

# STATE

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## Prairie City

“Garrett had to work at it but after 15 vaults in all, with three attempts per height, he became the new 1A state champion, which is also a personal best and school record,” said Prairie City head coach Joe Weymouth. “His hours of work on the track and in the weight room paid off.”

Hitz also placed fourth in javelin with a throw of 159-5, fourth in the 110-hurdles at 16:17, and fifth in 300-hurdles at 42:65, which was a season record.

“He wants to break the meet record in the 1A pole vault, which stands at 14 and 1/2-inches,” Weymouth said. “None of this will be easy as many of the competitors that he is competing with are also juniors and will be back next year as well.”



Joshua Bessex/EO Media Group

**Grant Union's Kori Pentzer competes in the 2A girls long jump event at the Thursday, May 21, OSAA 2015 Track and Field State Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene.**

Hitz scored a total of 24 points which gave him a

team finish at 10th out of 36 teams.

fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 32-4 and finished 11th in discus at 91-8.

The relay team – Osborne, senior Emily Dailey, sophomore Dinorha Vidrio Landin and junior Maya Thomas – finished 12th at 5:08.26.

Dailey also placed ninth in the high jump, clearing the bar at 4-6 and Thomas was ninth in the 3,000-meter at 12:46.08 and 11th in the 1,500 at 6:04.84.

Pettit said he looks forward to having some athletes return and three eighth-graders on next year's team.

“The girls team is going to be competitive,” he said.

## Monument

“The most significant thing that happened was we had a girls team of four, and all four went to state,” said Monument coach Earl Pettit.

They ran the 4x400-meter relay, shaving 18 seconds off their time at the district meet.

“That was a significant improvement,” Pettit said. “All of them competed well, and I was especially pleased to have both seniors competing – as individuals and on the relay team.”

Besides taking second in the long jump, Osborne was



**JOZIE RUDE**

School: Grant Union

Grade: 9

Parents: Aimee and Tim Rude

Sport: Track and Field (Pole Vault, Shot-Put, Discus, Javelin)

**What I like best about my sport:** “I like the coaching and being able to interact with all of the great athletes and friends I've made this season.”

**Coach's Comment:** “Jozie is a strong competitor who works hard to improve each week. She is an all-around athlete who is a valuable asset to our team.”

~ Assistant Coach Angie Lusco, Shot-Put



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Both games ended in a 1-12 loss for Grant Union. Garrett McConnell pitched the first game.

“He threw well and only allowed four hits against a very tough lineup,” the coach said. “Where we faltered was our fielding – we weren't able to support him to keep us in the game.”

Grant Union's sole score came in the fifth when McConnell batted Wade Reimers home with a double.

Grant Union was up 1-0 in the first inning of Game Two, when McConnell scored on a wild pitch.

Justin Gravley doubled in the second, but was later tagged out at home.

The Prospectors held Burns off until the third when the Hillanders scored four runs, and continued to push for the win in the fifth inning.

Prospector Tyler Manitsas, usually in catcher's position, was at the mound last Friday against 4A Baker/Powder Valley for an extra game.

Manitsas said he got a call to pitch the previous day.

It was a tough game against a fast Bulldog pitcher, and 2A Grant Union lost 0-12.

“That's better pitching

than we'll see in the play-offs – better than we've seen all year,” said assistant coach Kyle Myers, filling in for Delaney that day.

“We had some guys compete well with it,” he said.

“Thought I did pretty good – it was my first varsity start as pitcher,” Manitsas said.

He said he's staying positive about the upcoming state playoff game.

“I'm excited for my senior year,” he said. “We have something to prove, and I feel like we'll compete well with any team we play.”

Looking toward Wednesday's playoff game, Delaney said, “Regis is a tough ball club. They're solid, 1 through 9, and play good defense, but I expect a tight game.”

Regis is ranked No. 3 in state and has an overall record of 21-4, 14-0 in Special District 2.

Grant Union is ranked No. 13 in state and has an overall record of 12-9, 6-2 in Special District 7.

“I told the boys, there are 40-some 2A teams and only 16 make the playoffs – we're one of them, and that's something to hang your hat on,” he said. “I believe in them, and I believe they're capable of more. As a coaching staff, we're just trying to help them believe in themselves.”

# BATTLE

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pitched the last three innings.

The Pros' scoring took off in the first when Brianna Zwegardt hit a single that scored Ravyn Walker and Mariah Meyerholz.

A throwing error brought Sydney Stearns to home plate, also in the first.

Elgin fired back with a three-run homer in the first and scored two more runs before the inning was over – they had three home runs on the day.

“We hit the ball sharply, but didn't find as much luck as Elgin did in finding the holes in their defense,” Nash said.

Grant Union's final score came in the fourth inning.

There were two outs with runners at the corners, Walker on third and Mariah Meyerholz on first.

“Mariah attempted a steal, knowing that if they threw to second, she would stop and either go back to first or cause them to play on her long enough for Ravyn to get home,” Nash said. “They executed the play perfectly and Ravyn scored the fourth run.”

Nash said she was pleased with her team this season.



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**Grant Union's Sydney Stearns throws the ball from the outfield.**

“We had an outstanding season blending our experienced seniors with youth and new additions,” she said. “The girls can take away from the season the strengths of their teammates, and I believe the experience we gained this year will carry us into next year with a lot of enthusiasm.”

All-league players were announced May 20, and Meyerholz, Babe Nash and Sydney Stearns have been invited to play in the 3A East-West All-Star game on June 20 in Newport.

- First Team**  
Babe Nash, senior, catcher  
Sydney Stearns, senior, utility
- Second Team**  
Mariah Meyerholz, senior, outfield  
Ravyn Walker, sophomore, infield  
Mariah Moulton, freshman, infield
- Honorable Mention**  
Cody Jo Madden, freshman, pitcher

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When we first moved to Grant County, some of the city folks we knew asked “What in the world is there to do in Grant County? There are no shopping malls!” At first, I had the usual answers about the hunting, fishing, photography, camping and hiking. But it didn't take long to discover a lot of other great things to do, and after getting involved with the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, I began to realize how important these events are to Grant County. This Chamber Corner is going to highlight some of the many things that bring visitors to Grant County and hopefully back again. Last year there were over 183,000 visitors to the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, resulting in \$9,800,00 in economic benefits to our local economy. These visitors came from across the country and around the world. Here is a breakdown of where they spent their money: approximately 31% is for lodging, 20% for food & beverage, 20% on fuel, 10% for admissions and fees, and 10% for souvenirs. Grant County can also be proud that we have four unique museums. The Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site, originally a Chinese medical clinic, general store, community center and residence, gives a glimpse into the past. This remarkable site, a National Historic Landmark, includes a museum and a separate interpretive center. The Grant County Historical Museum in Canyon City has many items on display that our ancestors used in everyday life. The Sumpter Valley Railway Depot/Dewitt Museum in Prairie City was the end of the Sumpter Valley Railroad line, and an old railroad cattle car is on display. Ranching had a major impact on our area's development, and since ranching and rodeos go hand in hand, thus the Ranch and Rodeo Museum in John Day was established. This museum highlights some of our local cowboys and girls, and the equipment they used in their sport.

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