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fishing, working on rubber plantations and digging for roots. He says the wages there are on the level of a poor country like Haiti at \$5 to \$10 per day. "They live pretty much hand to mouth. But you, as a guest, will always eat first," he says. "And sometimes there is only one meal per day." In one of the villages there is a large orphanage filled with children who lost relatives to the Eboli disease.

In addition to water, Pastor Deloe also helps with education. He is currently sponsoring a student (there is no public education there) at a cost of \$75 to \$85 per year. The students all wear uniforms and the parents also must buy those for them. He says regaining the lost education for young people is a hard job because of the time lost during the long civil war. He says he

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receives great satisfaction in helping the people of Liberia. "They are very affectionate people. The kids will come and sit on your lap, hug and talk to you. When you come back to their country, they always say, 'welcome home'," Pastor Deloe relates. And it's this helping that drives these two men from a small church in Oregon to travel halfway around the world to lend their own hands for those in need.

Anyone who would like to know more about the Hope 2 program is welcome to attend a September 16 dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian Church in Heppner. There will be four couples there from the Hope 2 program to speak and visit with. There is no charge, but people can give financially if they wish.

"Our ministry is no bigger than the one in front



Cruising the streets of Monrovia.



Some of the children at the Hope 2 school academy.

of us," both Pastor Deloe and Bellamy will say. And for the thirsty. "Jesus said 'I will give you water so you'll never thirst again'." to these two, their ministry includes providing water

Little Birds soar at Cardinals volleyball camp



Back row (L-R): Grace Ogden, Madison Orem, Jayla Slinger, Olivia Ogden, Isabelle Ogden, Novalee Campbell, Cici Stefani and Sunem Calvillo. Middle row: Reese Headley, Dillon DeBoer, Phegley Padberg, Keltie Rietmann, Madelyn Campbell and Miranda Wedan. Front row: Violeta Lemus, Allison Crum, Kinasy Rietmann, Piper Miller, Diana Vanden Brink and Haryss Padberg. -Contributed photo.



Back row: Assistant Coach Jim Raible, Madison Orem, Megan Doherty, Emma Rietmann, Tresslyn McCurry, Grace Ogden, Sunem Calvillo, Ola Rietmann and Head Coach Becky Wagnblast. Middle row: Olivia Ogden, Kelly Doherty, Novalee Campbell, Holly Vanden Brink, Isabel Wedan, Sunny Valle, Isabelle Ogden and Paige Beebe. Front Row: Phegley Padberg, Lizzy Doherty, Keltie Rietmann, Delaney Stefani, Denya Valle, Cici Stefani and Madelyn Campbell. -Contributed photo.

The Ione High School volleyball team hosted the Little Birds Cardinal Volleyball camp last week in Ione. Incoming first through eighth graders learned the fundamentals, how to work as a team and received personal coaching from the high school players and coaches. In all, twenty-six grade school students attended, ensuring future interest in playing and supporting Cardinal volleyball for years to come.

The wins go under coach Greg Grant's name, but the team named its field after Les Payne, who has coached the Mustangs since 1977

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Nearly three decades ago, Les Payne reached a crossroads.

Payne had coached in Heppner's football program for 13 seasons, assisting four head coaches, and he wasn't sure if he wanted to continue when Greg Grant took over in 1990.

"I had been at it for a while, and I thought, 'Maybe I just need to be a teacher,'" Payne said. "Greg came in, young guy, energetic. It kind of revived me a little bit. Since then, it's just been a fun ride."

And a highly successful one, too. Payne has been Grant's right-hand man for the past 29 seasons, helping shape one of the state's top small-school programs. Under Grant and Payne, the Mustangs have won 256 games and two state titles (1992, 2015).

"When people talk about our program, my name probably comes up a little bit too often," said Grant, who at 293-73 is No. 6 on the state's all-time wins list. "The people that really know it, it's like Grant-Payne. I don't think I'm any more responsible than he is. I might make a few more decisions, but everything we do, we work together."

Payne -- a defensive coordinator and offensive line coach who is renowned for his meticulous organizational skills, in particular in managing the equipment -- has been a part of 329 wins



Les Payne (left) is entering his 30th season assisting Greg Grant (right). -Photo by Sandy Matthews.

in 42 seasons at 2A Heppner, including one year as the head coach (1983).

Grant has such high regard for Payne he made a command decision in 2008 to name Heppner's field after him.

"I just wasn't going to wait for him to die," Grant said of Payne. "I just said, 'I'm not going to ask anybody's permission because I don't want it to get political.' But the powers-that-be said, 'No, this is a great idea. There's no one more deserving.'"

"So he lines Les Payne Field and he coaches on Les Payne Field."

Payne played at Auburn High School in the Seattle area and at Yakima Community College and Eastern Washington University, where he was a guard on the 1967 NAIA national runner-up team.

He coached for nine seasons in Tonasket, WA (1968-76), the first seven as head coach, before heading

to Heppner in 1977 as an assistant coach for girls' basketball and baseball.

He showed up at football practice one day, helped out the offensive line coach and ended up working the rest of the 1977 season as a volunteer. He became a paid assistant in 1978, and five years later, he agreed to fill in as head coach for one season, just to get the program out of a tight spot.

"I said, 'Next year you've got to find somebody,'" Payne said.

Three more coaches came and went at Heppner. When Grant arrived in 1990 from Alsea, Payne could see they shared a similar intensity.

"I tell people that before Greg showed up, I was the guy who was the ranter and raver, who got things fired up," Payne said. "All of the sudden Greg came along and I was like, 'Oh,

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