charissa Gates, Nonnee Walters, Brandi Brantley, Erin Crowell, Miranda McElligott, Nikki McElligott, Lela Gribskov and Jessica Krebs. Managing is Abby Key.

Coaches Charity McElligott and Cathy McCabe are coming back for their fourth year in a row. "I feel we have stronger communication amongst players this year which will hopefully translate into strong team play," said coach McElligott.

Mustang volleyball begins season against Ione



Heppner High School varsity volleyball player, Annie Hisler, warms up during daily doubles last week.

by Molly Rhea

There will be plenty of volleyball action for Heppner High School sports fans in the next two months with 24 outings scheduled between now and the district tournament on October 25 in Umatilla. With a wealth of returning varsity players the Mustang team looks to be a top contender for the district title this year.

"These girls work hard and understand the game," said coach Terri Gentry. "With that combination we are looking forward to a great season." This is Gentry's 12th season as varsity volleyball coach at Heppner High. Susan Hisler will again coach the junior varsity and Dana Reid is returning to coach the C team.

This Thursday, September 4, the Heppner Mustangs will kick

off the 1997 season with a non-league match up against the Ione Cardinals. The C team "best of three" match will begin at 5 p.m. with JV and varsity action following.

On Saturday, September 6, the varsity team is scheduled to participate in the Riverside Tournament in Boardman while the junior varsity team travels to John Day to play in the Grant Union JV Tourney. Tuesday, September 9, both the varsity and JV teams will play in a Pendleton Bucks tournament.

This year's varsity players include: seniors Lexi Matteson, Annie Hisler, Linsey Ropp, Jayme Hansen, Jessica VanWinkle, Mindy Binschus and new transfer to HHS from Nyssa, Petra Elguezabal; juniors Brooke Boyer, Amber Peck, Kathleen

Greenup, Jaci Hughes, Jill Barber and Janelle Healy; and sophomore Casey Ingraham.

Ingraham, Boyer and Greenup will also play for the JV team, along with junior Jamie Perez; and sophomores Abby Kahl, Trisha Adams, Leah Denton, Kim Pointer, Stephanie Clough, Amy Drake, Amy Papineau, Macy Rhea, Ashley Ropp and Allison Sykes.

C-team players are junior Maja Dietiker, exchange student from Switzerland; sophomores Tracey Rankin and Laurie Michael; and freshmen Lindsey Ward, Krista Adams, Marissa McCabe, Juanita Elguezabal, transfer from Nyssa, Beth Baker, Mindy Smith, Amanda Sneddon and Jenni Patton.

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