

Ione/Arlington hosts Pilot Rock for first home game

Ione/Arlington hosted the team from Pilot Rock for their first home football game in Ione on Friday, September 24. While Pilot Rock was always close behind the home team, in the end Ione/Arlington (I/A) took the win with a solid 38-24. A spokesperson reported that while there was one injury when a Pilot Rock player dislocated his knee cap, the game went well.



Tacos Hometown provided food at the home football game in Ione last week. -Contributed photo.

both sides of the field with his ability to run the show," continued Stefani. Cheerleaders between the ages of six and 12 took to the field at half-time to perform a simple routine, with the assistance of Phegley Padberg and Cici

Stefani. "The girls did a great job from high kicking to holding each other while kneeling. It was great to see those young cheerleaders on the field," Ione superintendent Kevin Dinning told the Gazette.

Ione seniors repaint hillside



The Ione Community School seniors recently repainted the "I" along with "22", their graduation year, leaving their mark on the hillside in Ione. At the same time, they touched up the "33" (in memory of Ione student Stormy Kendrick-inset) and established a new "bell" which is difficult to see in the photo. Repainting the "I" and adding the graduation year is an annual tradition for the seniors. -Contributed photo.

Elementary school receives school supply donations



Heppner Elementary School received generous donations of money, backpacks and school supplies recently through a program at Bank of Eastern Oregon. The staff appreciates the generosity of the donations that will provide learning opportunities for the students. Pictured are students from Heppner Elementary with some of the supplies that were donated.

Technical Difficulties!

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. would like to announce to its members that we are currently experiencing technical difficulties with some of our metering equipment. Due to unconventional availability and lead times, acquiring replacement hardware is taking longer than anticipated.

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The Loop is looking for Members for the Special Transportation Fund (STF) Advisory Committee

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If you are interested in serving in this committee, please contact: Katie Imes at The Loop: 541.676.5667 or kimes@co.morrow.or.us

Heppner High's homecoming court takes the field



Pictured (L-R): Shawn Wilson, Junior Princess Katie Wilson, Junior Prince Trevor Nichols, Mike Masterson, Queen ZaBrena Masterson, King Brock Hisler, Jason Cunningham, Senior Princess Hailey Cunningham, Senior Prince Jace Coe, Senior Princess Kylie Boor, Doug Boor, Senior Prince Cody Fletcher, Junior Princess Hailey Wenberg, Peter Wenberg, Junior Prince David Cribbs. Front row: Pennant bearers Jaylee Schliach, JD Payne. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

Heppner cross country sweeps meet in The Dalles

By Hannah Finch

The Heppner cross country team was busy last weekend. On Thursday, the runners traveled to Stanfield, and then ran in The Dalles the next day.

In Stanfield, both Heppner's high school and middle school girls had three runners finish in the top 10. Lily Nichols placed second, Riley Archer placed fifth and Brooklyn Hendricks finished tenth for the middle school. Hailey Heideman placed fifth, Kylie Boor placed eighth and Hannah Finch finished tenth for the girls' varsity. On the boys' side, Cooper Wight placed second for the middle school boys and Trevor Nichols placed third in the boys' varsity.

Friday's race took place in Sorosis Park in The Dalles, which meant lots of hills for the runners. These hills didn't intimidate the Mustangs, however, who had runners on the podium for every race.

Both Lily Nichols and

Cooper Wight took their second place from the previous day and turned it into a gold medal, winning the middle school races. Nichols stood atop the podium with Heppner's other middle school girls, who won the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade races. For the eighth-grade race, Riley Archer finished second after Nichols, followed by teammate Brooklyn Hendricks, who was the first seventh grader to cross the finish line. Lizzie Ginn, the first sixth grader, finished shortly after. The middle school girls team won the meet with only 20 points. When it comes to cross country, the less points, the better.

Trevor Nichols, who placed second for the varsity boys, and Hailey Heideman, who placed fourth for

the varsity girls, represented Heppner on the podium. The high school boys' team placed second overall. This was a long but rewarding weekend where lots of personal records were broken.

The Mustangs will be running again this Thursday, September 30, at Sandstone Middle School in Hermiston. Middle school girls and boys will race at 3:30 p.m. Girls' varsity will race at 4 p.m. followed by boys' varsity at 4:45 p.m.

The Mustangs are hosting their home meet next week on Thursday, October 7. Seniors will be recognized shortly before the races begin. Middle school girls will run at 3 p.m. before the middle school boys at 3:30 p.m. Varsity girls will run at 4 p.m. and varsity boys will run at 4:45 p.m.

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