# Imbler hands Mustangs first loss September 26

The Imbler Panthers put a dent in the Heppner Mustangs' season record, beating the Mustangs, 18-0, in nonleague action at Imbler, Friday, Sept.

Both teams came into the game with a top 10 coaches' poll ranking with Heppner fourth and Imbler eighth. The game was tight and hardhitting and was much closer than the final score showed.

Both teams were conservative through the first quarter on the sunny day with temperatures in the 90s. Heppner turned the ball over deep in Panther territory with senior Casey Diehl intercepting Brian Koffler's flat pass at the Imbler 20 yard line. The Panthers needed only five plays with quarterback Ben Lowe sneaking the ball into the end zone for the score from the yard line. Chris Sykes blocked the pat and Imbler led 6-0.

The Mustangs tried to answer back on the next drive. Heppner drove 59 yards to the Imbler one yard line but were stuffed on two running plays and a fumbled snap on fourth down. Big plays on the drive were nine yard runs by Rod Zumwalt and Jim Schlaich and pass completions from Koffler to Ben Ewing and Schlaich.

The game tightened up in the second half. Both defenses stiffened and the game was played between the 30 yard lines with Mustangs Sykes, Schlaich, Brent Gunderson, Shaun Hisler and Eric Schonbachler leading the defensive charge while Imbler's two senior tackles Josh McDonald and Tony Porfily and linebackers Deal and Austin Bingaman

stopping the Mustangs. Midway through the fourth quarter, Heppner held the Panthers at the 10 yard line. After taking over on downs, the



Mustang receiver Rod Zumwalt (40) looks to haul in Brian Koffler pass

one from the 19 yard line. They went for it but Imbler held them after a fumbled exchange. Diehl scored immediately for the Panthers and they had a 12-0 lead. The Panthers scored a meaningless touchdown on an interception return as time expired, making the final score

Despite the lopsided score, the statistics were almost even. Imbler rushed the ball for 126 ed 92 yards. Koffler was 3-10 for 43 yards and lowe was 3-9 for 35 yards.

The Mustangs will jump into Columbia Basin Conference play, hosting the Umatilla Vikings, Friday, Sept. 22, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Umatilla has lost two games in their preseason to the Union Bobcats and the same Imbler Panthers. The winner of the game should have the inside track to a playoff berth. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

# **Blood drive**

The Heppner community is hosting a Red Cross blood drive at St. Patrick's Senior Center, 182 N. Main, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 2-6 p.m.

Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 105 pounds and be in good general health. To schedule a donation appointment, or for more information, call American Red Cross at 1-800-868-9057

Throughout the year, regional hospitals are filled with premature babies, cancer and surgery patients, accident victims and other ill and injured people who cannot live without blood transfusions, said a press release. Because whole blood is separated and transfused as components, just one blood donation can help up to four patients, said a Red Cross news release. Donors can give blood every 56 days or eight weeks.

### Time to order Jr. high annuals

Orders are now being taken for Heppner Junior High annuals. Annuals will be presold at \$16 each. Orders and payments will be taken at the high school office or see publications teacher, Linda Dutcher by Sept. 29.

#### **Booster club to** hold tailgate party

The Heppner Booster Club is sponsoring a tailgate party on Friday, Sept. 22, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds from 4-7 p.m. before the Heppner-Umatilla football game.

The dinner will include barbecued hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chili burgers, chili dogs, chips, brownies and drink.

Prices are \$3 for a hamburger or cheeseburger meal; \$4 for a chili burger meal; \$3.50 for a chili dog meal, and \$1.50 for a hot dog meal.

# Ron Currin wins steer wrestling

Ron Currin of Maupin beat his brother Tony Currin, Heppner, by .4 second in in the average going into the steer wrestling finals Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Ron won by .3 second after Tony made the day's fastest run with a time of 5.3. Ron followed with a run of 5.4.

Ron won the Bank of America Trophy, a custommade, hand-stamped roping saddle made by Boyer Saddlery of Hermiston and presented by Round-Up Queen Kimberly Hoeft. He also won a trophy buckle designed by the Pendleton Round-Up Association and donated by Master Printers/Agri-Times; a Resistol felt hat donated by Inland Empire Bank, a pair of Justin Ropers donated by the

Pendleton Branch of First Interstate Bank and a stainless steel Citizen watch with a sterling silver band presented by Loftus Jewelers.

Mike Beers of Powell Butte received the Mike Currin Memorial Award presented by the Currin family in memory of Mike, who died in a plane crash en route to a rodeo. The award is given by Mike's widow, Judy Currin Pederson, his brothers, Tony, Steve and Ron, and their parents, Ron

and Judy Currin of Buttercreek. The award goes to the high point Columbia River Circuit timed event cowboy at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Beers received the Mike Currin Memorial Award Trophy Saddle, made by Rich Boyer of Hermiston and hand-tooled by Shane Crossley.

#### St. Patrick's Senior Center **Bulletin Board**

There were 98 people present for the senior dinner Sept. 6. One meal was home delivered. Members of the Methodist Church served. Howard Gilliam won the meal ticket and Ada Werner the bingo ticket. Lynn Bibby and Elsie Huston were hostesses. Hearing aid assistance was given and blood pressures taken before the meal. The Senior Board met in the office following the meal and the quilters met in the dining room.

The menu for the birthday dinner Sept. 27 will be chicken ala king with rice, peas and carrots, biscuits, pears, birthday cake and ice cream. Members of the Lutheran church will serve.

The volunteers from the office and apartments folded Extension bulletins on Wednesday last week. There was one table of cards on Friday and nine watched the movie "Into the West"

The Red Cross will hold a blood drawing Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 2-6 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room.

The bus will leave for the Hardman Oyster Feed at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept 30. A few seats are still available.

Tim Cundell will bring his music to the Senior Center Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those attending are asked to bring finger foods for refreshments.

The knitting class is to begin Oct. 5. Call Anne Morter, Ione,

Other dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday exercise 10 a.m.; Wednesday blood pressure clinic 11 a.m., senior meal noon,

## Nordic Ski club to make plans

quilters 1 p.m.; Friday cards 2 p.m.; Sunday movie 7 p.m.

The Arbuckle Nordic Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Sept. 26, at the Episcopal

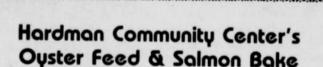
Church Parish Hall. The meeting will be devoted to setting up the schedule of

cross country ski classes and

outings for the coming winter

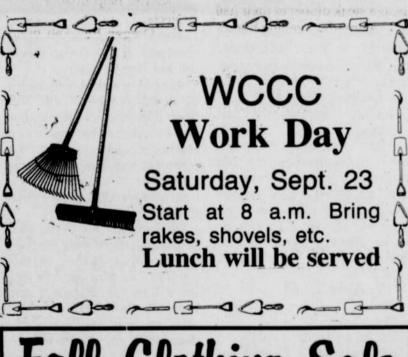
season. Anyone interested in cross country skiing is invited to attend the meeting.

Information about club activities may be obtained from club chairman, John Edmundson, 676-5177.



Ham Dinner - Homemade Desserts Saturday, September 30

> Dinner 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cook - Bob Allen Adults \$1000 Children \$450 Preschool Free





#### Cardinals defeat Wasco The Ione lady Cardinals Stephanie Haguewood with

traveled to Fossil Tuesday, Sept. 12, and came back with a 5-15, 15-7, win over the Wheeler County Falcons.

The match proved to be a long tough win for the lady Cardinals. The Falcons won the first game, 5-15. After nerves settled down and Ione started playing team ball, they won the second game, 15-7. The third game started our slowly for the Ione team, as they were unable to score until the third rotation. Wheeler then started having a tough time keeping their serves inbounds and Ione used their mistakes to make a run on the

Melissa McElligott was Ione's top scorer for the evening with points, followed by

six. Kara Miller and Stephanie Lemieux led the team with 27 set assists apiece. Suzy Heideman, Laree Anderson, Jenny Sullivan and McElligott all pulled in though hits and strong blocking. Dawn Boor and Marie Tworek were key factors for Ione's defense against a hard-hitting Wheeler team.

"It took us awhile to start pulling together as a team, but once we did we looked good. Ione's serve consistency was one of the key factors in winning the third game. This was our first league game of the season and it looks like our league will be tough again this season," said Ione head coach Charity McElligott.

#### Cardinals win first league game

The Ione Lady Cardinals defeated the Wasco County Redsides at Ione on Friday, Sept. 8. The first game of the season started out on a positive note when the Cardinals outscored the Redsides, 15-8 and 16-14.

Melissa McElligott served 100 percent with 11 serves and had six kills. Marie Tworek served 100 percent while Suzy Heideman had six blocks and 10 hits. La Ree Anderson served 100 percent with 100 percent on serve receives and six spikes. Dawn Boor also served 100 per-

cent and had eight good sets. Jenny Sullivan, Kara Miller, Stephanie Haguewood and Brenda Holtz also served 100 percent. Coach Charity McElligott commended the Ione lady Cardinals for their exception blocking and serve receives.

In JV action, the lady Cardinals lost 15-5, 5-15 and 9-15. Camie Crum, Jessica Krebs, Steffi Kohler and Nova Rietmann all served 100 percent. Team serving was 97 percent and diving digs were 100

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