Ione varsity defeats Condon

The Ione Lady Cardinal varsity volleyball team upset the Condon Blue Devils on Friday, Oct. 27. Ione defeated Condon in a three game match, 15-4, 12-15, 15-6.

Charissa Gates was the leading point producer for Ione with 12 points. Gates also led the Ione squad in set assists. Amellia Peck played her best game of the season, coming out strong in the first game and never letting up the entire match. Peck cranked out six points, one ace, hammered 32 hits, 12 kills and had three blocks.

Salli McElligott scored seven points and had three hits. Shelby Krebs also scored seven points and added five hits, two kills and one block to her arsenal. Emily Key came off the bench to score four points.

Diana McElligott added three points and two blocks to the Cardinal effort. She had three blockers against her when she hit at the net but that didn't stop her from slamming over 10 hits and four kills.

The Cardinals served 90 percent for the evening, hit 86 percent and were 88 percent successful on serve receives.

The junior varsity team had a difficult time getting the momentum in the first game, losing to the Blue Devils, 6-15.

Ione came back fiercely in the second game, shutting down the Devils with a 15-4 win.

It seemed as though Condon would take the third game, with Ione down by four, when the Ione squad cranked up the intensity to pull out the 15-11 win.

Tracy Griffith had an outstanding match, scoring 10 points, one ace, five hits, one kill and one block. Megan E. McCabe scored nine points, had one ace and four hits. Meghan M. McCabe scored eight points, had one ace and nine hits. Caitlin Orem scored five points and had three hits. Natalie McElligott added two points, and had three hits. Sarah Barrow also added two points to the team score. Kristina Powell hammered over eight hits and one kill. Cyndi Heagy had six hits and one kill. Emily Key was credited for hustling to the ball and had one save. Eva Chitty had three hits, one kill and one clock.

The team served 90 percent and hit 85 percent.

Cardinal varsity loses to Falcons

The Cardinal Varsity volleyball team lost their final match against Wheeler on Saturday. The Cardinals put up a valiant fight the first game, losing by two points, 13-15, but couldn't gain the momentum in game two and lost 7-15.

Shelby Krebs scored six points and had one kill. Diana McElligott scored four points, 11 hits, six kills and three blocks. Charissa Gates scored four points, had one kill and led with 17 set assists. Amellia Peck scored three points, had 13 hits and six kills. Salli McElligott had three points, two hits and one block. Allison Halvorsen cranked out eight hits. Natalie McElligott had a key kill in the match. Meghan M. McCabe had one kill and 12 set assists.

The junior varsity team easily defeated the Falcons, 15-4, 15-4. Natalie McElligott led with 11 points, all which she scored consecutively in the second game. Sarah Barrow was responsible for six points and had one save. Caitlin Orem scored four points. Emily Key scored four points, had one ace, two hits and one kill. Tracy Griffith scored two points, had nine hits, three kills and one block.

The junior varsity squad served 90 percent and hit 85 percent for the match.

Heppner JVs finish unbeaten

By Rick Paullus

For the first time anyone can remember the Heppner Mustangs JV football team finished unbeaten at 6-0 with an entertaining 39-25 win over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots at Athena on Monday, Oct. 23.

The Mustangs scored first on a Kelly Paullus 19 yard run, getting a good block from Donald Adams to take a 6-0 lead after the pass failed on the conversion attempt.

The Tigerscots came back to take a 7-6 lead on a 25 yard punt return for a touchdown and the extra point.

Early in the second quarter, Paullus scored on a 20 yard run to give the Mustangs a 12-7 lead after the run failed. Two minutes later Paullus broke free for a 61 yard touchdown and Adams caught the conversion pass from Tanner Britt to make it 20-7.

On the Tigerscots' next possession the snap from center on a punt sailed over the punter's head and Conor Kilkenny made the tackle back at the six yard line. Adams took it in from there. After the run failed the Mustangs led 26-7.

The Tigerscots were driving late in the first half, but Aaron Griffith intercepted a pass at the Mustangs' 20 to end the drive.

Early in the third quarter, Trevor Rhea recovered a fumble at the 25 of Weston-McEwen to give the Mustangs good field position.

A Mustang fumble on the next play however was picked up by the Tigerscots and returned 70 yards for a touchdown. The kick was no good and the Mustangs now led 26-13.

The Mustangs came back early in the fourth quarter as Paullus scored his fourth touchdown on a 42 yard run. Christian Möller kicked the extra point to make it 33-13.

The Tigerscots came right back to score on an 80 yard run a minute later to make it 33-19.

The Mustangs drove down the field and scored their final touchdown on a reverse by Möller from 21 yards out.

Weston-McEwen scored in the last minute on an 83 yard run for the final score of 39-25.

Statistics

Heppner: 6 20 0 13 - 39

Weston-McEwen: 7 0 6 12 - 25

First Quarter:

Heppner-Kelly Paullus 19 yard run (pass failed) 9:19; Weston-McEwen-25 yard punt return (kick good) 3:03.

Second Quarter:

Heppner-Paullus 20 yard run (run failed) 10:21, Paullus 61 yard run (Donald Adams pass from Tanner Britt) 8:20, Adams six yard run (run failed) 5:39.

Third Quarter:

Weston-McEwen-70 yard fumble return (kick failed) 10:37.

Fourth Quarter:

Heppner-Paullus 42 yard run (Christian Möller kick) 10:15; Weston-McEwen-80 yard run (kick failed) 9:12; Heppner-Möller 21 yard run (kick failed) 4:20; Weston-McEwen-83 yard run (kick failed) 0:33.5.

Road committee meeting planned

A road committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lexington office.

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JV football team beats Sherman

By Debbie Radie

Ione's JV offense made all the right moves when they ran onto the field in Monday night's football game against Sherman County, winning 90-56.

Rushing yards gained included: Radie 16 for 79 yards, Gates five for 40 yards, Rietmann seven for 174 yards, K. Rea seven for 51 yards and Gutierrez 11 for 135 yards.

Passing yards were gained by K. Rea two for eight yards, Rietmann one for 20 yards, Gates one for three yards and McCabe one for three yards. Quarterback Gutierrez threw 10 passes with five completions for a total of 39 yards gained.

Rietmann intercepted a pass by Sherman County and Tullis picked up a fumble recovery during the game.

Unassisted tackles included five for Cayle Krebs, two by Gutierrez, one for Tullis, 11 for Rietmann, one for McCabe, one for Thompson, one for K. Rea, one for Radie, two for P. Neiffer, seven for Cameron Krebs, two for Gates and three for Campbell. There were many other tackles that combined the strength of the Ione players throughout the game to pull off this victory.

The pressure on the Sherman County quarterback was relentless. Ione's defense was able to sack the quarterback four times during the game-Gutierrez, Rietmann and Campbell on their own and Doherty and Gates combined forces.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Ballots have been received in the mail and election day is drawing near. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce encourages one and all to exercise their freedom to vote. Many are bemoaning the new vote-by-mail in Oregon. " Times, they are a,changin"!"

Remember when... Election day arrived and the main agenda was to get to your designated voter location to vote? You lined up, visited with people you hadn't seen for awhile, stood in line, signed in and went into your little booth, with pride, to make American choices. Then you may have enjoyed dinner out and leaned over the back of the booth to share thoughts. (Now, where did you put that mail-in ballot and does it have the right pages?)

Remember when...the voters pamphlet was really a pamphlet, not an inch thick book with two parts that can serve as a booster seat for your grandchildren?

Remember when... Presidential candidates and the President came to small towns. (I remember standing on Main Street Walla Walla around the age of 10 and Dwight D. Eisenhower came slowly by in a convertible. The big deal at 10 was that it was my gum his convertible run over as people clapped, applauded and waved flags.) The President of our United States was put on a pedestal during his term in office; no one knew anything about his laundry.

Remember when....you sat glued to a radio listening to election returns because there was no television or Internet telling you who had won the election before you had a chance to vote? (You didn't know much about the candidates, just what your parents said, but things were a little tense at school until the election was over if your best friends' parents had a different party preference.)

Remember when...the telephone rang and a human being was there, not a message telling you the faults of one of the candidates? (Your telephone number had three digits and you didn't run around with it glued to your ear!)

Remember when... there were a couple of measures on the ballot representing the entire state, put there because dedicated people had worked their hearts out, not because of noncommittal paid signature gatherers in metropolitan areas?

Remember when... we were much younger. For both the young, and the young at heart, the bottom line is, it's a privilege to pause for the "Star-Spangled Banner," to listen to "America The Beautiful", and to vote whether age 18 or 118. Honesty does still make a difference. So, go through that pile, locate your ballot and exercise the freedom to voice your opinion, then, put it in the mail because you are an American.

Film featuring Heppner on TV Nov. 8

A program on floods, featuring film shot in Heppner this summer, will be held on Wednesday, November 8, at 11 p.m. on the History Channel.

Heppner footage is included in the first half of the show and also over the closing credits.

4-H News

Books and More Books 4-H Club

By Shannon Clay, reporter

The Books and More Books Club met in September and October.

At the September meeting, the club had their first regular meeting of the year, which means that they picked out the next book they would read. They also gave out summer reading awards.

At the October meeting, members took a field trip to Barnes and Noble. They took a guided tour of the store and got free cookies from the cafe. Then they elected officers. President is Kim Morris; vice president is Miranda Hunt; news reporter is Shannon Clay; treasurer is Kara Clay; secretary is Stephanie Holland; and scrapbook chairman is Emily Rietmann. Club members had fun and are looking forward to the next meeting.

Oregon Trail Livestock 4-H Club

By Mahaley Huddleston

Oregon Trail Livestock held its first meeting of the year on Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Ken Bailey home. Leaders are Ken and Kaedene Bailey and Angie Hughes.

At this meeting members elected officers. They are: president, Shelley Rietmann; vice president, Amellia Peck; secretaries, Madison Bailey and Blair Keithley; and reporter, Mahaley Huddleston.

At the meeting members talked about what they want to learn this year about their sheep and steers. The leaders asked members to come up with ideas of other projects or field trips they might want to do.

After the meeting, Halloween cookies and punch were served by Kaedene Bailey.

Cookie Cutters 4-H Club

By Baillie Keithley and Cyde Coil

The Cookie Cutters held their first meeting of the 4-H year on October 29. Their president is Baillie Keithley, secretary is Cyde Coil and leader is Julie Proctor. At their first meeting they made Halloween brownies that had skeletons on them.

At their meeting they talked about fund raisers and community service projects. The club came up with many ideas but haven't decided on one yet.

The Cookie Cutters hope to have a good year and learn more about cooking.

Barnyarders 4-H Club

By Amy Jepsen

The Barnyarders 4-H Swine Club held their first meeting of the new club year on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Members registered for their 4-H swine projects.

Leader Bill Jepsen asked members what they would like to do in the club this year. He also said everyone needs to locate a source of pigs now because they are hard to find later. Club elections will be held at the next meeting for anyone interested in being an officer in the club this year.

Bill Jepsen also reminded everyone about the 4-H Awards Night on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The next meeting will probably be held sometime in November. Anyone interested in having a 4-H swine project this year should contact Jepsen at 676-5244.

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Off The Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

Perhaps many folks are still pondering on how to vote on our state's election measures. How many people can claim that they have read all of volumes one and two of the so-called voters pamphlets? If those books had been gift catalogs, I could have had all my Christmas shopping completed.

The only undisputed statement is where it says "please recycle" on the back of these volumes. We don't want to waste all that paper from those trees already harvested. Now it seems our country has found another way to save trees, besides locking them up in a wilderness area where they're apt to burn. They claim that in the future we may be voting by computers. Why not? Everything else in this country, including national security information is shared with the world via computers.

Love it or hate it, this is Oregon's first vote-by-mail general election. It's said that all-mail voting reduces the cost of Oregon's elections by more than $3,000,000. That doesn't include the cost of printing and mailing voter "encyclopedias" that would be sent out anyway. No more flag waving or standing in line at polling places where those patriotic symbols stir the soul.

This method of voting does give plenty of time to hash over issues at the dinner table even if someone, not in agreement, could get mashed potatoes in the face instead of dessert. The down side is that special interest groups or political parties can tap into county databases to find out who hasn't yet voted. Consequently, those that haven't turned in their ballots may be bombarded with phone calls, mailings or even personal visits as a means of persuasive arm twisting. My telephone recorder has been sizzling with all those canned messages. Our vote must surely be the pivotal one for this election. Every day is voting day until Tuesday, Nov. 7.

It always amazes me how many different opinions can be voiced about different measures. Some of the reasons for or against these proposed constitutional amendments are almost as creative as the measures themselves. There's an old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." If our constitution has been working in the past, how come so many changes are needed?

It's good that the football season extends through November, otherwise there wouldn't be anything to report in newspapers after the fury of the general election results are reported and dissected--then hashed and rehashed. Obviously, in spite of the outcome- -much like the imagined Y2K disaster- -people will still go to work, eat and pay taxes. But it will give people something new to grouse about, especially those who don't vote.

Truly, we should all be concerned about the future of this country and the worrisome world turmoils, it's just that we're been flogged with so much political rhetoric.

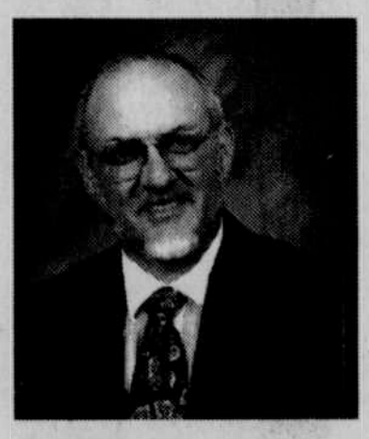
When it comes to political figures I wonder if Kitzhaber got his shiny cowboy boots soiled during a photo op while visiting Eastern Oregon forests. He actually stated that help is needed for forest reclamation projects. Do you suppose he's gotten the message that locking up public lands and declining timber sales have played havoc with the economy, the schools and roads in rural areas?

Do we really know just how any political policy will play out when it comes to acting on campaign promises? Take the highly recommended "patient's bill of rights" supposedly supported by both parties. According to the fine print, it would allow a patient to sue an employer who has paid for employees' health care policies, in the event that some employee's health care is unsatisfactory. That's like suing the bartender because some drunk ended up in an accident.

I also find perplexing the cynical remarks about our country in a column written by high school student Amber Flaiz in the East Oregonian. I hope this is a passing phase and doesn't reflect how her generation will take over the reins. Her statement "- -that has been rendered useless, much like the state our government finds itself in" could be interpreted in different ways.

I'm off key when it comes to singing "Yankee Doodle" and I wouldn't attempt "God Bless America." However it is a government by the people who control this nation's destiny. Voting, as well as criticizing, is everyone's privilege in a democracy. As Veteran's Day approaches, just ask any war veteran the price paid to guarantee that freedom.

Missionary to speak at Lexington Baptist



Roy Libby

A special missionary Sunday service and church potluck will be held at the Lexington Baptist Church this Sunday, Nov. 5. Missionary Roy Libby will speak at the 11 a.m. service, then everyone is invited to stay for a potluck lunch and meet Roy and his wife Karla. The day's events will wrap up with a final missionary presentation of the Libby's work at 1 p.m.

Rev. Roy Libby is currently the director of ethnic ministries of the NW Conservative Baptist Association which is headquartered in Portland. Prior to this appointment, the Libbys served under the Gospel Missionary Union in Columbia, South America from 1965 until 1989.

The Libbys have many exciting experiences to share from their 23 years of missionary work in Columbia. In January of 1989, Roy and a fellow missionary, Dick Grover, were captured by an armed group while attending a church meeting. The two men were taken into the Andes Mountains of southwest Columbia where they were held under armed guard for 68 days before being released. This very traumatic experience had a profound effect on both the men and their families.

Their current missionary assignment involves helping churches in the Northwest reach out to non-Anglo cultural and linguistic groups.

Everyone is welcome to hear about the Libby's work.

Lexington Baptist is located at 170 'B' Street in Lexington.

Food handler's class set in Heppner

A food handler's class will be offered by Blue Mountain Community College and the State Health Division on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

A food handler's card is required by the State of Oregon for all employees who handle or prepare food in food service facilities in Oregon, including dishwashers, waiters, staff and business persons.

Additionallly the card is now requied of all day care workers.

The cost of the class is a $10 licensing fee, payable to the State Health Department after successful completion of the written test. Registration will be done at class.

For more information, contact Anne Morter, South Morrow County BMCC coordinator, 422-7040.