

# Mustangs set the clock running against Prospectors

The Heppner Mustang football team traveled to John Day last Friday and won the game against the Grant Union Prospectors by a score of 48-16. The Mustangs reached the 48 point mark just before half-time. The rest of the game was played with a running clock and everyone who was suited up for the team got to play in the game.

The Mustangs kicked off to start the game. Patrick Collins forced a fumble and Weston Putman scooped it up and returned it 20 yards to the three-yard line.

CJ Kindle ran the ball in from there for a touchdown. Logan Grieb kicked the point after touchdown to give Heppner a quick 7-0 lead.

The Heppner defense forced a GU punt and it didn't take long for the Mustangs to score again. A six-play drive that featured two long pass plays from quarterback Kaden Clark to Kindle led to another touchdown when Clark ran it in from six yards out. That gave the Mustangs a 13-0 lead.

Clark intercepted a Prospector pass on their next possession to give Heppner good field position.

Two more pass plays from Clark to Kindle, one which covered 30 yards, set up another touchdown when Tommy Bredfield ran it in from 17 yards out. That gave Heppner a 19-0 lead with 5:13 left in the first quarter.

Another six-play drive that included a 33-yard run by Clark, ended with a score when Kindle ran the ball in from one yard out. A two-point conversion was scored when Clark hit Grieb with a pass in the back of the end zone to make the score 27-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Grant Union stopped the Mustangs on their first possession of the second quarter. Grieb punted the ball deep into GU territory. Three plays later Collins recovered a fumble at the 11 yard line. Grieb scored



The Prospectors took down Mustang Tommy Bredfield (42) but couldn't take the ball last Friday. Bredfield led the Mustangs in rushing with 105 yards and a touchdown during the team's crushing victory over Grant Union. —Photo by Sandra Putman

the Mustangs' next touchdown when he powered it in from one yard out. Grieb then kicked the PAT and the score was 34-0 with just over six minutes left in the first half.

On the next GU possession, Kindle stepped in front of a Prospector pass and intercepted it. He then ran it back 51 yards to the three-yard line. Grieb then took a hand-off from Clark and powered the ball in three for the touchdown. Grieb kicked the PAT and that made the score 41-0.

The GU quarterback was picked off again by Kindle on their next possession. Kindle rumbled 20 yards down the sideline with the interception and scored. Grieb made the PAT kick and the score was 48-0 at halftime.

The second half was played with a running clock, and the JV Mustang team gained some valuable varsity experience. The young Mustangs did a great job of sustaining a couple of long drives of their own. They also made GU work very hard to get their two scores. When the final horn ended on the night, the score was Heppner 48,

Grant Union 16.

Clark ended the night 4-5 passing for 81 yards. Kindle caught all four of those passes for the 81 yards. Tommy Bredfield led the team in rushing with 105 yards and a touchdown. Clark rushed for 23 yards and a score and Kindle had 11 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Grieb carried the ball three times for nine yards and two touchdowns.

Lots of players had tackles for the Mustangs. Saul Erickson led the team with seven and Putman recorded six. With five tackles each were Collins, Kindle, Tommy Bredfield, Kevin Murray and Wyatt Steagall. With three tackles were Tim Jaca, Coby Dougherty, Zach Bredfield and Derek Howard. Grieb had two tackles along with Jake Lindsay, Kevin Smith and Cason Mitchell. Recording one tackle each were Ryan Smith, Beau Wolters, Ethan Akers, Kaden Corbin, Peyton Lehman, Trey Cimmoyotti and Jacob Wallace.

The Mustangs have their first home game of the year this Friday night when they play the Enterprise Savages. Game time is 7 p.m. at Les Payne Field.

# Chamber lunch meeting

Melisa Drugge, Heppner's Business Oregon representative, will speak at the next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of

Commerce will on Thursday, Sept. 17, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10; Heppner Family

Foods will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

# Heppner cross-country team makes strides in competition

The Heppner cross country program continues to make progress with its young, first-year team.

On Friday the Mustangs competed in the Catherine Creek Scamper held at the Catherine Creek State Park near Union, OR.

The course was not one to set records on, but was one of the most fun courses the athletes have run so far. Trails, mud, creek crossings and a mud hole known to eat shoes were all encountered in the 3.1 mile course.

The Heppner boys placed eighth as a team out of 16 schools; schools ranged in size from 2A to 5A. Running for Heppner in Friday's meet were Trent Smith, Hunter Nichols, Skyler Palmer, Mitchell Van Gunten, Reno Ferguson, Gibson McCurry and Jimmy Adams.

In the middle school 1.5 mile race there were 96 girls. Running for Heppner were Madelyn Nichols (fifth place) and Hannah Palmer (29th place).

Wednesday, Sept. 16, Heppner will host a meet with The Dalles starting at 3 p.m. at Heppner High School.



Above right: Madelyn Nichols (left) and Hannah Palmer after their run through the challenging Catherine Creek trail course. Right: Skyler Palmer slogs through the Catherine Creek course last Friday. The Mustangs placed eighth as a team. —Contributed photos

# Red Barn 5k this Saturday

Local walkers and runners, as well as anyone who wants to bring the family out for a fun event on a fall day, are invited to the Red Barn 5k this Saturday, Sept. 19.

The event will include a one-mile, two-mile or five kilometer run/walk. Registration will be held that morning from 7:45-8:15 a.m. at the Latter-day Saints church in Lexington, on the

corner of Hwy. 74 and Tom St. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. Cost to participate is \$5, or \$10 for a t-shirt. Proceeds go to the Morrow County cross country team.

# BMCC inmate education program receives \$10K classroom technology grant

PENDLETON, Ore.— Inmates participating in corrections education programs at Eastern Oregon and Two Rivers correctional institutions (EOCI and TRCI) will be brought into the 21st Century thanks to a \$10,000 Wildhorse Foundation grant that will allow the program to purchase technology equipment for classrooms at both locations.

Blue Mountain Community College facilitates inmate education programs at EOICI in Pendleton and TRCI in Umatilla, as well as Powder River Correctional Institution in Baker City.

Many inmates have the opportunity to earn their General Education Degrees (GED) through the program. BMCC operates 34 classes per quarter at these two institutions, and has 27 staff members connected to corrections education.

The \$10,000 Wildhorse Foundation grant will allow BMCC to purchase two classrooms' worth of technology equipment to place on wheeled carts at EOICI and TRCI so that the equipment can be transported between classrooms at both locations. Equipment will include laptops, projectors and document cameras. Around 800 students at

the two institutions will be impacted by this new equipment. "We are very thankful to the Wildhorse Foundation for helping to support our educational program at each of our institutions," said John Thomas, BMCC's Associate Vice President for Corrections Education.

"These programs really show these men that they can value their education and can accomplish good things."

Thomas said that program teachers Jason Villers and Brian Bradley were instrumental in developing the grant, and praised their work.



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