

This week in sports

Sept. 1-7

(Contests subject to change)

Football

- Sept. 2 Inchelium at Curlew
- Sept. 2 Pateros at Sunnyside Christian
- Sept. 3 Brewster at Chelan
- Sept. 3 Lake Roosevelt at Jenkins
- Sept. 3 Okanogan at Quincy
- Sept. 4 Omak at Bellevue Christian
- Sept. 4 Oroville vs. Onalaska at Cascade

Soccer

- Sept. 7 Bridgeport at Manson
- Sept. 7 Okanogan at Tonasket
- Sept. 7 Pateros at Liberty Bell

Volleyball

- Sept. 7 Cascade at Brewster
- Sept. 7 Curlew at Oroville
- Sept. 7 Liberty Bell at Bridgeport
- Sept. 7 Omak at Pateros

Sands wins boys' rollerski pursuit race

MAZAMA — Methow Valley teen Ethan Sands placed first in the U15 boys' pursuit race during the U.S. Biathlon Rollerski Summer National Championships Aug. 6-8. The event was on the Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vt. Sands posted a pursuit time of 35:56.9 and a final time of 26:01.9, according to race results. He also placed second in U15 boys' sprint with a time of 17:02.4. Sands lives in Mazama. Liberty Bell High School graduate Kelsey Dickenson placed third in the women's mass start event at 29:22.6 and fourth in spring at 21:21.6. Traditional biathlon involves skiing and target shooting. Sands competes for the Methow Valley Biathlon Team.

Norman turns in high pinochle score

OKANOGAN — Tim Norman turned in the high score among pinochle players Aug. 24 at the Okanogan Eagles Club. Norman scored 9,870. Others with high scores were Joe Feddersen, 7,180; George Dunckel, 7,080, and Debbie Nuehring, 6,980. Partners with 300 pinochle were Pat Byrd and Ida Laurie; Norman and Tommye Robbins; Norma Lawson and Jennifer Shawl; Bill Bruton and Buck Workman; Dick Fuller and George Dunckel; Roy Gleason and Jane Gleason; Jennifer Shawl and Jane Gleason; Roy Gleason and Nuehring; Joe Shawl and Norma Lawson.

Methow Valley Labor Day rodeo canceled

WINTHROP — The Methow Valley Horsemen's Labor Day rodeo has been canceled. "The smoke, fires, motel and hotel cancellations, and the fact that our attendance of spectators would be way down" led the group's directors and members to the decision, said President Dennis Gardner.

The group normally sponsors two rodeos per year, one on Memorial Day weekend and one on Labor Day weekend. The May event was held, but in 2020 both were canceled because of COVID-19.

Football practices interrupted by coronavirus

OMAK — The Omak High School football team's pre-season practices were interrupted late last week when a player tested positive for COVID-19. Athletic director Joe LaGrou said the player will be out for 10 days. Others with whom he had contact will have to quarantine, but will be able to resume practicing after testing negative according to Okanogan County

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Vassar wins coed tournament

Club Sports Bar claims league title

OKANOGAN — A coed softball team sponsored by Vassar Electric, Tonasket, won a tournament Aug. 28 at the Plex. Vassar started the tournament with a 7-20 loss to the Turtles, Sumas, said tournament director Shirley Bowden. After that, Vassar won four games in a row, topping El Torito 13-12, Eagle Rock, 14-8, Hey NDN 19-9 and Club Sports Bar 8-3. Club had four wins going into that game, 13-3 over El Torito, 10-3 over Hey NDN, 6-3 over Turtles and 16-8 over Eagle Rock. Head to head, Vassar won the tournament with the Club placing second. Hey NDN placed third by beating Turtles 14-13 in the last games. Hey NDN started the tournament with a win over Eagle Rock, 11-10, then lost to the Club 10-3 and beat El Torito 12-11. Teams voted for all-stars after each game. Honorees were:

- Vassar Electric — Bjorn Thompson and Sabrina Keys.
- Club Sports Bar — Shawn Townsend and Andrea Schmitt.
- Hey NDN — Marshall Pakootas and Lynn Hoover.
- Turtles — Devin Dykes and Valencia Tapun.
- Eagle Rock — Shawn Ingraham and Kate Windser.
- El Torito — Craig Hall and Mirah Ray.

In league play, Club Sports Bar won the league title with a 13-3 record. Each team was scheduled for 20 games, but not all were played, said Bowden.



Kenny Barrett of Turtles, Sumas, keeps his eye on the ball as he catches it in the outfield. AL CAMP | Special to The Chronicle

Final standings

Club Sports Bar	13-3
Eagle Rock	11-9
El Torito	10.5-5.5
Hey NDN	9.5-10.5
Boo Yaa	5-12
Exit Real Estate	4-13

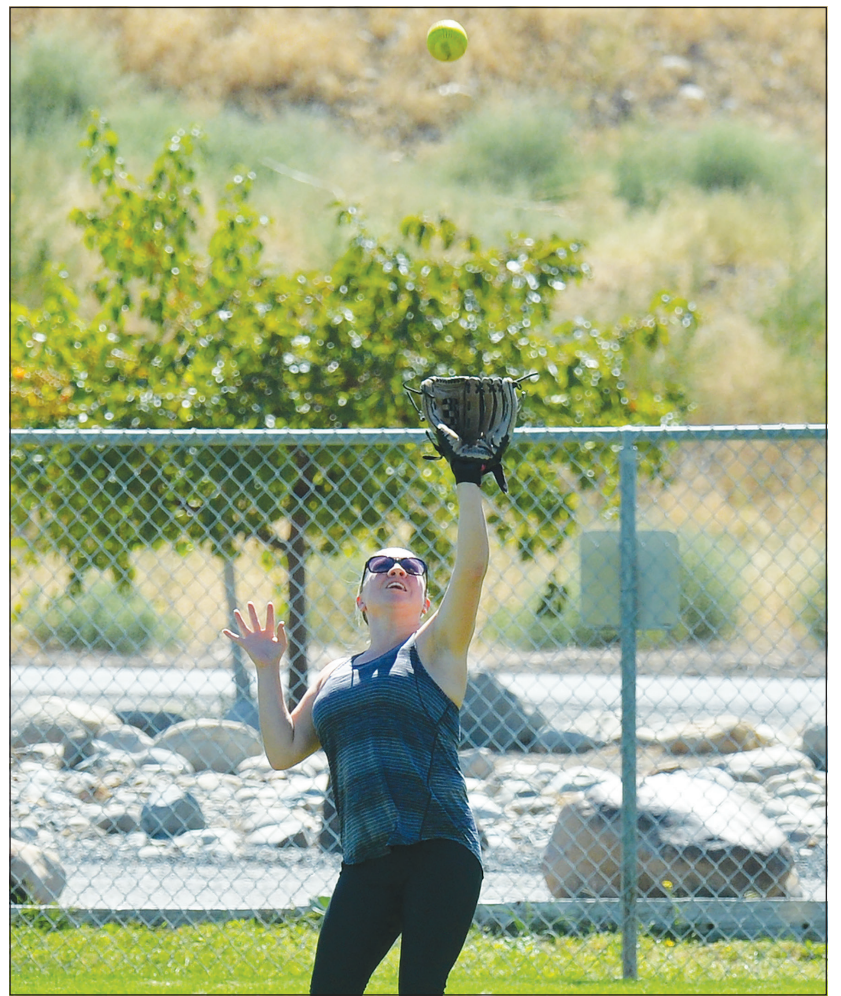
All-stars

(Voted by opposing team)
 Club Sports Bar — Hunter Rubert and Kayla Wells.
 Eagle Rock — Eli Driessen and Michelle Jane.
 El Torito — Brandon Ray and

Yvonne Hart.
 Hey NDN — Gavin Cohen and Morgan Smith.
 Boo Yaa — Ed Wolfe and Riki Wippel.
 Exit Real Estate — Richard Vassar and Leoni Johnson.



Shawn Ingraham (above, left) gets a fist bump after hitting a home run for Eagle Rock. Trinity Fjellman (right) goes up for a fly ball hit by her dad. AL CAMP | Special to The Chronicle



Bowling, 11, tops all shooters in Okanogan

OKANOGAN — Reed Bowling, 11, topped all other shooters — including some with decades of experience — to win the Okanogan Wildlife Council's .22 sporting rifle match Aug. 28. Spokesman Ralph Malone said Bowling's achievement was remarkable. Good weather prevailed, with crystal clear skies and comfortable temperatures, Malone said. Eight junior shooters and nine adults filled out their scorecards. The junior division was broken into junior bi-pod, junior sling supported, intermediate and senior. Weston Watson was first in junior bi-pod, with Cyrus Kruse taking first in junior sling supported. "These are really little guys and it was great to see their success," said Malone. Reed Bowling took top honors in the intermediate class of the junior division with a score of 568 and 14 X's out of a possible 600 points. He earned a bronze award pin from the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

"The funny part is that this wasn't his personal best, which is a 569-13X that he fired in practice a week earlier," Malone said. Top honors for seniors of the junior division went to Tegan Watson with a personal best score of 527 with 11 X's. Chad Cleveland put up consistent scores in the mid-90s to take top honors in the adult division with a 567 and 11 X's. "We were excited to have Melissa Rauch, former member of the Washington State Junior Highpower Rifle Team, take up the rifle again, and she proved that the training and discipline that she had in her teens has stuck with her for a strong second place score of 564-11X," said Malone. "Brien Bowling followed close behind with a 556-22X." Junior bi-pod — 1, Weston Watson, 474. Junior sling support — 1, Cyrus Kruse, 370. Junior intermediate — 1, Reed Bowling, 568. 2, Joe Kruse, 488. 3, Ryann Park, 477. 4, Colton Stansbury, 386.



Reed Bowling, 11, shows his winning score cards. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Junior senior — 1, Tegan Watson, 527. 2, Frank Eylar, 511.
 Adult — 1, Chad Cleveland, 567. 2, Melissa Rauch, 564. 3, Brien Bowling, 556. 4, Ralph Malone, 553. 5, Missy Eylar, 544. 6, Spencer Cleveland, 543. 7, Jared Park, 538. 8, Jason Eylar, 514. 9, Nate Kruse, 513.