

Ione High School crowns homecoming court



By Paula Emmel

Photo by Paula Emmel

Ione High School homecoming activities started with a mud war on Monday, Sept. 19. Ione HS Volleyball hosted Echo ending with another win on Tuesday. Wednesday brought matchups in macho-man volleyball and powder-puff football with seniors and sophomores competing against the juniors and freshman. The senior/sophomore teams won both events. Friday night was the

"Egyptian Escape" homecoming dance which was held one hour earlier due to the delayed football game that was rescheduled to Saturday at 2 p.m., because the football field lights malfunctioned.

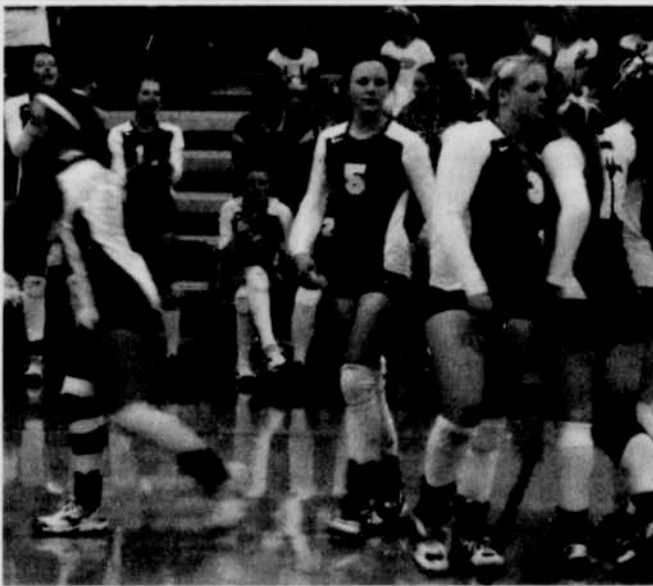
Saturday's half-time revealed the homecoming court princes and princesses: freshman Lauren Garrett escorted by #17 Joseph Doherty, sophomore Emily Holland escorted by #10 Joel Stillman, junior Alisha Taylor escorted by #26 Timothy Emmel; seniors Yesmin Verduzco escorted by #8 Zac Orem, Mary McElligott escorted by #42 Kaleb Dumler, Rebecca Jepsen escorted by #53 Trent Cannon, and Shannon Metcalfe escorted by #11 Micah Stillman. Crown bearers were John McElligott and Kelly Doherty. Crowned Queen and King were Yesmin Verduzco and Zac Orem.

Ione High School volleyball won their match on Friday night against South Wasco Redsidies and the Football team defeated the Redsidies on Saturday.



The Ione cheerleading squad (left to right): senior Yezmin (Jasmine) Verduzco, Kaytee Burghard, team captain, senior Jordan Peterson, senior Rebecca Jepsen, Larissa Jones, Charlette Burghard. Photo by Paula Emmel

Heppner Mustang volleyball team beats Pilot Rock, Elgin, loses to Weston-McEwen



The Heppner Mustang volleyball team takes the floor at the homecoming game vs. Pilot Rock

The Heppner Mustangs Varsity Volleyball team hosted the Pilot Rock Rockets on Thursday, Sept. 22, in the first league game of the 2011-12 season.

Being homecoming week for Heppner, the team was ready to play against the Rockets. The Mustangs won the contest in three games, 25-19, 25-9 and 25-16. The coaching staff was pleased with the energy of the kids. The emphasis will be directed at team play as the season progresses to maintain the unity the team will need to have for a successfully season.

The Elgin Huskies traveled to Heppner on Saturday, Sept. 24, to play varsity volleyball against the Mustangs. Having faced the Huskies in pre-season, the Mustangs knew they would have to play tough to defeat their opponent. It was an exciting match, that took the Mustangs to game five to defeat Elgin for the win. Game scores show the momentum swing as Heppner won the first set, 25-21.

Losing the next set in a close contest, 25-23, and losing the third set, 25-8, the Mustangs needed a win to stay alive in the match.

In the fourth set, the Mustangs showed their mental toughness, bouncing back to win 25-13 to even the match. In the fifth and final set, the Mustangs continued playing well, posting a 15-9 score to win the match over the Huskies for their second league win.

On the same day the Mustangs faced the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots in another round of league volleyball play. Both teams knew it would be an even contest.

The Tiger-Scots won the match in three games, but each contest was close, 25-22, 27-25 and 25-21.

The Mustangs struggled with their consistency on the court, but showed their ability with their "down but don't quit" attitude that they will need in the coming weeks.

The varsity volleyball team is now 2-1 in league and will travel to Irrigon on Thursday this week and to Union to play the Bobcats and the Enterprise Outlaws.

Flu clinics planned

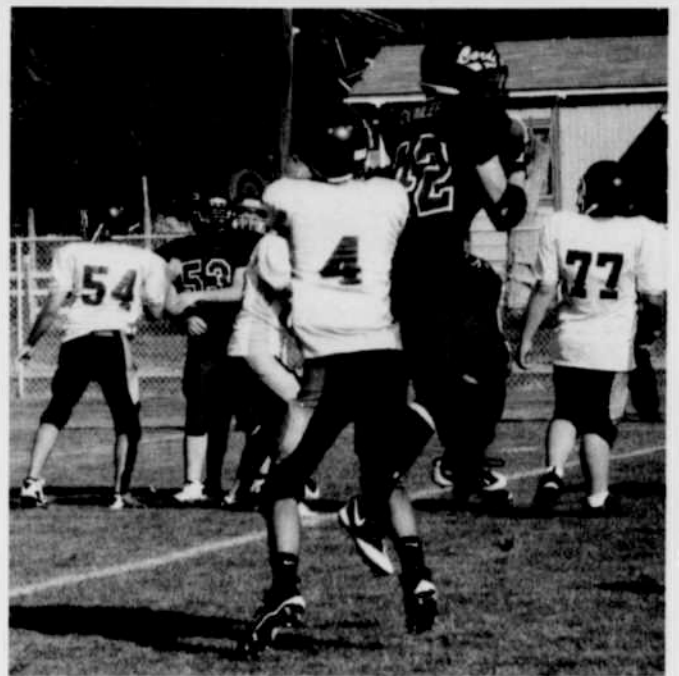
The Morrow County Health Department has scheduled flu clinics in Heppner and Boardman as follows:

Tuesday, October 4: 101 Boardman Ave., Boardman, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 6: Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday night lights go out for Ione homecoming game vs. South Wasco

Ione wins 33-6 the next day



#178 Senior Kaleb Dumler catches an interception

Photo and story by Paula Emmel

Ione's homecoming game Friday, Sept. 23, was a memorable one. The Friday night lights wouldn't come on. In hopes it was just a blown fuse, a crew began working on the problem. The game started, but with 8:51 in the first quarter left to play, the game had to be delayed while the officials arranged to reschedule the game for 2 p.m. on Saturday. Ione had scored a touchdown and pat during that quarter of play so the score was 8-0 when they restarted on Saturday afternoon. Ione took up right where they left off, continuing to score, and the Cardinals held South Wasco scoreless during the first half. Both teams were scoreless in the third quarter. South Wasco finally scored a touchdown, with 8:16 left in the fourth quarter. The final score was 33-6, Ione.

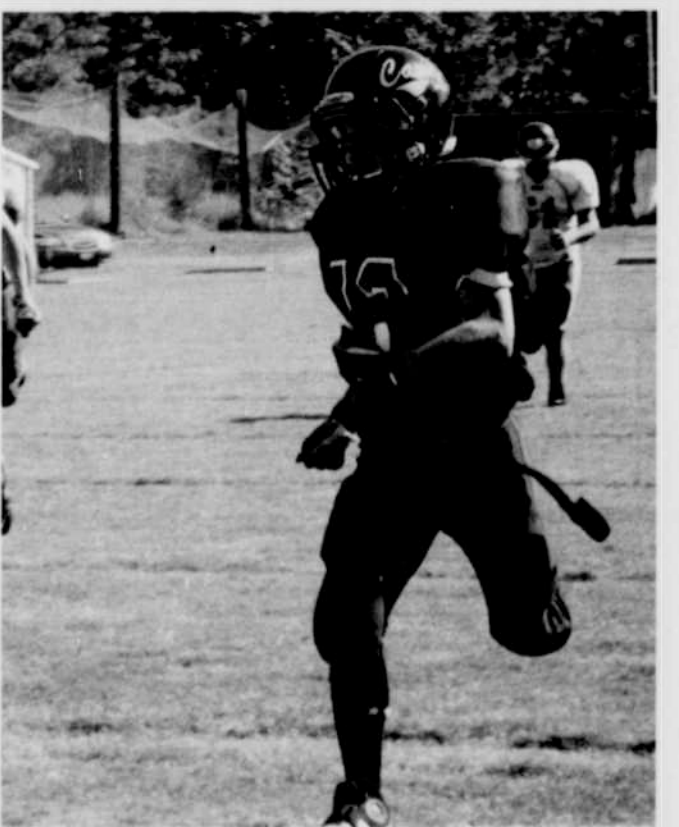
Three players caught interceptions: Luke Emmel in the first quarter, Kaleb Dumler in the third quarter, and Zac Irons in the fourth quarter, helping the Ione team keep control of the ball. Good blocking allowed for long runs and Omar Juarez displayed his fine kicking ability, by attempting some field goals, making one of them while the others were either tipped or blocked. He also had some very long punts into the end-zone.

During first quarter play, Evan Rietmann got a touchdown Friday night and Micah Stillman completed the point after touchdown, (pat) and on Saturday Stillman ran in a touchdown down the sideline, with Emmel attempting the pat. Then Emmel got a good block, allowing Stillman to run in another touchdown. Juarez attempted a field goal. It was tipped and hit the right side goal post and bounced off, to end the quarter 20-0.

Tyrell Barnett ran in a touchdown to start off the second quarter and Juarez completed his first field goal. Emmel ran an exciting punt return 88 yards into the end-zone, but it was called back on a penalty. Stillman ran it to the 50-yard-line on the next play. Then Lucas Jobs completed a pass to Adam Collin, into the end zone, for a touchdown. Juarez kicked a field goal attempt, only to be blocked, bringing the half-time score to 33-0.

Third quarter play was with the younger players learning and practicing on timing and this continued into the fourth quarter. Coach Weiper had this to say about the game, "We played very well early in the game and secured a comfortable lead, which allowed our younger players an opportunity to gain some valuable experience. Two players who had outstanding games were Ty Barnett with 100 yards rushing on some hard nosed running and six tackles on defense and freshman Brandon Peck on the defensive line. We will be working hard in practice this week to prepare for a critical game with Sherman on the road."

Team stats are as follows:
Rushing- M. Stillman 7x147 2 TD, L. Emmel 6x27, Barnett 13x100 1 TD, Peterson 3x37, J. Stillman 5x-6.
Passing- Orem 1x1 29 yards, Jobs 1x5 7yards 1 TD.
Scoring- M. Stillman 2 TD 1 pat for 14 points, Rietmann 1 TD for 6 points, Collin 1 TD for 6 points, Barnett 1 TD for 6 points, Juarez 1 pat kick for 1 point.
Defense- M. Stillman 7 tackles, Juarez 6 tackles, Barnett 6 tackles
Interceptions L. Emmel 1, Dumler 1, and Z. Irons 1



#18 Senior Luke Emmel runs an 88 yd punt return into the end-zone

Heppner Mustangs lose to Enterprise during heart-breaking homecoming game



Photo by Sandy Matthews

#24 Aidan Wright digs in for yardage with an Enterprise Savage on his tail.

Lady Cardinals keep winning streak alive

The Ione Lady Cardinals enjoyed a week at home and kept their winning streak alive with two victories during the past week. The Ione team maintained their perfect 13-0 record for the season.

On Tuesday, September 20, the Cards hosted their first league match of the season when Echo came to town. Although the Lady Cougars put up a fight in the first game, the Cardinals regained the momentum and rolled to a 25-18, 25-13, 25-9 win.

"It was a little sloppy at first" commented Coach Dawn Eynetich. "But then we started playing our game."

JoAnna Patton led the team at the net with 15 kills and two blocks. Dominika Senkerikova added 12 kills. Collette Cason was 14 of 14 from the service line with four aces and Shadow Kendrick was perfect on nine serves with one ace.

"It was good to get our first league win" said Coach Eynetich.

The Lady Cardinals hosted South Wasco County in their homecoming match on Friday and wasted no time easily dispatching the guests, 25-10, 25-16, 25-9.

JoAnna Patton was 10-10 serving with four aces and notched another 15 kills in the match. Dominika Senkerikova added nine kills. Shadow Kendrick served an outstanding 24-24.

The Lady Cardinals played Riverside in Ione on Tuesday and will travel to Sherman County on Friday and Helix on Saturday. An important game for league standings is on the horizon when Ione will host Condon/Wheeler on Tuesday, October 4.

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