

# GU alumnus signs letter of intent

BMCC center fielder will play for Bluefield

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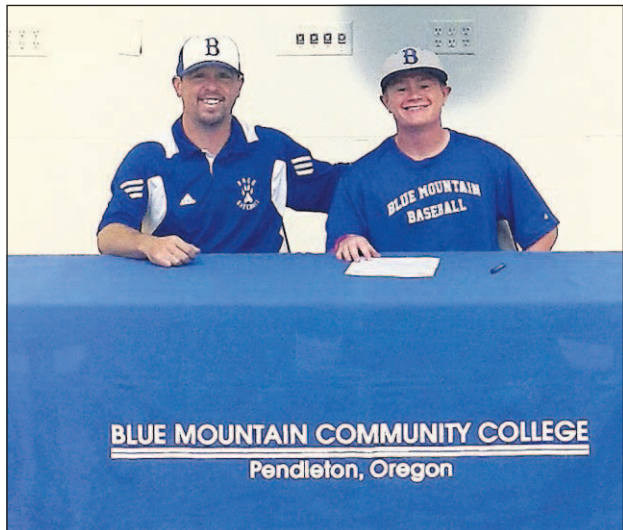
PENDLETON – Jordan Ackerman, a 2013 Grant Union graduate, has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball for the Bluefield College Rams in Bluefield, Va.

The son of Chris and Sarah Ackerman of John Day, Jordan is finishing up two years at Pendleton's Blue Mountain Community College where he's played center field for the Timberwolves.

Ackerman said he plans to play the next two years for Bluefield and, afterward, hopes to continue baseball at a higher level.

He said that if he doesn't continue professionally in baseball, he has a goal to become an athletic director.

"I have academic goals,



Jordan Ackerman, right, a Grant Union alumnus, signs a national letter of intent to play baseball for Virginia's Bluefield College. He sits alongside Blue Mountain Community College Timberwolves coach Brad Baker. Ackerman has started as center fielder for BMCC for two years.

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and I'm pretty excited about those," he said.

Aaron Matthews, a 2001 graduate, also lives in Bluefield where he is hitting coach for the minor league Blue Jays team.

Ackerman said that between a telephone chat with the Rams coach and a text from Matthews, he feels comfortable about his choice to move to Bluefield, even though it is far away.

He said his experiences being part of the Grant Union 2013 championship baseball team, coached by Brian Delaney, and playing for BMCC, coached by Brad Baker, prepared him.

"Coach Delaney worked to help me understand what it takes to play at the college level," he said. "It's a grind, but if you put in the hard work, like coach Delaney taught me, you can achieve the goals you set."

He added, "I'd like to thank my parents, coach Delaney, Kyle Myers (Grant Union assistant coach), and coach Baker."

# GU

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Porter finished the season with a .240 batting average with two walks, 22 singles, seven doubles, one triple and a home run.

He knocked in 13 RBIs and scored 15 runs.

On defense, Porter recorded 55 putouts, 105 assists, five double plays and a fielding percentage of .941.

Ackerman had a .241 batting average, recording 27 hits, four doubles, 22 runs, 12 RBIs and 13 walks.

On defense, he had 79 putouts and two assists with a fielding percentage of .988.

During his 11 starts as pitcher, Dieter-Knieriem struck out 38 batters in 55.2 innings and finished the year with an ERA (earned runs allowed) of 4.20.

The trio played high

school baseball together as Prospectors – when Porter was a senior, Ackerman was a freshman and Dieter-Knieriem a junior.

They've also been roommates at college, all playing two years for BMCC – Ackerman and Dieter-Knieriem have been starters for two years and Porter one.

"We always thought it would be cool to all be starters, then it actually happened," Dillon said. "From the first inning it was great – that first ball, Kyler threw a pop out to center, the second batter hit a ground ball to me at second, and then Kyler struck out the third batter."

Dieter-Knieriem said he appreciated the opportunity to play baseball with his friends.

"I really felt comfortable having them behind me – they had my back," he said. "I had a blast – it's been a great experience."

Dieter will play for Pacific

University's Boxers in Forest Grove on an academic scholarship.

Porter said he's waiting to see what college offers come his way, and he plans to complete a degree in radiology.

Ackerman recently signed on with the Bluefield College Rams in Bluefield, Va., with an athletic and academic scholarship.

"It was awesome to be able to start with the other GU guys, Kyler and Dillon," Ackerman said. "When Kyler was pitching, Dillon would be at second base, and we were the whole middle – all three of us got along well and played good ball together. These two years I'll remember for the rest of my life – it was a pretty good time."

Dieter is son of Chris and Windi Dieter, Porter is son of Terri Porter and Dean Porter, and Jordan is son of Chris and Sarah Ackerman.

## Youth classes teach hunter safety

Series of courses start July 6

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JOHN DAY – A series of hunter education classes will start July 6 at the Old West Federal Credit Union conference room in John Day.

Deanna Maley will teach the classes from 6 to 8 or 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday

and Thursday evenings over a two week period.

A Field Day Live Shoot is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, July 18.

No one under the age of 18 may hunt wildlife (except on their own land) without first successfully completing the course. All ages planning to hunt as nonresidents in other states may be required to have a hunter education card.

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For additional information, call Bryan Nelson at 541-575-1808 or ODFW office, 541-575-1167.

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FRI-THURS (4:10) 7:10 9:45  
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FRI-THURS 7:20 9:50  
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FRI-THURS (4:20) (J) = Bargain Matinee  
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Qualifying for the June 17-19 Oregon 4-H Shotgun Shooting contest are Haley Pfefferkorn, left, Mason Gerry and Carson McKay. All three are Prairie City School students.

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PRAIRIE CITY – Three members of the Prairie City 4-H Community Club have qualified for the June 17-19 Oregon 4-H Shotgun Shooting Contest to be held in Shedd.

Haley Pfefferkorn, Mason Gerry and Carson McKay, all Prairie City School students, completed a mail-in tournament earlier this spring under the direction of shooting sports leader Carroll Walton.

The shootists are in the Intermediate division for ages 13-15.

Gerry earned three blue ribbons and McKay and Pfefferkorn each earned one blue ribbon and two red ribbons.

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