



# Gold claims 2nd at state

## Season comes together for GU dance team

By Angel Carpenter  
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PORTLAND – The Grant Union Gold gave an “earth-shattering” performance, earning the dance team second place at last weekend’s OSAA State Dance and Drill Championships, held at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

“The girls did an amazing job,” said head coach Shannon Adair. “I am so incredibly proud of this team and the energy and desire to succeed that they brought to practice and competitions every time.”

Adair said the supportive parents were also a big part of their success this year. “They’re fantastic,” she said.

The 2A team of 11 varsity dancers competed against seven other groups in a

4A-1A small teams division March 20.

From there, the top six teams competed Saturday.

“It was tough competition, and the teams were very experienced,” Adair said.

Grant Union Gold entertained local audiences with their state routine at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School several times during basketball games and the Spring Showcase earlier this month.

The team received a state-qualifying score on the routine at the beginning of their season; from there, its scores steadily improved.

At state, Grant Union received a score of 71.50 dancing to “Shatter Me” by Lindsey Stirling and Lzzy Hale, finishing second to

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The Grant Union Gold dance team gathers with their coach Shannon Adair who holds their second-place state championship trophy. Front, from left: Lucrezia Nosedo, Rebecca Batease, Meisha Meyerholz, Jaiden Kerr and Serena Pace. Back: Amy Lallatin, Carli Gardner, Mackenzie Woodcock, Auna Waldner, Jenny McCloskey, Reannah Lemons and Adair.

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Grant Union Prospector Billy Copenhaver delivers a pitch in the game against Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii in Game One Saturday. In back are Prospector teammates Ricky Weickum and Jerry Carter.

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## GU team comes through in clutch situations

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JOHN DAY – The Prospector baseball team showed backbone as they snagged two wins from Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii in a doubleheader at Malone Field last Saturday.

Grant Union head coach Brian Delaney said he’s proud of his team.

“All 12 have been crucial to the team – not just one guy,” he said.

The scores went back and forth in both games, with Grant Union rallying and winning each by 1.

The Prospectors prevailed 11-10 in Game One, and 8-7 in Game Two, taking that contest to eight innings.

Highlights from the first game included Hayden Young’s five RBIs off four hits.

“Hayden Young was on fire today,” Delaney said.

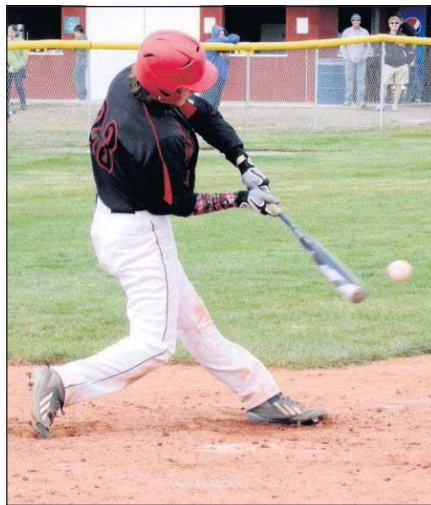
Jerry Carter also made three hits in the game.

Dillon Winters had 10 first pitch strikeouts from the mound and Billy Copenhaver had nine – they each struck out three batters.

Game Two saw Pilot Rock take a 5-3 lead in the first inning; then both teams went scoreless for two innings.

Grant Union chipped away at Pilot Rock’s lead, and the score was tied at 7 in the seventh inning after Hayden Young scored as Wade Reimers was up to bat.

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Grant Union Prospector Hayden Young fires at the ball in Game One against the Rockets last Saturday.

## Pros get ready to break ice

Team hosts fundraiser dinner Friday night

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JOHN DAY – Bats will be cracking this week in John Day, as the Grant Union Prospector baseball team breaks the ice with six other teams.

Joining Grant Union for this year’s Les Schwab Tire Icebreaker Tournament are: Culver, Country Christian, Joseph, Oakland, Pilot Rock and Estacada.

The seven-team consolation tournament gets underway at the Seventh Street Complex on Thursday, with three games. Grant Union has a bye that day, but the Prospectors will play the winner of the Country Christian and Oakland game at 11 a.m. Friday.

The winner of that game will continue on to the championship game on Saturday. The loser will play in the consolation game. Further game times are to be announced.

In addition to the fun at the Seventh Street ballfields, Grant Union will host its annual fundraiser dinner and auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Grant Union old gym.

Catered by Kris and Kjer Kizer, the menu includes pulled pork, roasted red potatoes, Hawaiian coleslaw and cobbler.

A silent auction, raffle and bid on athletes – Grant Union baseball players will be auctioned off for up to four hours of manual labor – will also be a part of the event.

Tickets for the dinner, available from the players or head coach Brian Delaney, are \$10 each.

For more information, contact Delaney at 541-792-1068.

# Young teams look to bright future

## GU’s 8th-grade girls win third at Seaside finale

By Angel Carpenter  
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JOHN DAY – Grant Union’s junior varsity and junior high girls and boys basketball teams have wrapped up a successful season.

### Junior high girls

Doug Sharp’s eighth-grade team capped the season by finishing third at the annual Seaside Tournament, competing against bigger schools, some 6A, from Oregon and Washington.

“They had a good season, overall,” said Sharp, who also coaches the

seventh-grade team.

Coaching assistants included Zach Williams for the seventh-grade team, Mike Strong for the eighth-grade team, with help from Dennis Lynch.

In his seventh year coaching the junior high girls, Sharp also coached middle school boys in past years.

He said they build on what the Parks and Recreation program teaches – stressing fundamentals and team commitment, while also teaching them to be competitive and do their best.

“I know people get caught up in wins and losses, but the most important part at this level is teaching the things that will help them in the future,” he said.

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The Grant Union eighth grade girls basketball team pose with their medals at the Seaside Tournament after winning third place, including: players Madi McKrola, Kaylee Wright, Hailie Wright, Savanna Randleas, Jasmine Papen, Trinity Hutchison, Marissa Smith and Macy Strong and head coach Doug Sharp. In back are Mike Strong and Zach Williams. Water girl Morgan Randleas is in front.



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Savanna Randleas of the Grant Union eighth-grade team goes up to score against Canby in the Seaside Tournament.