

Prepping for the homestretch

Gold Rush Run gives Prospectors a final tune-up going into districts

By **JUSTIN DAVIS**
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The Grant Union boys and girls teams hosted 12 other cross country squads for the Gold Rush Run on Friday, Oct. 21, at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day in preparation for the district meet at the end of the month.

Both the boys and girls squads finished in sixth place on the afternoon, with the Prospectors having one individual medalist at the meet.

The top three teams in the meet on the girls side were Burns, Heppner and Baker, which finished with scores of 36, 51 and 58 points. Top three teams for the boys were Baker, Crook County and Heppner, with scores of 46, 57 and 73 points.

The Grant Union girls team finished with 137 points and was paced by Maddie Bailey. Bailey finished 21st out of 44 runners in the 5,000-meter varsity race with a time of 23:33.1.



By Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle
Grant Union's Brady Dole tries to stay ahead of Baker's Thaddeus Pepera during the Gold Rush Run at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022. Dole would finish sixth in the race.

Other Lady Pro runners finished 31st, 32nd, 33rd and 40th. The fastest time of the second wave of Lady Pro finishers was run by Aliciana Archibald, who finished with a time of 25:07.3.

Macy Carter posted a time of 25:30.2, followed Abbie Justice with

a time of 26:02.0 and the lone freshman on the ladies squad, Jamie Van De Hey, who finished with a time of 29:01.7.

The Grant Union boys team finished with 136 points and was led by Brady Dole, who was the team's sole medalist on the afternoon. Dole finished

in sixth place out of 56 runners in the 5,000-meter varsity race with a time of 16:34.6.

The next-fastest runner for the Pros was Quinn Larson, who finished 29th with a time of 18:26.9. Landon Boyd and Tyler Parsons weren't far behind Larson, finishing 38th and 39th, respectively.

Boyd finished with a time of 19:45.1 while Parsons finished the race with a time of 20:02.6. Other racers for the Pros were Skylor Boyd, who finished with a time of 20:24.2, and Benjamin Finley, who finished with a time of 25:30.6.

Grant Union cross country coach Sonna Smith said her team ran a great race in preparation for the district meet in Pendleton. "They ran very well. This course is flat and a lot of hard surface, so it gives outstanding times," Smith said.

"My whole boys team has the best times they've had all season. It doesn't hurt that it's a home course, too," Smith added.

The girls team also logged some of their best times to date, setting both squads up to run their fastest races of the season at the district meet. "Most

of them felt good about their races, so that's always nice, because we're going into district next week and we wanted to have a positive race before district," Smith said.

Smith also said the race course at Seventh Street was good preparation for the district meet due to the courses being similar in nature. "Pendleton, we start out on grass and run a little longer than (we do) here. Then we go to a section where they're running on pavement again and they finish up on grass," she said.

"This course has less grass than Pendleton but it has the same start on grass and finish on grass. That is actually one reason we made it that way, so they would be ready for Pendleton," Smith said.

The boys' goal for the district meet is a top three finish, which would guarantee them a trip to the state meet. The girls have had some injuries, according to Smith, so their goal is to get to the district meet healthy and run the best race they can as individuals.

The 3A/2A/1A Special District 3 cross country championships will take place on Friday, Oct. 28, at the Community Park in Pendleton.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

Prairie City volleyball round 1 state tournament vs. Sherman, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

Dayville/Monument football vs. Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler, 1 p.m.

Grant Union football vs. Weston-McEwen/Griswold, 7 p.m.

Prairie City football vs. Echo, 7 p.m.

Grant Union cross country 3A/2A/1A Special District 3 championship @ Pendleton Community Park.
Home games in bold

25-22 and 25-21.

Prairie City volleyball punches ticket to state tourney

PRAIRIE CITY — The Lady Panther volleyball team picked up a 3-0 home win on Thursday, Oct. 20, against Dayville/Monument in preparation for league tournament play. Game scores for the match were 25-11, 25-9 and 25-11.

The contest was the last of the year for the Dayville/Monument Lady

The first of two matches in High Desert League tournament play pitted the Lady Panthers against the Lady Antelopes of Adrian on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Adrian High School. The match saw both teams trade wins which forced a decisive fifth game to determine the match winner.

The Lady Panthers would fall 15-5 in that final game and lose the first round matchup 3-2. Game scores for the match were 26-24, 25-20, 25-23, 27-25 and 15-5.

The second match in High Desert League tournament play also took place on Saturday, Oct. 22, and saw the Lady Panthers square off with the Lady Mustangs of Jordan Valley. The Lady Panthers rebounded from the tough loss to Adrian earlier in the day with a 3-0 sweep of the Lady Mustangs to qualify for the state tournament.

Game scores for the match were 25-9, 25-20 and 26-24. Prairie City will host Sherman of the Big Sky League in the opening round of the state tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Tipoff for that contest is scheduled for 5 p.m. at Prairie City High School.

Grant Union football loses 14-0 contest to Heppner

HEPPNER — The Grant Union football team traveled to Heppner to take on the 5-2 Mustangs, looking to stay alive in their quest for a 2A state football tournament berth. The Prospectors played a close game but ultimately fell 14-0 to the Mustangs.

The Pros have one game left in the 2022 campaign but are likely out of the running for the 16-team 2A state football tournament. The Pros are 2-6 on the season and will be looking to end the season on a high note when Weston-McEwen/Griswold comes to town on Friday, Oct. 27.

The game has a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Fifth-ranked Eagles overwhelm Tigers 55-18

JOSEPH — The Dayville/Monument football team traveled to Joseph to take on the fifth-ranked Eagles and got more than they bargained for, enduring a tough 55-18 road loss. The loss drops the Tigers to 2-5 on the season with an identical 2-5 record in league play.

The Tigers have one more game scheduled for the 2022 season and it doesn't get any easier as the Tigers host defending state champions Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler on Friday, Oct. 28. Kickoff for that game is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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RON LUNDBOM

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- Committed to sensible growth and continued progress
- #1 priority is the wastewater treatment facility completion
- Continue to work with the county on policing options that make sense for John Day
- Experienced—running 2 businesses
- Experienced—elected 2 terms councilor and 2 terms mayor
- Leadership, Experience, Integrity, Accountability
- Leadership and experience do matter
- The council and I have positioned John Day to be the model of success for years to come
- I support family values and traditions
- Stability, sensibility and success

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Shannon Adair, City Council

John Day has been my home for most of my life. I raised my family here, coached the high school dance team for 19 years and I'm currently the managing partner at 1188 Brewing Company. When I was in high school in the 80's our population was approximately 2100. We are now at 1640 and we need to turn that around by creating a desirable community for generations to come.

With your support, I would love to serve this community by continuing as a city councilor.

I support:

- The Waste Water Treatment Plant that not only treats waste, but will give the community an additional 80 million gallons of class A water for landscaping and irrigation, in addition to many other non-potable uses. This project has taken 6 years to plan and fund. It would be a mistake to try and go backwards and start over.
- Broadband to support remote jobs
- 3D Housing and private/public partnerships for additional housing
- Parks, Trails and Recreation for a more desirable community to live in
- Public Safety - I will continue to support county-wide solutions that don't charge only the citizens of John Day twice and are financially feasible
- Grant Funding for critical, complex projects
- Continued work on tourism to support our local businesses
- Job Creation by continuing to create desirable spaces that will draw business development to our community

With your vote, I will continue to work to move John Day forward to a more vibrant, exciting community that future generations will want to call home.

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