

# Middle school cross country continues to dominate

The boys' and girls' middle school cross country teams recently competed in the Eastern Oregon Championships in Pendleton. This new meet combines all middle school teams from eastern Oregon into one race. The divisions include a fifth/sixth-grade race and a seventh/eighth-grade race.

On the girls' side, both Lily Nichols, second, and Sierra Greenup, eighth, made medal finishes in the fifth/sixth-grade race. In the girls seventh/eighth-grade race, Zandra Masterson had a strong medal finish in fourth place. Top ranked Alex Cavan could not run due to illness but still holds the number one ranking.

For the boys, Heppner continued their top form. As a team the seventh/eighth-grade boys placed first overall, were crowned Eastern Oregon Champions and were presented a champion's plaque. The team finished 29 points better than second place LaGrande. Top finishers included Trevor Nichols, third, David Cribbs, 13<sup>th</sup>, Keegin Chitty, 18<sup>th</sup>, Saul Lopez, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ty Boor, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Caden George, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Both teams then traveled to Monmouth and Western Oregon University for the state middle school championships. Over 1400 runners competed in this event and both teams did quite well. The boys fin-



Girls' team members are (L-R): Zandra Masterson, Sierra Greenup, Lily Nichols and Alex Cavan. -Contributed photo.



The middle school cross country boys' team consists of (L-R): David Cribbs, Ty Boor, Trevor Nichols, Caden George, Saul Lopez and Keegin Chitty. -Contributed photo.

ished 11<sup>th</sup> in state as a team with Trevor Nichols medaling in 18<sup>th</sup> place overall. David Cribbs and Keegin Chitty also finished in the top 100, with Saul Lopez, Ty Boor and Caden George

close behind. On the girls' side Lily Nichols, Alex Cavan and Zandra Masterson all cracked the top 100 with Sierra Greenup finishing well also.

# Mustangs wrap up championship

The Heppner Mustang football team wrapped up the championship of the Blue Mountain Conference with a convincing 51-12 win over the Stanfield Tigers. The Mustangs are 7-2 overall and finished conference play a perfect 4-0. They will move on and host a state playoff game against the Kennedy Trojans on Friday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. The Trojans (7-2, 4-2) are the third place team from Special District 2.

Against the Tigers, Heppner scored on seven of their ten possessions. Their first score came on only the second play of the game as Blake Wolters took a handoff and ran the ball 40 yards for the touchdown. The Mustangs then scored

the 2 pt. conversion when quarterback Jayden Wilson threw to Logan Burrignt. The score was 8-0 only forty-seven seconds into the game.

The Mustang defense then stopped the Tigers and the Heppner offense only needed three plays to score again. On their first play of the drive, Wilson threw to Gavin Hanna-Robinson who ran down the sideline for a gain of 56 yards. Two plays later Heppner scored when Wilson hit Mason Lehman with a 28-yard pass completion for the touchdown. Mason Lehman then ran the ball in for the 2 pt. conversion to make the score 16-0 halfway through the first quarter.

The next time Heppner

got the ball they went on a six-play, 49-yard drive, that ended in a score when Wolters burst through the middle of the Mustang offensive line and ran the ball 30 yards for a touchdown. That made it 22-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Stanfield scored the next time they had the ball to make the score 22-6. The teams then traded possessions until the Mustangs got the ball back with just over four minutes left in the half. A four-play drive that was highlighted by 19- and 22-yard runs by Mason Lehman, a 20-yard run by Wolters and a 12-yard scamper by Wilson, ended when Mason Lehman carried the ball 13 yards for a touchdown. Wilson then

# Heppner cross country performs well at districts



The Heppner cross country team members sitting are (L-R): Madelyn Nichols, Mackenzie Heideman, Stephany Dubry, Sarah Knop, Hanna Finch and Gracie Jewett. Standing (L-R): Coach Russ Nichols, Kamron Drury, Trevor Antonucci, Hunter Nichols, Hayden Qualls, Joseph Sherman, Christian Dubry, Tyson Vawser, Angell Matthew, Colt Parker, Carson Brosnan, Roer Waite, Leo Waite, Jacob Wallace and Coach Toni Nichols. -Contributed photo.

The boys and girls Mustang cross country teams competed at the district meet in Pendleton on Friday, Oct. 26. The boys competed against 11 teams in the combined 1/2A competition, while the girls had 14 teams in their combined 1/2/3A race. Only the top two teams and five individuals overall can qualify for the state meet.

On the boys side there was tough competition against the number one state ranked Union team and the sixth ranked Stanfield Tigers, but the boys ran well claiming a second place team finish and securing a team entry into the state meet on Nov. 3 at Lane Community College in Eugene. The Union boys team

won the meet and Stanfield was a distant third.

Top individuals on the boys' side were Hunter Nichols in third place, Hayden Qualls in ninth and Colt Parker rounding out the podium in 10<sup>th</sup> place. Close behind were Trevor Antonucci in 11<sup>th</sup>, Leo Waite in 12<sup>th</sup>, Tyson Vawser in 14<sup>th</sup> and Christian Dubry in 18<sup>th</sup>. The boy's second place total score was 45, which was 41 points better than number three Stanfield.

The girl's team also had a tremendous day. Although there were no state qualifiers, the team finished in a strong and surprising fourth place, in one of the toughest districts in the state. Unfortunately,

the girls have to compete against 3A teams as well which made their task difficult as they were in second place among 1/2A teams.

Top finishers for the girls included Madelyn Nichols 17<sup>th</sup>, Mackenzie Heideman 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sarah Knop 31<sup>st</sup>, Hanna Finch 36<sup>th</sup>, Kylie Boor 38<sup>th</sup> and Hannah Palmer 55<sup>th</sup>.

Next up for the boys is the state meet this Saturday, Nov. 3. The boys come in ranked third in state in the coach's poll and are hoping to earn a state trophy. Hunter Nichols is ranked third individual in the state, but several other Mustang runners have a shot at the podium as well.



Jason Rea (62) and Kellen Grant (51) prepare to block for Jayden Wilson as he runs the ball. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

threw to Mason Lehman for the 2 pt. conversion to now make the score 30-6.

Kellen Grant then kicked off and the ball traveled just over 10 yards. A Mustang player jumped on it to give Heppner possession near midfield. On the very next play, Wilson found Mason Lehman open behind the Tiger defense and hit him with a 49-yard touchdown pass. Conor Brosnan kicked the extra point to make the score 37-6 at halftime.

The first time the Mus-

tangs got the ball in the second half they only needed five plays to score again. Wilson once again threw a pass to Mason Lehman who scored from 30 yards out. That made the score of the game 43-6 halfway through the third quarter.

After a Stanfield punt, Wilson handed the ball to Wolters who raced 54 yards before he was tackled at the eight yard line. On the next play, Hanna-Robinson ran the ball in for the touchdown. Wilson then scored the 2 pt. conversion

to make the score 51-6 with five minutes left in the third quarter. The 45 pt. rule kicked in and the rest of the game would be played with a running clock. The Heppner coaches substituted freely and let many of the reserves and younger players into the game at this point.

Stanfield scored on their next possession to make the score of the game 51-12 at the end of the third quarter. The teams traded

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