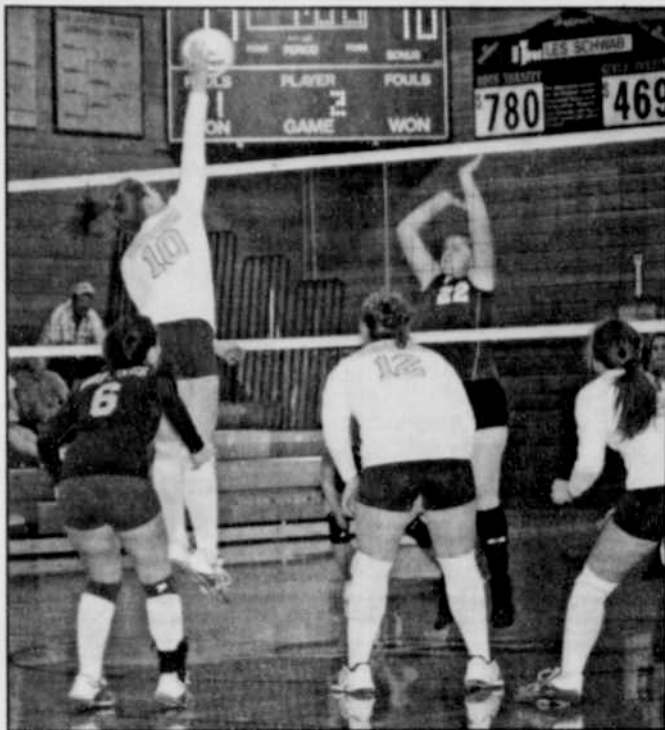


Volleyball season in full swing



Joanna Patton gets the hit in against the Umatilla Vikings in the tournament held in Heppner. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Last Gasp Tournament results

The Last Gasp Family BBQ Tournament was enjoyed by 34 golfers in ideal playing conditions on Sunday at Willow Creek Country Club.

Special events individual winners were Ross Cutsforth and Mike Burns. Special events team winners were the teams of Zach Orem, John Collin, Adam Collin and Al Scott, and John Edmundson, Jeff Edmundson, Kristi Smalley and Cindi Doherty.

Net team winners: 1st place - Greg, Virginia, Sophia, and Kellen Grant; 2nd place - Debbie Gutierrez, Karen Morgan, Dennis and Debbie Peck; 3rd place - Dale, Kandy and Jesse Boyd; 4th place - Lorrene Montgomery, Roger Ehrmantrout, Gene Orwick and Pat Daugherty; and 5th place - Ann Elgin, Roger and Andrea Mortimore.

Gross team winners: 1st place - John Edmundson, Jeff Edmundson, Kristi Smalley, and Cindi Doherty; 2nd place - Mark Schlichting, Jeff, Missy and Ross Cutsforth; 3rd place (tie) - Zach Orem, Al Scott, John and Adam Collin; Mike and Rosemary Burns and Dave and Corol Mitchell.

The tournament was played in the scramble format on a short cross country layout. Nobody was lost or hit by an errant shot.

The committee consisted of John Edmundson, Lorrene Montgomery, and Jeff, Missy and Ross Cutsforth.

Ladies Play Day results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, September 22, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

September 21

Low gross of the field was Nancy Prophetor (37). Low net of the field was Ann Elgin and Jackie Allstott. Least putts of the field was Pat Edmundson.

Flight A winners were: low gross, Corol Mitchell; low net, Virginia

Grant; least putts, Carole Hamilton; long drive, Virginia Grant; and long putt, Luvilla Sonstegard.

Flight B winners were: low gross, Jan Paustian; low net, Pat Dougherty; and least putts, Lynnea Sargent.

Flight C winners were: a tie for low gross between Luvilla Sonstegard and Burul Deboer.

Chip-ins: Lynnea Sargent on #9.

Mustangs take win over Elgin



Heppner Mustang Chris Lien puts up a pass in Elgin where the Mustangs beat Elgin 59-7 on Friday, September 25. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Cardinal football season remains perfect after big win over Dufur

The Ione Cardinals kept their season record perfect with a resounding win over perennial powerhouse, Dufur, in Dufur on Friday, September 25, 53-12. The Cards scored first in the game and never relinquished their lead, eventually forcing the game to a running clock in the third quarter when the lead went over 45 points.

Wins over Dufur have been few and far between in Cardinal football history. It was recollected that the last win was in the fall of 2003 and the one before that was in the early or mid-1990's. "It was a terrific win for us," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "The kids were thrilled to be part of it."

Micah Stillman hit paydirt with 3:44 remaining in the first quarter, running in from four yards out, the first of what would be three touchdown runs on the night. Stillman caught a pass from RJ Ramos for the point after to put the Cards up 8-0. Dufur capitalized on an Ione fumble deep in their own territory two minutes later, when they ran



Alex Rietmann runs the ball during Ione's game against Dufur on Friday, September 25. Ione will celebrate homecoming October 19-23. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

in from 14 yards out. With the extra point denied, that was as close as the Rangers got in the game. The Cards led 30-6 at the half and 46-6 after three. Stillman had two long runs in the second quarter before the Rietmann cousins got in the act. Alex Rietmann scored on a 29 yard run and then Tanner Rietmann scored twice in the third quarter. Gunner Jessen got loose in the fourth quarter and ran in the final lone score. Dufur put six more points on the board late in the fourth quarter.

ner Jessen led the way in tackles with 10, five unassisted. Eric Jepsen had nine (four solo), Micah Stillman had six (two solo) and Evan Rietmann had five (one solo.)

"Our interior offensive line (Eric Jepsen, Tom Holland and Christian Cederquist) did a terrific job. The blocks they made opened holes that the running backs found," said Coach Stefani. "The ends (Matt Hams and Tanner Rietmann) also did a great job controlling Dufur's quarterback."

"We talked before the game that teams have been knocking on Dufur's door for the past couple of years. We told the kids that they were the better football team and this was their golden opportunity," said Coach Stefani. He was proud to note that the team wasn't content with knocking on the door but used the opportunity to "kick the door in."

Next up for the Cardinals is a road trip to Condon on Friday, October 2, to take on the Knights.

Lady Cards 3-0 in league play

The Ione Lady Cardinals boosted their league volleyball record to a perfect 3-0 with wins over Dufur and Echo last week.

It took five games and two full hours to get it done in Dufur, 25-20, 19-25, 21-25, 25-18, 15-6 on Friday, September 25. The Cards won the first game after building an early lead and holding off the Lady Rangers. Both teams had some miscues in the second game with the teams trading missed serves. Dufur led early before Ione tied them at 18 but the Rangers capitalized on Cardinal mistakes to take the win. The third game was close all the way but the tough

Dufur defense scooped up everything that came their way and got that win. Down 2-1, the Lady Cards were not ready to throw in the towel just yet. Good teamwork gave them the early lead and key kills by Vanessa Ziliani and Beth Morter at the end of the match not only gave Ione the win but a noticeable shift in momentum. That carried into the game five tied breaker

where, on the first play of the game, Vanessa Ziliani put down a thunderous kill. It was the hit that fired up the tired Lady Cards and broke the spirit of the Lady Rangers. Vanessa went on to serve points 4-13 with two aces thrown in for good

measure.

Coach Dawn Eynetich, who was celebrating her birthday on that day, was ecstatic with the win. "We lost a bit of our focus in games two and three but came back when it counted," she said.

Beth Morter led the net attack with 13 kills. Vanessa Ziliani added 11 and Briana Peterson had seven.

The Lady Cardinals hosted Echo at mid-day on Saturday, September 26, knowing they needed to stay focused to avoid a post-big game let down. And they did just that. The Cardinals dominated the first two games 25-10, 25-10 and let up only slightly in the third,

winning 25-16.

Vanessa Ziliani led the attack at the net with eight kills. Beth Morter added five, Tyree Svetich had four and Brianna Peterson had three. Overall, the team served well. Stefanie Archer and Beth Morter served 100% while Makenna Ramos was 16-17 and Vanessa Ziliani was 15-17.

"They just came out and played phenomenal volleyball," said Coach Eynetich.

The Lady Cards host Riverside on Tuesday before returning to league action against conference powerhouse, Helix on Thursday in Helix and traveling to Condon on Friday.

Over the Tee Cup results

The WCCC Ladies' Match Play Competition was played over the summer months with Jackie Allstott and Pat Edmundson sharing first place honors.

Second place was won by Jean Strange. Third place was a four way tie between Janice Paustian, Corol Mitchell, Sandi Hanna and Nancy Prophetor. Cindi Doherty was fourth, Lorrene Montgomery and Sally Walker fifth, and Luvilla Sonstegard and Karen Thompson, sixth.

HHS celebrates homecoming

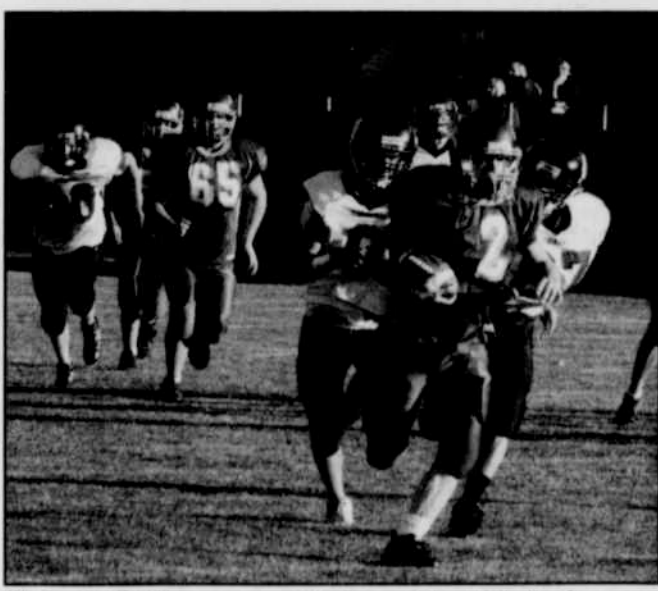
Heppner High School has been celebrating their homecoming all week long. The homecoming football game will be played against Stanfield at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The homecoming court will be presented at half-time. This year's court members are:

Juniors - Donald Matthews, Jorge Rugarcia Avendano, Lindsey Cutsforth, and Taighler Dougherty.

Seniors - Jared Huddleston, Brent Eckman, Wacy Coil, Erin Price, Brynna Rust, and Jessica Hughes.

JV Mustangs defeat Weston McEwen



#2 Devin Robinson proved to be unstoppable in the game against the Weston McEwen Tiger Scotts. The JV team defeated Weston McEwen 36-0. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

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