

Cardinals defeat Dayville Monument



Top: Cardinal senior Tyrell Barnett (#69) carries the ball past offensive line of senior Timothy Emmel (#26), senior Jordan Synder (#51), Freshman Gorge Aguilar (#50) and Senior Kirk Hagewood (#15). The offensive line did well holding their blocks against Dayville/Monument during the Sept. 7 game, which the Cardinals won 40-30. Bottom: Cardinal Senior Kirk Hagewood homes in a runner for the tackle. -Photos by Paula Emmel

ODFW confirms new wolf pups for Walla Walla pack

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife confirmed pups for the Walla Walla Pack on Friday, Sept. 7, when ODFW monitoring cameras documented two black pups traveling with the pack in the upper Walla Walla River drainage.

Though reproduction was expected for this pack, it had not been confirmed until Friday, said

ODFW. The two radiocollared yearlings (OR10 and OR11) were also documented to still be with the pack.

This brings the minimum known size of the Walla Walla pack to 10 wolves (eight adults and two pups). It also brings the known number of reproducing wolf packs in NE Oregon to six, according to the report.

Mustang volleyball sweeps season start

The Heppner varsity Lady Mustangs are back this year playing excellent volleyball.

Last year's finish—top Blue Mountain Conference seed going into the state tournament and fifth place finish in state—was a good preview of where they would be this year. Having lost only two seniors, the team has gained depth on the court and looks good at every position.

The Mustangs have had a busy pre-season. Beginning with the Umatilla Jamboree on Aug. 31, they swept through competition, winning all four matches played that day.

On Sept. 1, they traveled to John Day to participate in the Grant Union Tournament. In pool play (two games to 25) they were beat by Union, setting them up to play Cove as the number two seed. They knocked off the Leopards to play Nyssa in the semi-finals. They prevailed there, meeting Grant Union in the finals after that team beat Union

in a semi-final match. Grant Union, the new team in the BMC league this year, showed their strength, beating Heppner two out of three for a score of 25-13 and 25-17 GU and 15-5 GU. Grant Union finished the tournament in first place with Heppner second.

In a Tuesday night game, Heppner traveled to lone to play the Cardinals. The 2011 1A state volleyball champs fell to the Mustangs in a best-of-five match. The Lady Mustangs looked sharp against a good lone team.

The next tournament on Sept. 7 at the Yakima Sun Dome Volleyball Festival was a great experience for the Mustangs. Competing in a 32-team tournament with teams from all over Washington State, they swept through their pool play, beating Riverview, Newport and Life Christian Academy, earning first seed in bracket play with the other seven winners of pool play.

With the bracket set, the Mustangs opened with Seton Catholic of Vancouver, WA, winning 25-21 and 25-18. They then beat a powerhouse team, Bear Creek from Redmond, at 26-24 Heppner, 23-25 Bear Creek and 15-12 Heppner. This match tested Heppner's skills against a very well-coached volleyball team, and the Mustangs' performance was unmatched in determined effort by the team so far this year.

In the title match, the Mustangs beat Darrington 25-23 and 25-12. Darrington had beaten their opponents in pool play by a combined 72 points; Heppner combined total point win was 54. Appropriately, the top two seeds played for the championship, in which Heppner prevailed. It was an incredible day of volleyball for the Mustangs.

On Sept. 8, Heppner hosted the Heppner Invitational. Eight teams came to play: Cove, Weston-McEwen, Dufur, Powder Valley,

Wallowa, Grant union and Culver. The weary Mustangs showed their stamina by winning the top seed in pool play to go up against Cove in match play, winning the match in two sets. They then beat a tough Dufur team for the chance to play Powder Valley, who had beaten Grant Union and Culver to advance to the final round.

Powder Valley, runner-up in 1A stack volleyball last year, brought back all its starters from 2011. The Mustangs focused on their team skills, winning the first set 26-24. Powder Valley came back to win the second 25-22. The final match featured some gritty play, but eventually went to the Mustangs for two tournament wins in two days... what a season start for the Mustangs.

Thursday, the Mustangs travel to Dufur for their final preseason three-way tournament. Saturday, Sept. 15, they travel to Grant Union to begin league play.

Centennial fair theme sought

The Morrow County Fair is looking for a theme for the 2013 fair.

Residents of Morrow County are invited to submit entries in the Morrow County Fair Theme Contest. The deadline for entries is October 31, 2012.

The theme must reflect all of Morrow County (Boardman, Heppner, Lone, Irrigon, Lexington, etc.) and must be easy to incorporate into decorations. A committee made up of community members will decide the winner; the committee's

decision is final. The winner will receive 100 50-cent pieces (\$50).

Everyone is asked to keep in mind that next year is the centennial of the Morrow County Fair; the rodeo started in 1922.

Entry forms are available at the fair office. Forms can be returned to the office, where a box will be available for theme suggestions, or they can be mailed to Morrow County Fair, PO Box 464, Heppner, OR 97836.

Former resident to play in Westward Ho Parade

Former Heppner resident and Heppner High School graduate Bruce Thomson will be marching in the Westward Ho Parade in Pendleton this Friday, September 14, as a member of "The Beat Goes On" marching band from Portland.

The "lively group" of adult performers in the non-profit marching band consists of around 100 active members.

"We take a large part of our mission in getting people to come back

to music and getting kids to stay interested in music throughout their lives," said a band member. "The idea is to play whatever music the crowd would respond to as the band highly values audience interaction and strives to leave people on the street with smiles on their faces."

The band travels frequently throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Thomson also plays his clarinet in three other musical groups in the Portland area.

Harrison, Cutsforth win Lexington Precinct Award

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announces that Brett Harrison and Lindsay Cutsforth are the recipients of the 2012 Lexington Voting Precinct Award in the amount of \$892 each.

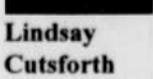
Brett is a sophomore at Oregon State College and the son of Travis and Kirsten Harrison of

Lexington. Lindsay is a sophomore at Lewis and Clark in Lewiston, Id, and the daughter of Jeff and Missy Cutsforth of Lexington.

The Lexington Precinct award is given to a deserving sophomore college student who lives in the Lexington voting precinct, according to a news release.



Brett Harrison



Lindsay Cutsforth

Mustangs plan donation drive

The Heppner Mustang community is reaching out to support long-time Mustang supporter Rena Henry and her family.

The Mustang athletic program has long recognized the many years of support and dedication to the Heppner athletics and activities shown by Rena and Roger Henry. The Henrys can be found at every home contest, as well as many of the away ones, cheering on their beloved Mustangs.

Unfortunately, Rena was diagnosed with cancer last spring. She has been courageously battling the disease for five months.

Heppner High School will be sponsoring a donation drive to help with her medical expenses. On Friday, Sept. 14, at the first home football game versus Willamina, donation jars will be available at each gate. Associated Student Body officers will be walking through the stands during each quarter, collecting donations. During the school week, the students will be collecting spare change to help with this event.

Everyone in the community is asked to come and show support to the Henrys while cheering on the Mustangs.

OSU Extension planning session Oct. 16

A planning session hosted by the OSU Extension Service will be held on Tuesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

During this planning session, the group will be discussing the plans and

priorities of the 4-H program in Morrow County. All community members are welcome and highly encouraged to attend and show their support while sharing their ideas.

For more information please call the Morrow County Extension Service Office at: 541-676-9642.

Community day of prayer planned Sept. 21

A local ministry will host a day of prayer on Friday, September 21, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Annex Building in Heppner.

The doors will be open throughout the day for individual prayer with specific times set aside for the community to come together corporately. Three times have been scheduled, at noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. for the convenience of community members to attend.

There is no cost for this event and refreshments will be provided.

Each hour will be-

gin with scripture readings and will conclude with a few minutes set aside for topical prayer needs.

An individual "prayer walk" area will be made available from 2-6 p.m.

"All are welcome and area church leaders and members are encouraged to attend," said a spokesperson.

"Feel free to come for a portion or stay for the entire day." For information or prayer requests, contact Sam Fisher or Drion Donner at 541-256-0389 or email to freedomtofirelightministries@gmail.com

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- lone Fire Hall 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Flu shots are also available at all regular immunization clinics:
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