

Grant Union Prospectors drop Mustangs

By Rick Paulus

The Heppner Mustangs ended their non-league season by losing 24-21 to Grant Union on Friday, Sept. 18, in John Day.

The Prospector received the opening kickoff and drove to the 17-yard line before the Mustangs' defense held. Aaron Matthews then kicked a 34 yard field goal to give Grant Union a 3-0 lead with 8:03 left in the first quarter.

Shane Matheny took the deep kickoff at the one-yard line and returned it to the 33. Derek Gunderson gained four yards on the first play. Levi Geer then took off up the middle 63 yards for the touchdown, getting a downfield block from Casey Evans. Blake Knowles kicked the extra point, giving Heppner a 7-3 lead with 6:47 left in the first quarter.

On the Prospectors' next possession, a fumble was recovered by Evans at Heppner's 27-yard line.

On the next play, however, the Prospectors' Mike Hanson intercepted a pass at the 35 and took it in for a touchdown. After a 15 yard penalty, Matthews kicked a 35 yard extra point for a 10-7 Grant Union lead with 4:52 left in the first quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, Geer got off a 45-yard punt to put the Prospectors back to their own 17-yard line. Grant Union fumbled the ball at the end of a long run which was picked up by Gunderson and returned to the 42 of the Prospectors.

After a short gain, Gunderson ran 10 yards for a first down, then got a good block from Kyle McDaniel on a screen pass from Matheny for 17 yards. Geer went for seven yards to the nine, but the drive stalled and the Mustangs were faced with a fourth and eight from the 13-yard line. After a time-out, Matheny hit Gunderson for a 13 yard touchdown pass. Knowles' kick was good to give the Mustangs a 14-10 lead with 7:23 left.

Grant Union then put together a 48 yard drive capped by an 11 yard run by Levi Watterston for a touchdown. Matthews' kick was good and the Prospectors led 17-14 with 3:33 left in the first half.

Neither team scored the rest of the first half as the Prospectors had a touchdown called back by a clipping penalty.

Matheny took the second half kickoff back to the 43-yard line. The Mustangs fumbled two plays later, however, and then recovered at their own 49-yard line.

Grant Union scored a short time later as Matthews hit Zach Williams for a 23 yard touchdown pass.

Matthews' kick was good to give the Prospectors a 24-14 lead with 9:09 left in the third quarter.

Matthews kickoff went into the end zone, giving the Mustangs the ball at the 20-yard line. The Prospectors' defense held, forcing a punt which they took to their own 45. The Mustangs' defense returned the favor and returned the punt to their own 17. The Mustangs were again forced to punt which the Prospectors took at their own 45. A Grant Union fumble was recovered by Clint Bellamy at the Prospectors' 43-yard line.

Craig Scott ran for five yards and Geer for one. Ryan Matteson then hit Tim Dickenson for a 36 yard completion to the one-yard line. Matteson then snuck it in for the touchdown. Knowles' kick closed the gap to 24-21 with 1:19 left in the third.

On the Prospectors' next possession, Matt Baker forced a fumble which Dickenson recovered at the Mustangs' 37-yard line.

The Mustangs couldn't get a first down as the Prospectors held just short at the 47 with 7:36 left in the game.

Geer picked off a Prospectors' pass and returned it to the Mustangs' 34-yard line. Grant Union's defense held and took over on downs with 3:00 left. The Prospectors drove down to the one-yard line but fumbled which was recovered by the Mustangs with only 38 seconds left. The Mustangs were unable to do anything and the game ended with Heppner on the short end of the 24-21 score.

The game against a good Grant Union team "could be the most valuable game of the season. It could help a lot later," according to coach Greg Grant.

The Mustangs' defense was led by Levi Geer's 23 defensive points, including an interception. Clint Bellamy had 22 points and a fumble recovery. Shane Matheny had 19 points and Derek Gunderson and Jared Eckman each had 13. Tim Dickenson and Michael Schonbachler each had 11. Casey Evans had 10 points.

Geer also led the rushing attack with 93 yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Schonbachler carried three times for 21 yards and Gunderson gained 18 yards on seven carries.

Matheny ended up 7-12 for 82 yards and a touchdown in the passing department. Ryan Matteson completed 2-4 passing for eight yards.

Gunderson caught five passes for 50 yards and a touchdown. Dickenson had one catch for 36

yards and Eckman caught one pass for five yards.

The Mustangs will be back in action on Friday, Sept. 25 as the Wahtonka Eagles come to town for Homecoming.

Stats:
Heppner: 7-7-0 21
Grant Union: 10-7-0 24
Scoring
First: G.U.-Aaron Matthews 34 yard field goal (8:03); Heppner-Levi Geer 63 yard run (Blake Knowles kick) 6:47; G.U.-Mike Hanson 35 yard interception return (Matthews kick) 4:52.
Second: Heppner-Derek Gunderson 13 yard pass from Shane Matheny (Knowles kick) 7:23; G.U.-Levi Watterston 11 yard run (Matthews kick) 3:33.
Third: G.U.-Zach Williams 23 yard pass from Matthews (Matthews kick) 9:09; Heppner-Ryan Matteson one yard run (Knowles kick) 1:19.
Fourth-none.

Rushing
Heppner: Geer 9-93, Michael Schonbachler 3-21, Gunderson 7-18, Craig Scott 1-5, Matheny 6-2, Matteson 1-1.

Passing
Heppner: Matheny 7-12-0-82, Matteson 2-4-1-8.

Receiving
Heppner: Gunderson 5-50, Tim Dickenson 1-36, Jared Eckman 1-5, Schonbachler 1-1, Geer 1-(-2).

Cardinals lose by a hair

By Jaysi Bennetto and Caitlin Orem

Prairie City brushed by lone with a 15-11, 16-14 win in non-conference IA high school volleyball action on Friday, September 11, at Prairie City.

The Cardinals played the Panthers close through both games only to falter at the end, coming up short.

The leading scorer for the Lady Cardinals was Katie Tworek with 11 points. Camie Burright also played well with four points for lone and right behind her was Charissa Gates with three points.

"We had a tough time getting anything going after the long bus trip to Prairie City," coach Charity McElligott said.

HHS class of 1968 reunion

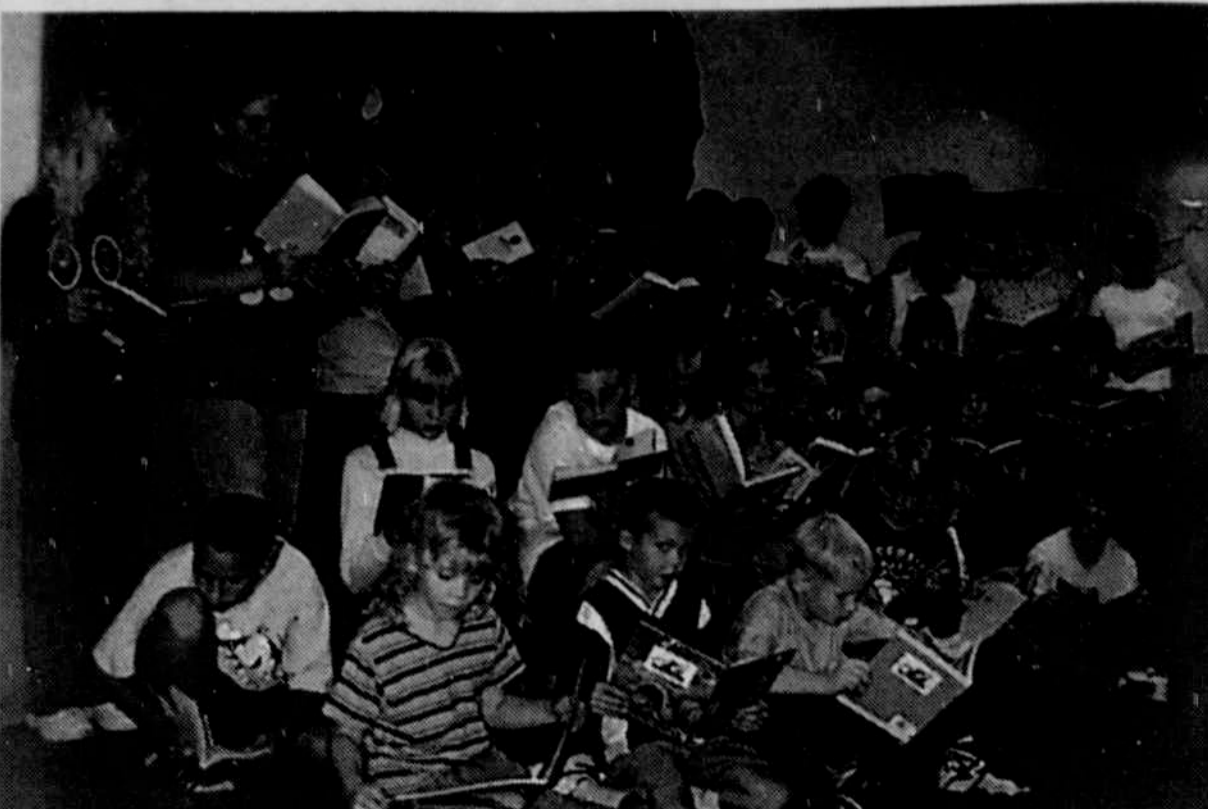
The Heppner High School class of 1968 will hold its 30 year reunion this Homecoming weekend, Sept. 25-26.

The reunion kicks off with the Friday night football game on Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be golf and a get-together at Willow Creek Country Club on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. Activities will end with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Corbin's Bowl and Diner.

For more information, call Susan Johnston, 676-5562.

Open house at HES takes on new look



Students and teachers Jannie Allen and Sherry Matteson "Fall into a Good Book", a reading program at Heppner Elementary School

Open house at Heppner Elementary School will take on a new look this year.

First of all, everyone who hasn't had the opportunity to really visit the new addition will get that chance at the annual fall open house on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. The staff and students are very proud of their new building and are anxious to show it off to visitors that evening.

Extra plans have been made, combining the open house with a night of books entitled "Fall Into A Good Book." The Parents' Club, staff members and teachers have been busy preparing for this event with many special activities and displays.

The popular Scholastic Book Fair will be open during the evening, organized and hosted by Parents' Club. There will also be a "book swap" where kids can choose a book from books donated by schoolmates and community members. If you have any children's books around the house that you'd like to donate, drop them by the school.

Classrooms and hallways will be showing off the theme "Fall Into A Good Book" with autumn displays and a wide variety of literature selections for children. Many Heppner High students will be on hand to supervise the displays, allowing teachers and parents to spend more time with the kids.

A special treat is a bat cave created by teachers Mary Haguewood and Cara Osmin. Also be sure to visit the library where there will be a presentation about the

accelerated reading program. This is a computer program that encourages young people to read, tests their comprehension and even does the bookkeeping. Author and illustrator Rebecca Dickenson will have a book signing at the reading night. Copies of her book, "The 13

Nights of Halloween", will be on sale.

"Plan to attend this exciting evening at Heppner Elementary," said a school spokesperson. "It is sure to be a very positive way to begin the school year and hopefully will help all readers, young and old, fall into a good book."

St. Patrick's/St. William's begin classes

St. Patrick's Parish has begun its fall religion classes.

Classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grade will be held each Sunday from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Joyce Graff will teach first grade. The subject will be "Jesus Loves Us".

Mike Armato will teach a sacramental program to second graders. Mark Miller will teach third and fourth grade how "Jesus Walks With Us". Bill Kuhn will teach how "Jesus Is The Promise" to the fifth and sixth grade. Kathy Cutsforth and Nova Sweeney will teach junior high that "Jesus Sets Us Free".

The Young Patrician High School Group will meet each Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. They will study the basics of Catholicism which will be taught by Kathy Cutsforth and Fr. Gerry Condon. This week will be Parents' Night, an evening of parent-student communication, followed by a pizza party. Any high school student who wishes to attend is welcome to do so.

Religion classes are in progress at St. William's, Ione, and begin each Sunday

morning at 9:30 a.m.

This year Lucy Tworek and Marlene Pointer will teach grades K-4; Jeri McElligott and Anita Orem will teach grades 5-8; and Jim and Eileen McElligott will teach the high school students. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Country Club work day changed

The work day at Willow Creek Country Club has been changed to Sunday, Oct. 11, beginning at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served.

Legion, Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet Monday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church basement for a pot-luck with the meeting to follow.

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