

Undefeated!

Ukiah/Long Creek Soccer has a great season.

Seven wins out of seven games. That's what the Ukiah Cougars/Long Creek Mountaineers racked up in this year's soccer season.

"The boys really showed up for each other this year. They were a team right from the start, which was the key to our success. I am proud of each and everyone of them for showing tremendous sportsmanship and drive," said coach Beth Davidson.

Ukiah joined forces with three Long Creek players this year to field a team of 16. Because all the other schools in Ukiah's usual High Desert League play football rather than soccer, the team played in a special district league that includes Irrigon, Riverside, Umatilla and Culver. The team plays junior varsity and therefore does not go to district playoffs.

"We played five junior varsity teams this year, but we were good enough we probably could have played more varsity teams," Davidson said.

Ukiah plays a diamond defense with a sweeper and a stopper.

"At this level we can focus on strategy. If you play the dance, you win the game," Davidson said.

Home games were played in Long Creek, which has a regulation soccer field. Ukiah school is working with the City of Ukiah, which owns Tupper Ball Field, to acquire a set of goals for the field.

One new thing the team did have was uniforms. Davidson arranged the purchase and helped the team organize fundraisers, including a chili dog sale, that brought in \$1,005.35.

The team wants to thank Louise McKinnon and Ed Neumann for donating chili; Clint and Norma Barber and the staff at Rhodes Store for providing supplies and a place to hold the sale; and everyone in town who donated to the fundraisers.

Total goals for the season: Lucas Araujo 18, Jan Hornik 9, San Um 6, Pablo Jimenez 6, Santiago Brito 4, Rodrigo Torres 4, Jorge Higuera 3, Dae (Steve) Huan 2, Rodolfo Camarillo 1, Arin Surangkanikorn 1, Luis (Louie) Arana 1.



Ukiah players Chad Billings, Luis (Louie) Arana and Dae (Steve) Huan, in blue from left to right, play the ball up from the backfield in a game against Umatilla on September 26. Photo by Linda Studtmann.

2013 Boys Soccer Ukiah/Long Creek Stats			
Date	Opponent	Score	Win/Lose
13-Sept	Dayton	4 to 3	Win
14-Sept	Dayton	8 to 1	Win
17-Sept	Irrigon	14 to 1	Win
26-Sept	Umatilla	8 to 1	Win
4-Oct	Central Christian	8 to 3	Win
11-Oct	Irrigon	8 to 0	Win
16-Oct	Riverside	5 to 1	Win

Camas Corridor Freight Improvement



A widened curve, new signs, lights and road sensors should give freight haulers more options along 10 miles of U.S. Hwy. 395 south of Ukiah.

Before the project was completed late this summer, trailers between Pilot Rock and Mt. Vernon were limited to 48 feet in length due to curves so sharp that a collision between passing trucks was a possibility.

One curve near Dale was widened as part of the project.

"Straightening out all the sharp curves along the restricted route would have cost tens of millions of dollars and taken a dozen years or more to fully fund," said ODOT's Tom Strandberg.

Instead, the agency looked to how logging trucks have traditionally negotiated tight or blind corners on forest roads.

ODOT installed warning lights at the mouth of Camas Creek to the south and at the gravel yard a mile south of the junction with Hwy 244 to the north. The lights flash when a long load enters the corridor. Within the corridor, signs notify truckers as they approach each of three sharp curves so they can use their CB radios to alert possible oncoming long loads. The long trucks are restricted to daylight hours and certain weather conditions.

"We think we have a good, relatively low cost solution for temporarily lifting U.S. 395 length restrictions for the freight carriers in our pilot program," said ODOT Area Manager Craig Sipp. "Over the next two years we will be monitoring the safety concerns along the route and adjust the program as needed."

The project cost about \$500,000.

Malheur Lumber, which contracts with various companies to haul wood chips from its mill in John Day to Boardman, worked with ODOT and other agencies on the project.

"We find so many more of the newer trucks are 53 feet. From John Day east or west everything is open to 53 feet. It's the way the industry is evolving, a change due to the type of truck," said Art Andrews of Malheur Lumber.

The warning lights do not require any action by drivers of automobiles and small trucks, though they do alert motorists that an oversized truck is in the corridor.





Inland Northwest Chorale presented its fall program, "Autumn con Affetto" (Autumn with Affection), at the Ukiah School gym on October 26. The symphonic chorale group of 40 singers performed nine pieces, ranging from love songs to spirituals to a rousing vocal rendition of "The William Tell Overture." Ukiah School students (right) joined the chorale for "Amazing Grace." The chorale is one of four ensembles that make up Inland Northwest Musicians. In the past 15 years, the chorale and three orchestras have performed over 300 concerts in more than 40 communities in Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington. Most of the musicians are volunteers, and the groups are funded by donations and sustaining memberships. A soup and bread supper for audience and musicians followed the concert



Meetings and Events

- Ukiah City Council**, Ukiah Senior Center, 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 3.
- Ukiah School Board**, Ukiah School, 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 13.
- Stitch & Chatter Quilters**, Presbyterian Church, Wed. and Sat.
- Senior lunch**, Ukiah Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.
- Ukiah Food Pantry**, Presbyterian Church, once a month, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Ukiah City Council

November 2013

CIS, the city's insurance carrier, has offered the City of Ukiah about \$1,168 in incentive funds to address specific safety issues. The money must be spent within three years. The council discussed security items such as cameras, motion lights and a new alarm at the Fire Hall.

The annual audit, completed recently by Cockburn & Fife, showed no problems, but did include suggestions to improve internal controls in the city office.

The council approved a request for proposals for a contract for annual maintenance of the water and sewer system pumps and expects responses by the end of November.

The city's current noxious weed contractor is leaving the area. John Zakrajsek of the Confederate Tribes, which provides \$1,500 annually toward the city's noxious weed program, has recommended Mike Martin. Martin is a rancher in Mt. Vernon and is fully licensed by the state with all the appropriate endorsements and liability insurance. The

contract will be less than \$5,000 and thus does not require a competitive bid.

The new sign at Tupper Ball Field was damaged by a Ukiah High School student shortly after installation. The sign was paid for with Tupper Ball Field grant funds. The city has asked the student responsible to pay \$400 for replacement. The city will install a quarter-inch plywood backing to the sign to reduce possible future damage.

The wheel line and pumps at the sewer lagoons have been winterized. Dan Burden of Burden Fencing has completed the fencing around the lagoons and replaced the gate at Tupper Ball Field.

The council agreed to donate \$100 for one month to the City of Ukiah Senior Center to make up for low funds. A funding bill for the program that pays for the senior lunch is expected to pass the state legislature in February. Penny Alford, the senior lunch cook, will look for businesses interested in funding a Friday lunch.

The council voted to add a line item in the Community Parks materials and services budget.

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Ukiah Profile

Hey Coach! Beth Davidson



Make no mistake, Beth Davidson loves soccer.

She grew up playing with her two brothers and their cousins in upstate New York, raised by a mom who was into synchronized swimming and a dad who played

football in high school.

"My older brother got the soccer thing going, and my little brother and I were both competitive with him," Davidson said. "I started playing when I was six or seven. We had a goal in our front yard, and my cousins had a basement with mini soccer goals. That is what we did all the time."

She joined her high school varsity team as a freshman and played for four years, two of them as captain. She also played in an American Youth Soccer Organization town league and an indoor soccer league.

Her biggest regret is that she did not try out for college soccer. "That's why I'm coaching now," she said.

She moved to Ukiah with her husband, Silas Davidson, who works for the U.S. Forest Service.

"When I came here I asked about coaching, thinking about the younger kids," Davidson said. Though she had been a teen counselor at a soccer camp for younger kids, she had never coached before.

Melinda Scarlett, Ukiah School's athletic director, suggested the high school team. Davidson had never imagined coaching at that level, especially not a boys team, but it was the only game in town so she gave it a try.

Last year she worked with Ukiah teacher

Tom Sorensen as assistant coach, but this year she was on her own.

"I was pleasantly surprised at how receptive they were to a female coach. But now that I know I can coach at that level, if I had the option to coach a girls team I would jump on that too."

The team has a defense and an offense, and the idea is to get the ball in the goal.

"It's more of a finesse game and less brute force, more of a dance and less physical," she said. "It demands that the team plays together. The dynamics of the team are really important. You have to move as a unit in soccer and anticipate where players are going to pass the ball. Like any sport where you move from one side to the other to get the goals, you can't expect one person to be the driving force for the team. All the players must move together to get the common goal."

Along with the love of soccer, Davidson is developing a love of coaching. She loves the sense of connection with the players and being able to transfer her passion for the game to someone else.

But still, she misses making the plays herself. "Even in practice I really want to play," she said. "The hardest thing about coaching is that I have to watch all the games."

Ukiah School Board

October 9, 2013

On Oct. 10 the Oregon Department of Education released report cards for all the schools in the state. The schools are ranked on a scale of 1-5, which includes test scores and student growth.

Ukiah scored a 1, placing it among the lowest scoring schools in Umatilla County. The other schools that scored a 1 are all alternative programs.

Superintendent Dan Korber said part of the problem was incorrect data submitted by the school. Teacher Norma Barber explained that Ukiah traditionally has not administered the state tests to international students because they are here for only one year. In the past, the state has automatically excluded those students from the testing pool, but this year Ukiah was supposed to notify the state that they had been excluded and did not. As a result, the data show that only 40 percent of the students took the test. The school must test 90 percent of its students to comply with state standards.

"We will make sure it doesn't happen again," Korber said. "We will have to write a statement explaining it. We might be labeled a school in crisis. That won't affect the data, but we will see a big red flag on our online report card."

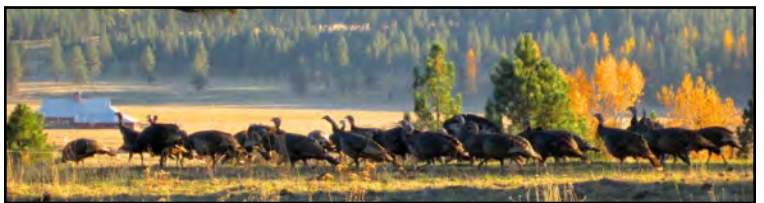
The school did test every local student. Due to upcoming changes in state testing procedures, all students who graduate from Ukiah School, including international students, will now be required to pass tests in reading, writing and math.

In other news:

* Ukiah held a homecoming dance after a volleyball match against Jordan Valley and Adrian in Long Creek on October 19.

* On October 21, Staff Sgt. Jack Jaspersen, a recruiter with the Oregon National Guard, visited the school to help students evaluate their results on the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) and to talk about military career options.

* School bus drivers Trent Douglas and Ted Orr attended a training session with a state-approved trainer from Echo.



Look who's back! About a hundred turkeys, presumably the same that wintered here last year, showed up in mid-October.



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Cougars End Volleyball Season
By Angel Carpenter, Blue Mountain Eagle

The Ukiyah/Long Creek girls volleyball team ended their season in Prairie City October 19 facing the Crane Mustangs.

The team lost to the competitive Mustangs 15-25, 12-25 and 9-25.

Coach Roy Durfee of Long Creek, who coaches with Reagan Enriquez of Ukiyah, was pleased with the gains the team made this year and the girls' good attitudes.

"We had a fun season, and the players showed tremendous improvement over the course of the season," he said. "The girls were a pleasure to work with and showed positive team spirit through all of the season. I really enjoyed the opportunity to work with Reagan and the Ukiyah players."

Team members included foreign students from Germany, South Korea, Mongolia, Thailand, and the United States. Another student from Mexico helped out at practices.

"They played well together, considering they come from two different schools and five different countries," Durfee said.

The team went 1-7 in league play, with a win over the Burnt River Bulls earlier in the season. They also had a win over Mohawk in nonleague play.

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Firewood Season Extended

Personal-use firewood cutting on the Umatilla National Forest has been extended for two weeks through Saturday, November 30. The 2014 firewood season will begin next May.



A Visitation of Egrets--A dozen Great Egrets stopped by Ukiyah this fall on their way south. Egrets are uncommon in this area, but a few birds have been spotted wintering in north Umatilla County. In 2005 Pendleton birder Aaron Skirvin spotted 31 egrets at the Ukiyah sewer lagoons.

Stitch 'n' Chatter Christmas Bazaar

Pick up gifts ranging from quilts and tablecloths to purses and placemats at the annual Christmas bazaar sponsored by Stitch 'n' Chatter Quilters and Battle Mountain AmVets Auxiliary at the Presbyterian Church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 23. Proceeds from the bazaar go to community service projects.

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