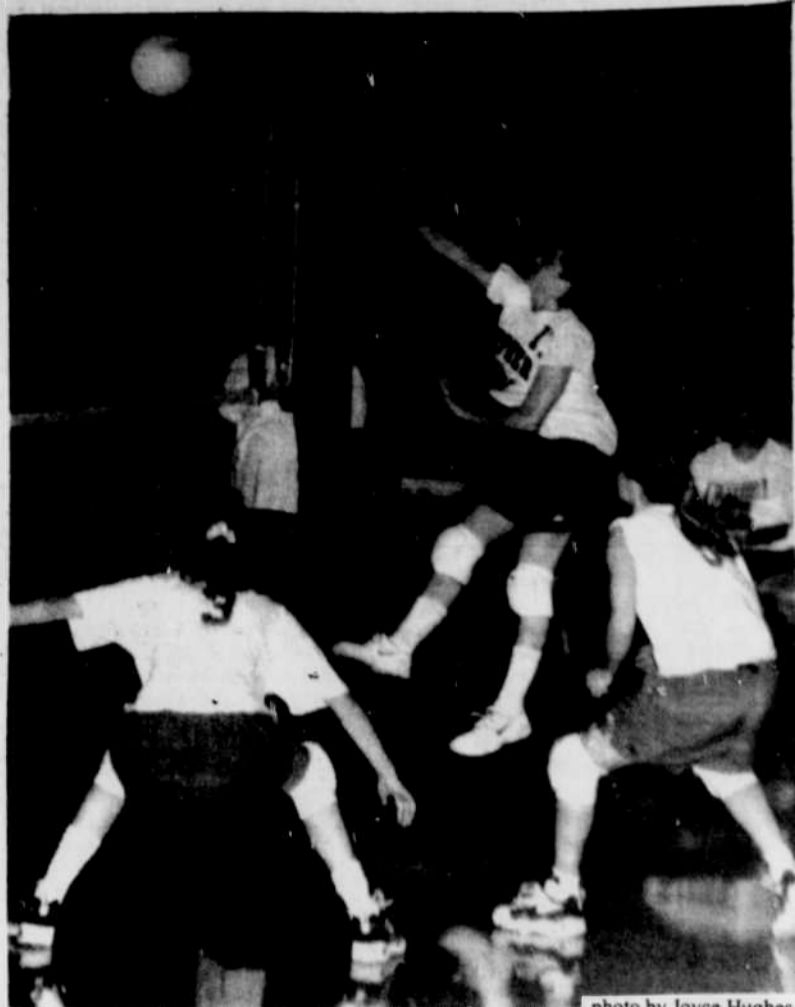


## All three Mustang teams declaw TigerScots



Lexi Matteson (left), Jill Barber (center) and Annie Hisler

By Molly Rhea

It looked as though someone had forgotten to open up the pet door on Thursday, October 2, as all of the Heppner Mustangs' net squads defeated the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots.

The Heppner C's started off the action winning in three games, 15-13, 12-15, 15-2. In game one Weston-McEwen was ahead 12-6 before the young Mustang team leaned into their traces and pulled out the win, 15-13.

Game two was close with the teams exchanging the lead; Heppner dropped that game 12-15.

Game three was all Heppner as the Cs needed only three servers to win the game and take the match.

Krista Adams started it off by aching point one. After Jenni Patton denied a Tiger-Scot point with a kill, she peeled off points two through eight; six of those eight points were marked as aces. Lindsey Ward finished off the win, scoring points nine through 15.

"These girls played really well," said C team coach Dana Reid. "Jenni Patton was on fire for us tonight."

The Heppner JVs declawed and muzzled the Tiger-Scots, winning in two quick games, 15-9, 15-3. In game one Abby

Kahl and Brooke Boyer did a great job of setting up the hitters, while strong back row play was seen from Allison Sykes, Kim Pointer and Stephanie Clough.

Game two was a real yawner with Ashley Ropp serving 11 points before being substituted to allow a few of her teammates playing time. The score was 12-0 before Weston-McEwen even had a chance to serve. The junior varsity Mustangs allowed the Tiger-Scots only two servers before finishing them off, 15-3.

Hot hitters for the JVs were Pointer who successfully hit eight for 11 attempts with five kills, Amy Drake went 7 for 7 with two kills, Amy Papineau was 5/5 with three kills and Kahl went 6/6 with two kills. As a team, the JV's served 90 percent for the match. Serving 100 percent for the match were Ropp 11/11, Boyer 7/7, Kahl 4/4, Pointer 4/4 and Leah Denton 3/3.

The varsity match was the Columbia Basin Conference game of the week as both teams were previously undefeated in league action. The Mustangs stubbornly refused to lose and came away winning in two games, 15-9, 15-3.

In game one the Mustangs had a slow start and trailed 0-4, before jumping into the fray. The teams traded the lead several times before Jessica VanWinkle went behind the service line and scored points eight through 13. Mindy Binchus scored the last two points to clinch game one, 15-9.

Although the second game was close, all the pressure was on Weston-McEwen, and that is just how the Tiger-Scots played --

like they were under pressure. In mid-game it looked like the Mustangs had the Tiger-Scots on a short leash with a 9-6 lead, when the Tiger-Scots clawed their way back into the lead. Heppner finally took control of the game, winning 15-11.

The Mustangs were unstoppable from the service line, serving 20/22 in game one and 27/28 in game two for an outstanding 94 percent for the match.

Six different Mustang hitters were marked with kills for the match. Hot hitting was seen from Petra Elguezabal who went 11/11 with five kills, Lexi Matteson, 5/5 with two kills,

Annie Hisler 4/5 with four kills, and Binchus, 5/7 with three kills.

"This was the win we have been looking for," said Mustang varsity coach, Terri Gentry. "Teamwork was really the key tonight."

With this decisive victory the Heppner Mustangs are now in sole possession of first place in the CBC volleyball standings. The Mustangs were in action Tuesday, October 7, coming up against both Umatilla and Stanfield at Umatilla. Wahtonka will be on the Heppner court at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, to play the JV and varsity squads.

CBC Standings	League	Season
Heppner	4-0	16-3
Weston-McEwen	6-1	10-3
Sherman Co	4-2	15-3
Wahtonka	3-3	10-10
Umatilla	1-4	2-6
Pilot Rock	1-4	2-9
Stanfield	0-5	3-6

Tuesday, September 30  
Heppner def Weston-McEwen 15-9, 15-11.  
Sherman Co def Wahtonka - no scores given

Thursday, October 2  
Weston-McEwen def Pilot Rock 15-6, 15-11.  
Sherman Co def Stanfield 14-16, 15-3, 15-5.  
Wahtonka def Umatilla 15-10, 15-2.

Saturday, October 4  
Heppner def Sherman Co 15-9, 15-12.  
Weston-McEwen def Wahtonka 11-15, 15-6, 15-11.  
Pilot Rock vs Wahtonka, no report.  
Pilot Rock vs Sherman Co, no report.

## Little League work day set

A Little League work day has been scheduled for this Saturday, Oct. 11, at 9 a.m. at the softball fields.

Those attending should bring their own work utensils.

Everyone is encouraged to help out, said a Little League spokesperson.

## Obituary

### Carol Aredella Matlock Wasson

Carol Aredella (Matlock) Wasson, 66, passed away September 25, 1997 at her home in Scappoose after a long battle with emphysema and heart problems.

Graveside services were held at Park Lawn Memorial Cemetery in The Dalles, September 30, 1997.

Mrs. Wasson was born in Heppner on December 1, 1930, to William Fred and Dellie (Wright) Matlock.

She attended schools in The Dalles and graduated in 1948. She later attended Northwestern Business School in Portland.

Mrs. Wasson retired from executive secretary at the Peninsula branch of the U.S. National Bank in Portland.

She married Robert Lee Wasson (a childhood sweetheart) in The Dalles on November 2, 1952. He passed away on May 23, 1994.

They had lived in The Dalles, Portland and Zig Zag. In October of 1995, her house was washed down the Zig Zag River; she then moved to Scappoose.

Mrs. Wasson is survived by a daughter and her husband, Candace and Jack Marion, Beaverton; son and daughter-in-law, Theodore and Linda Wasson, Scappoose; three grandchildren, Brandon and Ryan Marion and Sean Wasson; sisters, Juanita Ignowski, The Dalles, Lulu Cole and Betty Wilson, both Portland; and nieces and nephews, including Patrick and Robert, The Dalles, and Michael and Linda Ignowski, Clackamas.

Arrangements were in care of Columbia Funeral Home, St. Helens.

## Rick Osmin starts new position

Rick Osmin, formerly of Heppner, started a new position as a sales representative with LaGrande Ford New Holland on Sept. 22.

Osmin, the son of Al and Donna Osmin, Heppner, graduated from Heppner High School in 1991 and attended Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande.

The last three and a half years, Osmin worked in the insurance business in investment claims in Portland, but, he adds, he is glad to be back in Eastern Oregon.



Rick Osmin

## Gonty family visits Heppner

Major Charles (Doug) Gonty, his wife and daughter visited family and friends recently in Heppner. The Gonty family was in Korea for four years, where Doug was stationed in the Air Force. His new assignment is in Washington D.C.

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## CHAMBER MAIN STREET NEWS

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MAIN STREET WEEKLY REPORT

-PAVING, PAVING, PAVING. It's happening. Brent Reynolds, ODOT, reports that the first paving control strip is down. Barring no surprises and with cooperation from the weather, by Friday there should be three base lifts on the eastside and two added to the westside with May Street brought to the same level. It's a complicated process and those attending the Monday Main Street meetings at 11 a.m. at Yaws will now have a much greater respect for the paving process when we are held up in traffic where other communities are going through the adventure.

-IF ... IF ... IF... throughout these meetings, everything has hinged on that word and all of the pieces of the puzzle fitting together. It's really not much different than all of the other aspects of our lives. Murphy's law always comes into play to make life 'interesting', or not. When you throw in everybody's businesses on Main and May, State Department of Transportation, contractors, sub-contractors, the city, the county, individuals with lots of time on their hands, individuals with no time on their hands, what do you expect, short of a miracle? There's no getting around the fact that huge prescriptions of patience are required. Is your bottle full or pretty empty? How can we help, within reason?

-OK, WHAT'S NEXT AND WHEN? The week of Oct. 27 would be the earliest the top and final lift could occur. ODOT wishes to complete the project, but keep in mind the IF word. Pavers, light poles, landscaping, trees all will happen in time. (Isn't it true that things you have to wait for mean more in the long run?) The strip paver sub-contractor is scheduled for October 27 and should finish up in about five days. The sidewalk strips must be ready everywhere so they can be done all at once. The light poles are stored at the city and ready to go as soon as our local electrical contractor has all the conduits in. Stop by the city and check out the poles. Visualize the end result.

-CHAMBER CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE is considering lighted Christmas trees located where the future permanent trees will be. The task force of Sharon Harrison, Trish Sweeney, Suzanne Jepsen, Bill Kuhn, Gary Marks and George Koffler welcome your ideas for Main Street Christmas lighting. The first meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Yaws. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

-LUXURY VACATION DRAWING TO BE EXTENDED through Oct. 31. Remember this giveaway three-night, four-day vacation may be taken until November of 1998. The winner may take another adult and children. There will be six locations to choose from with the possible addition of six more. Punch cards are available at Chamber member businesses.

-Tom McElligott, Morrow County Abstract & Title, and the Bank of Eastern Oregon wore out their copy machines and the Heppner Ranger District donated paper for the 'Hunter Flyers'. Bill Kuhn and Cliff Green also assisted. Weaver Construction and ODOT provided flaggers who handed out 2000 f lyers Thursday and Friday during the hunter invasion. It's reported that hunter reception was most appreciative, and, to the locals, your patience was appreciated if you were stopped.

-PRAISE OR COMPLAINTS, it's refreshing to hear local folks say, "Yes, it's a challenge but it's going to be wonderful when it's done." Maybe it's time to hand out 'thumbs up' awards or have an attitude adjustment party. We could have 'thumbs down' awards, too. What are the top 'thumbs up' and 'thumbs down' comments you've heard? The speaker can remain anonymous, but it would be fun to compile a list of the best. Stay tuned.

-AMBASSADOR Cara Osmin came to the aid of the Chamber director last week handing out Main Street news and chocolate kisses.

-THOUGHT FOR YOUR WEEK: "Few cases of eye strain have been developed by looking on the bright side of things."

## Off the Wall

By Mervyn Robinson

It's difficult to tell if you're the hunter or the hunted. With all the gun-toting people driving our county roads it's like living in the middle of Portland. Unlike the days of the coon-skin capped, musket-toting pioneer, it now takes expensive four-wheel drive pickups and fully equipped recreational vehicles in order, to bring home the bacon. But sometimes high-powered rifles aren't necessary such as recently when a deer tried to hitch a ride on our car bumper.

Paradoxes exist that boggle our minds. Media reports hone in on the safety of imported foods. Unappetizing thoughts cross our minds when it comes to visualizing the handling of that head of lettuce. For years a method of low-dose irradiation using gamma rays to kill unwanted microbes has been used in Europe. This method has been approved for poultry, spices and seasonings. Since 1994 its use on red meat is still being considered, although it has been endorsed by the American Medical Association and the World Health Organization.

Randomly inspected foreign meat is brought into this country and mixed with domestic sources, then labeled as American beef. Yet meat packers cry why labeling as to the point of origin is debated. Now there's a new method tenderizing meat by bombarding it with ultra-sonic waves that breaks down the protein fiber. And I thought that the whacks inflicted on cattle's live carcasses was the reason for our own tender beef.

Then there's the focus on global warming with dire predictions for the future. Scientists act as though they ultimately can control the weather. Perhaps the wheel should never have been invented. But ever since man discovered fire by rubbing two sticks together, parts of the world go up in smoke. So look out neighbors, there are weeds that are crying to be burned.

Gee, I thought a bulb referred to daffodils I recently planted. Now a bulb on Main Street is some architect's dream that is supposed to become a landscaped handicap crossing in the middle of the block. Is this supposed to legalize jay walking? Or perhaps the extended sidewalk curbing at intersections was designed to test the skill of truck drivers with tandem trailers. Many local people have adapted to back street parking, fortunately, as Main Street parking spaces will be much more limited when the construction is finished.

Then too, I have a problem with a recent newspaper caption that was headlined "Senior Life--The Beat Years". This two-page spread contained advertisements from six different health providers three assisted living facilities, two funeral homes and a home health supplier. Perhaps that 30-something headline writer hasn't graduated from the invincible years.

If that newspaper had wanted to focus on senior morale they could have used advertisements for travel cruises, health spas or education and hobby opportunities. Let older folks dream a little as they weed out the health care and funeral-plan junk mail. Some folks might not take to parachute jumping like former President Bush, but they might be game for a white water rafting trip for example. I'm game, so let the games begin. Many activities sound a lot safer than hunting season.

October 9

LADIES' NIGHT. Lori Straley and crew in charge. Dinner-Stuffed Cod, starting at 6 p.m.

October 11

MC Arts Council Comedy Show at 8 p.m. Variety Buffet-All You Can Eat-from 5-7 p.m.-- \$10 per person.

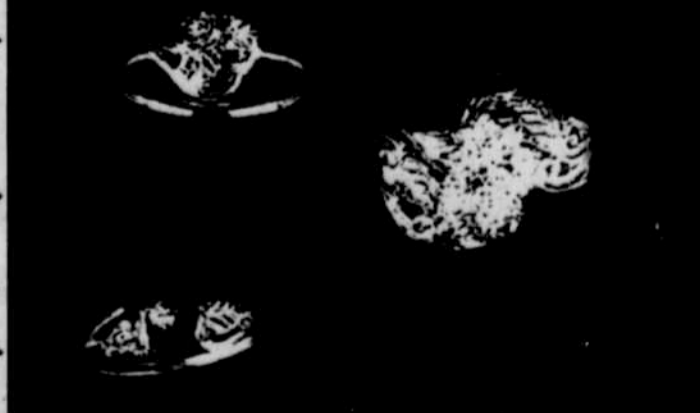
October 18

Booster Club AUCTION. Steak Feed, 6 p.m.; Auction, 8 p.m.

Bingo every Wednesday, starting at 7 p.m.

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Buy your tickets ahead to assure seats. Tickets on sale at Murray's Drug and sold at the door.

The Elks will be serving an "All You Can Eat" variety buffet for \$10 a person from 5-7:30 p.m.

May reserve seats, or for more information, call 422-7243  
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