

## Sportsmanship prize to WGS girls

Washington Grade School's eighth grade volleyball teams have had their share of ups and downs this season, but proved their hearts are in the right place Oct. 16 and 17, at the eighth grade tournament in Coos Bay. The ladies didn't place, but brought home the Sportsmanship Trophy.

"It was really cool," said Coach Doug Tesdal. "The girls learned a lot and did things they hadn't been able to do before and felt good about it. I'm proud of the girls, they were able to go and not win, and still maintain their sportsmanship and take the Sportsmanship Trophy."

The girls didn't fare well in pool play on the 16th, in spite of consistent scoring by Trisha Titus, Kendall Graham and Jessica Thornburg, and games in which most of the players are credited with at least one score.

WGS won their first match on Oct. 17th, against Yoncalla 15-3, 15-5, but lost to Crescent Valley and Blanco later in the day.

To complete the weekend, the girls, and Tesdal, enjoyed a tour of the tall ship Lady Washington.

10/17 @ Coos Bay Tournament vs. Yoncalla: W15-3,15-5 vs. Crescent Valley: L6-15,L9-15 vs. Blanco:L14-16, L7-15  
10/16 @ Coos Bay vs. Fremont Gold: L4-15, L9-15 vs. Sunset: L9-15, L4-15 vs. Kingsview:L6-15, L5-15 vs. North Bend:L2-15,W15-7  
10/15 @ Astoria L11-15,8-15  
10/13 vs. Knappa L11-15, 0-15  
10/08 vs. Neil Armstrong W15-4, 2-15, 15-4

### Eighth Grade Roster

**Varsity:** Maranda Barton, Candice Dalebroux, Heather Forster, Kendall Graham, Kristal Hayes, Jessica Thornburg, Trisha Titus, Sommer VanMeter.  
**Junior Varsity:** Jessica Allison, Shantrell Cecil, Katrina Hall, Stephanie Hein, Jackie King, Jenny Kinney, Kristina Pounder, Shilo Stevens, Chelsea Sears.

## Miller shatters Wahtonka record

Vernonia's cross country teams traveled to the Wahtonka Invitational Oct. 15. The boys and girls teams finished fourth and fifth, respectively, and Logger Mary Anne Miller shattered a course record.

Miller ran the course in 19:08, slashing :21 from the previous record, set in 1977.

Mons Fjeldstad, boys team leader, is holding steady. His

time of 17:48 at Wahtonka is in step with his performance so far this season.

The rest of the boys team is showing improvement, in some cases over a minute faster than at the Neah-Kah-Nie meet in late September.

Matt Behnke, the second Logger to cross the finish line, clocked-in at 18:04, followed by Colin Plews (18:27), Andy Waltz (18:27), and Colin Tierney (19:53).

## Fundraising for Busch memorial

The Mark Busch Memorial Fund is holding a raffle to raise money toward the purchase of a new scoreboard for Vernonia High School.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, and may be purchased at any Vernonia Logger home football game, The Craft Room, Lew's Place, or Vernonia Antiques. The drawing will be at the Homecoming game, Nov. 5.

One of the items to be raffled, a quilt, is on display in the old Penney's building, on the corner of Bridge Street and Madison Avenue.

The following local businesses and individuals have donated prizes for the raffle: Kathy Richardson, Western Auto Associate, Creative Impulse, Vernonia Antiques & Collectibles, The Craft Room, K.T.'S Klutter, Sandra McLean Florist, Vernonia Hardware, Vernonia Police Department, The Highland Heart, Sentry Market, Lyon's Den, Cedar Side Inn, Bridge Street Mini Mart, Jeanette's, Sunnyside Deli, Storage Too, Gypsy's Thrift Shop, Gloria's Spar Tree, Lew's Place, New Hong Kong Restaurant, and Leonetti's.

## WGS volleyball improving steadily

Washington Grade School's seventh grade volleyball teams have worked hard this season to master the game's basic skills, and are showing a lot of progress, and promise for the future.

"I feel they're developing very well," said Coach Rena Titus. "A few times we've had pass, set, hit combinations in games and their serving is

coming along. They're 'getting it' and we're scoring more."

The teams haven't enjoyed a lot of wins by the numbers, but are winners in every game by giving it their best effort no matter what the scoreboard reads.

10/15 @ Astoria W15-5, 11-15, 15-2  
10/13 @ Knappa

L15-5, 8-15, 7-15  
10/8 vs. Neil Armstrong L2-15, 8-15, 2-15  
10/7 vs. North Clackamas Christian L5-15, 10-15, 8-15

### Seventh Grade Roster

**Varsity:** Katy Taylor, Ona Gregg, Kala Rondo, Malorie Baker, Maryl Kunkle, Kortni Hyde, Katelyn McWhirter, Amber Bosley, Julie Johnson.  
**Junior Varsity:** Abbie Nelson, Karianne Budge, Mandy Swaner, Alex Moeller, Laura White, LaTasha Mosqueda, Stephanie Lane, Megan Baker.

## WGS junior high football nears end of the season

Washington Grade School's Topper football team hosted Warrenton Oct. 15 and lost, 13-0, bringing their record to 1-2.

"We were shorthanded so we had to make some adjustments," said head coach Reid Holcomb. "We made the best defensive stand since I've been here."

Warrenton's first drive took them to the Topper one yard line, that's where WGS made

their stand.

WGS jumped offsidelines in their enthusiasm, to give Warrenton a second down and inches situation. Adam Tanner and David Koch kept Warrenton from punching through to the end zone and, on fourth down, Kim Normand forced a turnover to complete the effort.

Koch led the Toppers offense with three receptions, along with Matt Kelly who averaged 3.5 yards per carry.

Warrenton scored on two special teams' errors by WGS.

The teams played a fifth quarter, giving next year's starting Toppers real game experience.

"Joel Johnston did a nice job at quarterback," said Holcomb, "and Ben Brookins ran the ball hard at the tailback position."

The Toppers last home game is scheduled for Oct. 29, when they face Knappa.

## Sun sets for racing season at Sunset Speedway

By Marty Hough

September 26th was the last hurrah for most of the race teams that have run at Sunset Speedway in Banks. The PHRA Dwarf cars' last race of the season came about with some interesting championship scenarios before the green flag even dropped. The Street Stock Champion had already been determined but races for second, third, fourth and fifth were still to be decided.

Mark Hinkle came in with a small lead in the PHRA stock division with the Pettys, Clint and Richard, right on his points bumper. After the Pettys finished ahead of Hinkle in their heat race it came down to the main, with the Pettys going hard to the front and Hinkle trying to stay up with little margin for error.

Clint Petty made a great move to the front early in the race and took the point knowing he had to win and that Hinkle would have to finish poorly to take the points championship. Father, Richard, followed close behind his son in second place, but getting there was the part that thrilled the large Sunset Speedway crowd.

Phil Sunderlin, who came into the night fourth in points, also tried everything he could to get to the front and a possible top-three championship run. But Hinkle kept up with the leaders and kept out of trouble. Down the stretch Sunderlin passed Richard Petty for second place but could only see Clint Petty's back bumper as the checkered was thrown.

The Pettys finished first and third, Sunderlin in second. Hinkle quietly took fourth place which was good enough for him to win the points championship. Hinkle's silence was short-lived though, he threw an in-car celebration that Alex Zanardi would have been proud of. Clint and Richard wound up second and third in points, respectively.

The Modified class was decided long ago...Mike Shoen Jr. had dominated the division...but second and third were still up in the air, making for great racing.

Dan Burns, Jeff Quinn, Brian Blackwell, Shoen Jr., and Doug McVey all went to the front, mixing it up and trading the lead many times. Shoen Jr., who would normally be in the lead and pulling away, was back in fourth place and strug-

gling to get around the pack. Burns and Quinn raced each other most of the contest, until, slowly but surely, Shoen Jr. came to the front taking a late lead. Then the unexpected happened. A broken drive line took Shoen Jr. out of the race. Then Quinn ran over the piece Shoen Jr. left on the track, which knocked out the second place driver. This gave the lead to Brian Blackwell who kept the rest of the pack behind him for his first-ever main event victory.

Doug McVey took second, Dan Burns captured third, followed by Wayne VanRayden.

Shoen Jr. took the points championship, followed by Quinn and Van Rayden.

The points championship was already determined in the Street Stocks, but other places needed to be filled.

RJ Stevenson gave the reins to his wife, as he had number one wrapped up. Going into the A Main most of the contenders found themselves in the middle or back of

the pack on the green flag, wanting to get to the front quickly. A multi-car crash early in the race sent many of the contenders to the end of the line, opening up the lead to some new drivers.

Newcomer Tony Cotlano came fast through the middle to vie for the lead. Jimmy Masure used the whole track to keep everyone behind him as he took the lead early and fought back all comers. At the end, with Cotlano all over Masure, the leader took both high and low lines around the Sunset Speedway quarter-mile to capture the win.

Cotlano wound up in second, Dan Buker was third. All three are relative newcomers to Sunset. Harley Barrett captured fourth and James Simeroth came from the B Main to take fifth.

Stan Asonovic put on a terrific show for the fans with the last Jalopy race of the year. Bob Trout banged his way to a much deserved second place with Paul Ireland in third.

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