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Chad Finley of Mt. Vernon competes in calf roping with a time of 8.2 at the Grant County NPRA Rodeo on Saturday.

## MT. VERNON COWBOY ROPES IN VICTORY AT NPRA RODEO

### Bulls take "4-0 win"

By Angel Carpenter  
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Northwest cowboys and cowgirls competed at the Sept. 9-10 Grant County Rodeo, one of the last NPRA rodeos of the regular season.

Local competitor Chad Finley of Mt. Vernon placed first in calf roping with a time of 8.20, winning \$576.

The win advances Finley to the No. 10 spot going into the Sept. 23-24 NPRA Finals in Prineville. He'll also compete at the Sept. 14-17 Pendleton Round-Up.

"It was needed," he said. "I went a couple weeks without winning a check, and I was blessed to win at my hometown rodeo. I give God the glory."

Finley said he wanted to thank his sponsors and his family for their support.

Trisha (Legg) McCoin of Terrebonne, a Grant Union High School graduate, competed for fifth place in breakaway roping, winning \$226.80.

Other local competitors at the Grant County NPRA Rodeo included:



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Grant Union High School graduate Trisha McCoin of Terrebonne makes a successful throw of her rope in breakaway roping at Saturday's Grant County NPRA Rodeo in John Day.

ed: Ty Holly of Mt. Vernon, calf roping; GW Clark of Long Creek, steer wrestling; David Clark of Long Creek, steer wrestling; Tucker Wright of Canyon City, steer wrestling; Angie Finley of Mt. Vernon, barrel racing; and Cauy Pool of Long Creek, a senior at Monument School, novice division, bareback.

Wright and Holly also qualified for the NPRA Finals, and Holly

will also compete at the Pendleton Round-Up.

In the bull riding event, the bulls "beat" the cowboys 4-0.

#### Results:

Name, score/time, winnings	Bareback
Austin Foss, 79, \$403	
Kevin Lusk, 76, \$302	
Brent Bannon, 74, 202	
Kyle Braude, 72, \$101	
	Saddle Bronc

Jake Clark, 82, \$480  
Justin Chappell, 76, \$360  
Joseph Scott III, 65, \$240  
Charlie Barker, 64, \$120

#### Tie Down Roping

Chad Finley, 8.20, \$576  
Shane Erikson, 9.70, \$432  
Michael Pederson, 10.80, \$288  
Wyatt Williams, 11.50, \$144

#### Steer Wrestling

Ryan Opie, 5.50, \$605  
JT Garland, 6.20, \$454  
Colin Wolfe, 9.90, \$302  
Jared Parke, 10.70, \$151

#### Team Roping

Brian Reay, 6.30, \$752  
Chase Hansen, 6.30, \$752  
Shane Erickson, 6.70, \$622  
Quade Patzke, 6.70, \$622  
Ryan Opie, 6.80, \$492  
Tyler Opie, 6.80, \$492  
Cully Stafford, 7.00, \$363  
Gavin Stafford, 7.00, \$363  
Austin Stafford, 7.90, \$233  
Dayton Stafford, 7.90, \$233  
Tom Nelson, 8.30, \$130  
Bob Thompson, 8.30, \$130

#### Breakaway Roping

Jade Crossley, 2.10, \$668  
Kayla Tiegs, 2.10, \$668  
Sarah Morrissey, 2.50, \$479  
Rylee Potter, 2.80, \$353  
Trisha McCoin, 3.00, \$227  
Bailey Minor, 3.10, \$126

#### Barrel Racing

Danyelle Williams, 17.78, \$668  
Breann Ary, 18.21, \$552  
Bekkie Bowerman, 18.24, \$438  
Savannah Greenfield, 18.27, \$322  
Elle Beulkelman, 18.30, \$161  
Jade Crossley, 18.30, \$161

## Panther/Bulls ready for 'dynamite' football season

### Team includes eight seniors

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Senior linebacker Daniel Isenberger had one word to describe the Prairie City/Burnt River football season, "dynamite" — the Greek root word for "dynamite."

He said he hopes the eight seniors on the team will "take out this season with a bang."

The Panther/Bulls roster is at 23 this year, and head coach Darrel McKrola, in his third season coaching, said the team is passionate about the sport and showing a good work ethic.

This is the second year Prairie City and Burnt River have combined for a team.

McKrola has added help in returning assistant coach John Belveal and new assistant coach Nate Barber, who has experience playing college football and coaching high school football.

"We love working with Burnt River," McKrola said. "John Belveal brings patience and passion to the table, which is huge when melding a team of this variety together, and the boys all get along really well."



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Assistant coach Nate Barber watches as Devon Packard tackles Jin Kim in practice drills on Wednesday.

He added Barber brings "a lot to the table."

A new social studies teacher at Prairie City School this year, Barber played college football for Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, and Brigham Young University in Provo. Barber also has 15 years of experience coaching high school football.

McKrola said league will be tough this season. The team is playing eight-man junior varsity ball.

"We will face some big kids and some fast kids, but

with a deeper bench, I feel like we can do well this year," he said.

Opponents in the league include Monument/Dayville, Jordan Valley, Crane, Adrian and Harper/Huntington.

Prairie City/Burnt River will face Monument/Dayville, which also has a junior varsity team this year, at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23 in Unity.

McKrola said in the past there has been some "bad blood" between the two teams.

"We are putting a huge em-

phasis on sportsmanship with our boys and hope to make an impression throughout the league," McKrola said.

The Panther/Bull roster includes seven freshmen, four sophomores, four juniors and eight seniors, with varied levels of experience in the sport.

There are eight returning players. Others are playing again for the first time in a few years, and some are new to the sport.

"We have some speed this year with Brogan McKrola, Nathan Maloy, Cody Propeck



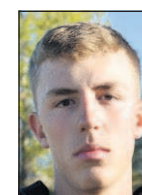
Tyler Belveal



Daniel Isenberger



Nathan Maloy



Brogan McKrola



Devon Packard



Cody Propeck



Wyatt Williams



Matt Siddoway

### Prairie City/Burnt River 2016 football season

**Sept. 17:** @ Echo/Cove in North Powder at 5 p.m.  
**Sept. 23:** vs. Monument/Dayville in Unity at 1 p.m.  
**Sept. 30:** @ Jordan Valley in Jordan Valley at 12 p.m.  
**Oct. 7:** vs. Crane (homecoming Prairie City) in Prairie City at 7 p.m.  
**Oct. 13:** vs. Harper (homecoming Burnt River) in Unity at 1 p.m.  
**Oct. 21:** @ Harper/Huntington at 12 p.m.  
**Oct. 28:** Cross District Playoff in Prairie City at 7 p.m.

and other boys," coach McKrola said. "Wyatt Williams is quarterback and team captain. He's a great leader."

Matt Siddoway, Tyler Belveal and Devon Packard are on the line, with Brogan McKrola, Maloy and Propeck

in the back field, he said.

"We have some size to our line that I haven't had yet," the coach said. "They have good attitudes and work ethic, and they like to have fun."

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# Grant County sports roundup

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

#### Prairie City volleyball

Prairie City's volleyball team came away with a 3-0 victory on the road in Halfway on Friday, facing the Pine Eagle Spartans.

The Panthers' first set was a close 28-26 win. Then they pulled away with strong finishes in the second and third, 25-14 and 25-19.

On Wednesday last week, Prairie City was up against the Grant Union junior varsity in John Day. The Panthers competed but came up with a 2-3 loss with scores of 20-25, 28-26, 27-25, 17-25 and 9-15.

"The games last week showed us the continued improvement our team is making, and their increasing ability to make game-time adjustments," said Panther co-coach Louanne Zweygardt.

#### Grant Union volleyball

Grant Union won a volleyball match in Culver and won two at the Canby Tournament.

Grant Union head coach Shae Speth said Culver is a strong team with experience in key positions.

The Prospectors won 3-1 with scores of 20-25, 25-23, 25-21 and 25-23.

"We did not pass well the first set, but made adjustments late in that set to be able to run our offense more effectively," Speth said. "We served better than we have been, and played more aggressively on defense."

In Canby, Grant Union fared well against 5A and 6A teams.

In bracket play, Grant Union won 2-1 over 5A Putnam, lost 0-2 to 6A Grant, then claimed a 2-0 win over 6A Jefferson.

"We were very competitive with Grant, and even had a large lead in the second set," Speth said. "The biggest change in playing up so many levels was with serving. We struggled to pass the ball well consistently, and therefore, we played out of system quite a bit."

She said the tournament was a great opportunity to play the game at a higher level.

"It should definitely benefit us as we move forward throughout the season," she said.

While on the road, the Prospectors also took in the Oregon-Illinois volleyball match on Friday night in Eugene.

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