

BEO wrestling tournament coming up

Invitational on Feb. 7 is the seventh annual

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HEPPNER – Grant Union wrestlers are among the teams invited to compete in the Bank of Eastern Oregon 2015 Invitational Wrestling Tournament, set for Feb. 7 at Heppner High School.

Also on the list are Adrian, Baker, Crane, Culver, Elgin, Enterprise, Heppner,

Imbler, Irrigon, Joseph, MacHi, Pine Eagle, Riverside, Union, and Wallowa.

The action will start at 10 a.m. The Bank of Eastern Oregon invites the public to come and watch; tickets can be purchased at the door and concessions will be available.

Mark Lemmon, Bank of Eastern Oregon's Chief Financial Officer and Heppner High School wrestling coach, has been instrumental in organizing the bank's sponsorship of the event.

"The bank's management has been very involved in establishing this annual

tournament and looks forward to the 2015 competition. The first six years of the event were outstanding, and we intend the BEO Invitational to be a 'can't miss' tournament on every school's future schedule," said Lemmon.

He lauded the bank staff and citizens who help, volunteer and sponsor the event.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Heppner High School Athletic Director Greg Grant at 541-676-9138, or Lemmon at 541-676-0224.

Long Creek/Ukiah takes in losses

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LONG CREEK – The Long Creek/Ukiah boys and girls basketball teams were hampered by illness during last week's games.

Hosting Adrian on Friday at the Long Creek gym, the

boys put points on the board, but lost 27-65.

Scoring the high points for the game were Wyatt Alford with 8 points and Sam Studtmann with 7.

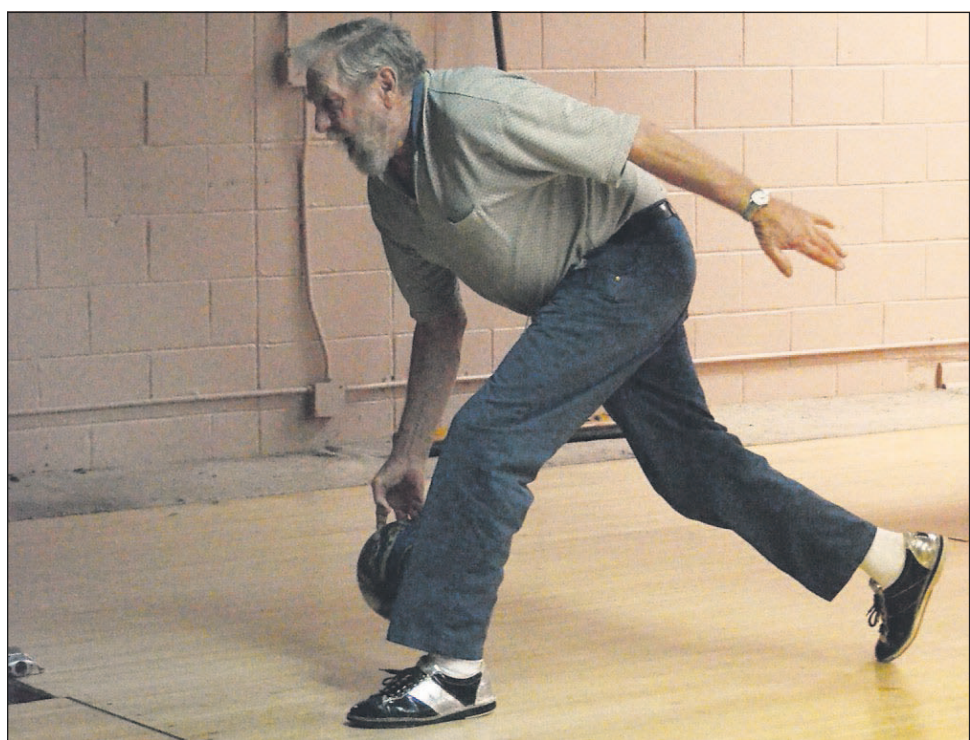
The boys lost 25-68 to Crane on Saturday.

For the girls, Long Creek/

Ukiah lost 10-60 to Adrian.

Bruna Faldi scored 4 points in the game and Emalie Gulden, Lea Petruccello and SeWeon Park each had 2.

The team took an 11-66 loss to Crane, using just five players after one injured her knee in the game.



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Duane Daniels takes part in Nooners senior league Jan. 14.

Bowling results

Nugget Lanes

Jan. 7
Nooners Senior League:
 Men High Game: Duane Daniels 206
 Men High Series: Duane Daniels 529
 Women High Game: Chris Rowe 164
 Women High Series: Chris Rowe 446
Jan. 8
Thursday Mixed League:

Men High Game: Duane Daniels 223
 Men High Series: Duane Daniels 579
 Women High Game: Jamie Benton 171
 Women High Series: Jamie Benton 420

Jan. 14
Nooners Senior League:
 Men High Game: Doug Kruse 212
 Men High Series: Doug Kruse 501
 Women High Game: Chris Rowe 153

Women High Series: Chris Rowe 420

Jan. 15
Thursday Mixed League:
 Men High Game: Grant Benton 231
 Men High Series: Grant Benton 606
 Women High Game: Cheryl Leighton 191

Women High Series: Cheryl Leighton 525



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The Grant Union boys team and their friends form a circle at the close of the game with Burns to celebrate the win.

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scored inside and set great screens, and our other players did a great job of maintaining their composure on offense and playing great defense," he said.

He lauded the noisy Grant Union fans, saying, "We hope to have more support like that the rest of the season."

Gehley said he felt great about the win.

"We were expecting a match that would be hard for us, but we prepared for it and overcame it," he said.

Moulton said the win was especially good after Friday's loss.

"Now we know we can compete with every team in the league," he said.



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Grant Union Prospector Duane Stokes gets the rebound, his teammates Wade Reimers (12) and Nathan Gehley (51) in the action against the Burns Hilanders as the Grant Union crowd cheers on their home team.

Lady Pros play intense 2nd half in Elgin

The Grant Union girls had a disappointing 39-49 loss to Burns at home last Saturday after a 15-point win over Elgin on the road Friday.

The Lady Pros toppled Elgin's Huskies 57-42 with a surge of intensity in the latter part of the game.

"We were tied at the half," said head coach

Mark Mosley. "We turned up the defensive pressure a little bit, and were able to put it away in the second half – we found that extra sense of urgency and they responded well."

Hosting Burns, the Prospectors came out strong. Burns nearly caught up to them as the first quarter ended at 7-6, and then pulled

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scored the final basket, sealing the 1-point win.

Prairie City head coach Penny Black said the team has had some issues to deal with, including illness and injury.

In the previous meeting between the two teams, a Panther win in Monument on Jan. 16, Prairie City lost one of its top players, senior Lindsey Stewart, to a knee injury.

Black said Stewart will be out for the season.

"All we worked on was scoring last week, after losing Lindsey," coach Black said, noting that Stewart continues to encourage and push her teammates from the bench.

Black added that after their Jan. 17 loss to Jordan Valley it was time for her team to back up and "build skill and individual confidence."

"I told the freshmen, the season's half over, you need to step up and play like you have a year under you," she said.



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Prairie City Panther Garrett Hitz (20) attempts to tip away a Dayville/Monument player's shot, with Panther teammates Ethan Camarena (11), Danner Davis, Wyatt Williams (back right) and Anthony Hall (back center).

She describes the freshmen as being athletic.

"They need to push themselves – It's time to start trusting these JV players," she said.

Prairie City's Amaya Zwegygart, a junior, said she

away, with Grant Union trailing 9-17 at the half.

The Lady Pros were just 4 points shy of Burns near the close of the game, but Burns held on for the win.

Burns was 1-8 at the free-throw line in the last 2 minutes, but sank some other key shots.

"We came back better in the second half in both games," said Prospector Heather Mosley. "We'll focus on winning our next three games."

Next up

The Prospector teams faced Crane at home Tuesday, past press time, and will travel to Cove for games starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

Grant Union hosts Imbler at 4 p.m. Saturday.

The stats
GU boys vs. Burns
 Points/rebounds/assists/steals
 Mitchell Moulton: 19/5/2/-
 Nathan Gehley: 13/9/1/-
 Wyatt Weaver: 5/7/4/5
 Wade Reimers: 3/3/2/-
 Ricky Weickum: 2/2/2/-
 Brady Burch: 2/1/-/-
 Blake Stone: 2/1/-/-
 Zack Deiter: -/1/-/-
 Duane Stokes: -/2/2/-

GU girls vs. Burns
 Kori Pentzer: 13 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals
 Emily Mosley: 10 points, 6 rebounds
 Heather Mosley: 6 points, 7 rebounds
 McKenzie Wilson: 5 points, 3 steals
 Mariah Moulton: 3 points
 Riley Sharp: 2 points, 6 rebounds

was happy about the outcome of Friday's game.

"We just kept going and never gave up," she said. "In the end, it worked."

Dayville/Monument's Hannah Flower, also a junior, said she's been working hard in practice on defense.

"It was a rough game, but we all worked together really well," she said.

In basketball action last Saturday, the Lady Tigers lost 20-41 to Adrian at home.

The Lady Panthers took a 42-28 win over what coach Black said was a strong Burnt River Bulls team.

Panther boys fall to Tigers

Prairie City took another hit from Dayville/Monument as the Tiger boys toppled the Panthers 17-41 Friday night, their second loss to their cross-county opponents in one week.

Prairie City was close behind Dayville/Monument at halftime, trailing 12-18, but the Tigers sprinted ahead, holding the Panthers to four points in the third quarter and one point in the fourth.

"We started off very slow, then began moving the ball well – we need to work on shooting," said Tiger head coach Jeff Schafer.

Head coach Mark Woodbury said turnovers hurt his team the most, adding that the Tigers were able to capitalize on them.

The Panthers fell 56-60 the following night to the Burnt River Bulls on the road while the Tigers, hosting Adrian, claimed a 51-33 win over the Antelopes.

Next up

Prairie City will host Jordan Valley at 6 p.m. Friday, and then Adrian at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Panthers hit the road next Tuesday to Crane for a 5 p.m. game.

Dayville/Monument hosts Crane at 6 p.m. Friday in Dayville and Jordan Valley in Monument at 2 p.m. Saturday. They host Long Creek/Ukiah in Monument next Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The stats
PC vs Day/Mon girls
Jan. 23
Prairie City
 Amy Black: 15 - all 3-point shots
 Amaya Zwegygart: 6 points
 Brianna Zwegygart: 4
 Sarah Ennis: 2
 Lindsay Wall: 2
Dayville/Monument
 Treiquella Osborne: 12
 Ravyn Walker: 4
 Hannah Flower: 4
 Emma Hettinga: 3
 Mary Yankee: 3
 Skylar Powell: 2

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CLAY JOHNSON
 School: Grant Union
 Grade: Sophomore
 Parents: Guy and Angie Johnson
 Sport: Wrestling

What I like best about my sport: "Wrestling's taught me that when you set your mind to something, and you want it really bad, there's not a whole lot that can stand in your way - that goes for most of my team members as well."
Coach's Comment: "Clay is in his fourth year wrestling. He qualified for the state meet as a freshman last year. He is a leader on the team and an exceptionally talented wrestler. We are excited for the future with Clay."
 – Coach Andy Lusco

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