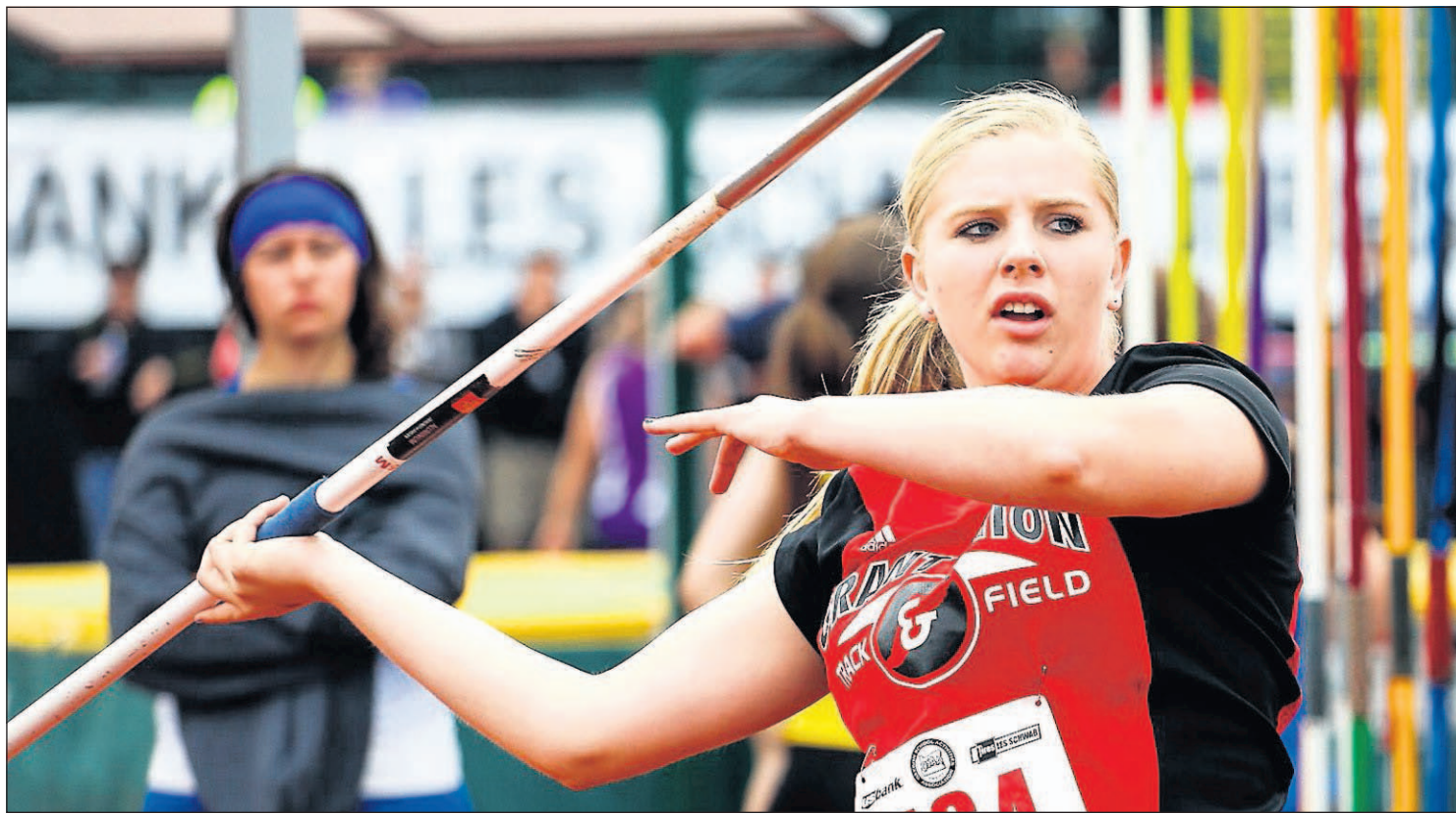




# STATE TRACK ATHLETES STRIKE GOLD



Grant Union's Chelsie Kodesh competes in the 2A girls javelin throw at the State Championship event.

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## Kori Pentzer, Garrett Hitz are state champs

By Angel Carpenter  
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Prairie City's Garrett Hitz clears the bar during the 1A boys pole vault event at the State Championship meet.

**“Garrett had to work at it but after 15 vaults in all, with three attempts per height, he became the new 1A state champion.”**

Prairie City head coach Joe Weymouth

EUGENE – Athletes from three Grant County schools sailed to gold in the state track and field meet.

Grant Union freshman Kori Pentzer emerged as the girls long jump 2A state champion, with a leap of 17-5.25, and Prairie City junior Garrett Hitz claimed the boys 1A pole vault state championship, soaring 13-3.

Monument senior Treiquella Osborne finished second in the 1A girls long jump, at 16-1.25.

In all, 10 Grant County athletes participated at last weekend's OSAA Track and Field State Championships in Eugene.

### Grant Union

“Our athletes did great at state, and we will have all back next year except Michael Ashmead,” said head coach Sonna Smith. “With our small numbers, we came away with sixth place for the women's team – we will only add to this next year with our incoming freshmen.”

Pentzer also placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 36-1.75, and she was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles at 17:44.

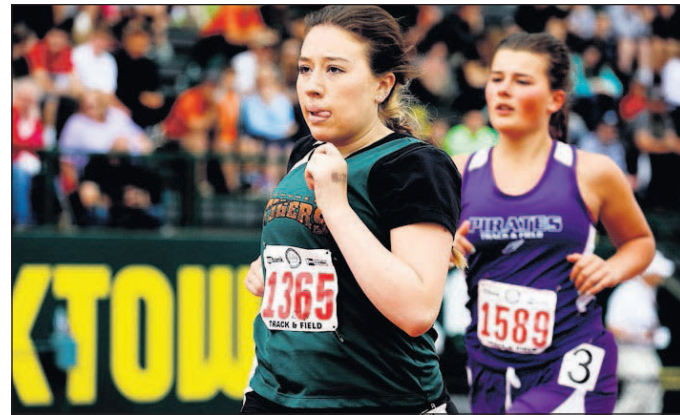
Freshman Jozie Rude had a fourth-place finish in shot put with a throw of 35-0.25 – a season record. She was also fifth in javelin with a throw of 112-3, and sixth in pole vault at 8-3.

Sophomore Chelsie Kodesh finished fourth at state in javelin with a throw of 112-10 – a season best – and she was 11th in discus with a mark of 86-8.

For the boys, senior Michael Ashmead finished eighth in long jump with a season record leap of 19-6.75.

Junior Andrew Copenhaver didn't place at state in pole vault, but had his season-best 11-foot vault at the May 15 district meet.

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Monument's Maya Thomas competes in the 1A girls 3,000-meter run at the State Championship meet.



Monument's Emily Dailey clears the bar in the 1A girls high jump at the State Championship meet.



Monument's Treiquella Osborne competes in the 1A girls long jump event at the State Championship meet.



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Grant Union's Garrett McConnell (5) safely reaches home as Burns loses control of the baseball.

## Prospectors wrangle with Rams

State playoff Round 1 is in Regis

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The Grant Union Prospector baseball team is heading for its first-round state championship playoff game this Wednesday in Stayton.

The Prospectors and the Regis High School Rams are scheduled to face off at 3 p.m.

Grant Union head coach Brian Delaney said if his team plays like it did at the beginning of the season, “we’ll be extra tough for anybody.”

Rainy weather shut down a couple of recent games, including one that got underway in Burns before a deluge settled in.

The Prospectors and Highlanders had a rematch last Thursday, this time at Malone Field in John Day.

The two teams were tied at the top in league, and Hilander pitcher Ty Hueckman got the wins in the doubleheader to break the tie.

“Ty threw a heck of a game and kept us off balance,” Delaney said. “Burns is a good team, and they remind me of us in 2013.”

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## Lady Pros lose tough district battle to Huskies

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

ELGIN – The Grant Union/Dayville/Prairie City Lady Prospectors ended their season last week at the district softball playoffs in Elgin.

Grant Union had a good start to the May 20 game, scoring three in the first inning, but the Elgin/Imbler Huskies won 7-4.

Prospector pitcher Cody Jo Madden, who'd been ill for over a week, started the game.

Head coach DeAnna Nash said Madden showed heart and pitched well for three innings.

Natalie Stearns came in and

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## GU middle school girls are tops in track

Athletes step up in Pendleton, Baker meets

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The Grant Union middle school girls track team aimed high this year, resulting in a successful season.

The girls won all their meets, at times up against

larger schools.

At the May 1 Baker Middle School Invitational, the Grant Union girls finished first with 141.5 ahead of Sunridge, which scored 77, and La Grande, 62.

“They finally had the competition they needed,” said Grant Union head middle school coach Elise Delgado.

She added that even in the heat of the day, they still found the strength to compete well.

“They all stepped up when

race time came,” she said.

She added the girls had, at that point in the season, also won all their previous meets by at least 25 points.

Delgado leads 28 girls and 13 boys on the team, which also includes competitive athletes.

“Several runners on the girls team consistently improved their marks and placed well at meets,” Delgado said.

To highlight a few of the athletes achieving personal records this season:

Sixth-grader Paige Pentzer achieved her highest mark in the 400-meter dash at the May 14 Pendleton Invitational with a time of 77.54. Her record for discus was 85-9.00 at the La Grande Meet on May 7.

Sixth-grader Abby Lusco went from 18-5.00 in the 6-lb shot put at the beginning of the season to a personal record of 26-8.00 at the May 1 Baker Meet.



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Middle school runners take on a sprinting event at the April 7 small schools meet at Grant Union. From left: Monument's Kyla Emerson, Dayville's Courtney Nichols, Prairie City's Rilee Emmel, and Grant Union's Sierra Cates, Madi Spencer and Abby Lusco.

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