

A celebration to mark Grant Union's new 8-lane track, completed last summer, will be held May 15 at the District Track Meet.



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Track Committee: \$7,000 to go

Ribbon-cutting set for May 15

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The eight-lane athletic track at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School was completed last summer, thanks to fundraising efforts spearheaded by Sherma and Ken Boethin of John Day, with help from several other track supporters. About \$7,000 remains to pay for the track, and Sherma hopes to raise that with an email campaign. “Everyone will be asked to email four people and ask for a donation of \$10 or more to the Track Restoration Committee,” she said. The campaign will begin

April 10.

Checks may be made out to Grant School District No. 3, with “Track Restoration Committee” written in the memo area of the check, and mailed to: 401 N. Canyon City Blvd., Canyon City, OR 97820.

A dinner for donors to the track will be held at the Canyon City Community Hall at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

To celebrate the new track, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held the following day at Grant Union at the district track and field competition.

It took three years of raising donations and applying for grants to bring the \$365,000 project to fruition.

For more information, contact Sherma at 541-575-0863 or sboethin@yahoo.com.au.

Grant Union girls place 3rd

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NYSSA – Three Grant County track and field teams competed in last Saturday's Don Walker Invitational in Nyssa.

Grant Union

Out of 13 schools competing, the Grant Union girls team placed third, behind Emmett and Vale.

Grant Union freshman Kori Pentzer leapt ahead of competitors for first place in the long jump at 17-02.50 and was first in the triple at 35-06.00.

Jozie Rude took first in javelin with a mark of 100-09, and was second in shot put at 32-11.00.

Samantha Brock earned third place in long jump with 16-05.00 and third in the triple with 33-02.00.

For the boys, the team 4x400 team – Michael Ashmead, Andrew Copenhagen, Paul Roark and Josh Carpenter – placed fifth. Copenhagen



Contributed photo/Nancy Hitz

Prairie City's Michel Hitz releases her javelin at the Don Walker Invitational meet at Nyssa last Saturday. She earned fifth place with a throw of 84-05.

also placed fifth in pole vault, reaching 10-00.00.

Head coach Sonna Smith expects four of her athletes to qualify for this Saturday's

Meet of Champions in Salem.

They are Chelsie Kodesh, javelin and discus; Samantha Brock, triple jump, long jump, 100m hurdles; Jozie Rude, 400m, shot put, javelin; and McKenzie Wilson, long jump, triple jump, high jump.

“We will find out if they are accepted on Wednesday at noon – they should be accepted in all,” she said.

Prairie City

Track and field athletes from Prairie City also had a good performance.

“The athletes that attended Friday's meet either matched or improved their times and distances from a year ago, which is always a great way to start the season,” said head coach Joe Weymouth.

Garrett Hitz hit the mark in javelin for second place with a throw of 149-05.

He was also fourth in the 110 hurdles and fifth in the 300 hurdles.

Michel Hitz was fifth in javelin, and Amaya Zweygardt was sixth in the triple jump.

Monument

Monument track coach Earl Pettit had four athletes competing in Nyssa.

He said it's just the start of the competitive season.

“We are looking for better performances this week,” he said.

Treiquella Osborne earned third in discus with a throw of 81-08, and Maya Thomas took fourth in the 3,000 meters with a time of 13:04.23.

Several other Monument athletes competed well in their events.

Looking ahead

Grant Union hosted the Small Schools Invitational on Tuesday, past press time.

Several area schools were scheduled to attend.

This Saturday, Grant Union, Dayville and Prairie City are scheduled to attend the Burns Lions Invitational in Burns at 12 noon.

Monument and Long Creek schools will travel to the Dick Horyna Invitational in Stanfield at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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In the top of the sixth, the score 7-2, Stearns struck out a batter, catcher Babe Nash tagged for an out at home and Stearns threw to first baseman King for the third out.

Pinch runner Jocelynn Smith, in for Bree Crider, and Mariah Meyerholz scored on errors and a double from Babe Nash scored Stearns. Whitney McClellan, running for Nash, scored off Moulton's double.

Moulton also had a run on the board on King's single to

end the successful inning.

The Ravens' scoring crept up in the top of the seventh, and they gained a 13-12 lead, but Grant Union held their own.

A hit from Walker brought in Crider and McClellan for the win in the bottom of the inning.

Game Two

Game Two ended in the fifth inning.

The Lady Pros made a huge effort to close a 3-17 gap in the bottom of the fifth.

Walker who had singled and stolen two bases, glided home on an error.

Stearns was home on Babe Nash's single, and Smith – pinch runner for Nash – reached home on a hit from McCluskey.

Coach Nash said she doesn't feel bad about the loss, adding the team is building mental confidence to work their way through nerves.

“Every game we play, we gain experience,” she said.

“We had nice tags and great throws,” coach Nash said. “Those are the kinds of plays where the experience is shining through, and we're having more of those plays this year – knowing where to throw the ball – we're definitely there.”

In Game One, Meyerholz, Stearns, Moulton, and Crider each had two hits. King,



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Prospector catcher Babe Nash tags out a Raven runner at home in Friday's home game.

Walker and Babe Nash each had three hits. Stearns, Walker and Babe Nash had doubles and Nash had a home run and four RBIs.

Stearns, pitching, gave up 10 hits and four walks.

In Game Two, Babe Nash was 2 for 2 hitting and had a walk. Walker, Moulton, Cameron, King and Madden had single hits.

Pitcher Cody Madden started the game, and Stearns took the mound in the fourth.

Friday's doubleheader followed a 14-8 win over 2A Heppner in a nonleague game Tuesday, March 31.

Crider, Cameron, McCluskey, King, Stearns and Walker each had two hits.

Babe Nash was 4 for 5 on the day.

Stearns pitched the majority of the game and gave up two hits and three walks.

“Everyone contributed to the win,” the coach said.

Last Saturday's game against 4A Ontario was chalked up for experience.

Stearns pitched a complete game.

Namitz, King and Meyerholz each had a hit, and Walker had two hits.

Namitz and Walker each had doubles, and the lone run was scored by Namitz when Meyerholz had a single in the third inning.

The Lady Pros hosted La Grande Tuesday, past press time, and will host Enterprise/Joseph/Wallowa for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Friday.

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The application deadline for this program is April 3, 2015.