



# Golf fundraiser benefits Blue Mountain Hospital

The Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation's ninth annual fundraiser Golf Scramble 2015 raised \$8,688 net, more than last year's receipts.

The Aug. 23 fundraiser at the John Day Golf Course attracted 63 players. The money raised will help to purchase an automated medication dispensing system, which is essential in efficiently managing, storing and dispensing medications. Because automated dispensing systems can track who has access to medications and what medications are dispensed, drug inventories can be improved. The system also will add to patient safety, reduce staff time and decrease medication errors.

The hospital's Chief Executive Officer, Randall Mee, praised the foundation and the volunteers involved in organizing the fundraiser for doing an "out-



The Eagle/Marissa Williams  
**Mitch Saul, of Oster Professional Group, puts in a birdie on hole 14 during the healthcare scramble. The Oster Professional Group golf team won first place net.**

standing job." He said he was impressed with the turnout from several area communities.

In addition, Mee thanked the donors. "They went above and beyond this year," Mee said.

Winners include:  
**1st Gross:** Ed McCrary, Mike Kemper, Alex Finlayson, Ben Holliday  
**1st Net:** Mitch Saul, Laura Saul, Marissa Williams, Zach Williams  
**2nd Gross:** Matt Wennick, Jay Kenyon, Brad Smith, Toren Foster  
**2nd Net:** Ryan Torland, Jandy Torland, Kathleen Lee, Chuck Coffman  
**Final Gross:** Tiffany Southwell, Joan Shaw, Tim Dentler  
**Final Net:** Brenda Mosier, Rayne Houser, Denise Houser, Wanda Winegar  
**Long Drive Men:** Trevor Simmons  
**Long Drive Ladies:** Amanda Courchesne  
**KP Men:** Mike Kemper  
**KP Ladies:** Nita VanVoorhis  
**50/50:** Ryan & Jandy Torland



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**Dayville/Monument Tiger Kendall Hettinga and her teammates face Powder Valley at Saturday's tournament in John Day.**

## Young Tiger team sets goals high

New coach leads Dayville/Monument

By Angel Carpenter  
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DAYVILLE — The Dayville/Monument Tigers volleyball team is hopeful that hard work and young talent will push them through to a successful season.

The varsity team, coached by Tiffnie Schmadeka and Kristi Emerson, consists of two seniors — plus a senior manager — four juniors, one sophomore and two freshmen.

"We have a lot of girls, and it's a young team, but it's going well," said head coach Schmadeka who took over coaching duties where Patti Wright left off.

Schmadeka said the team attended a summer volleyball camp, which gave the team a nice jump start to the season. Team members are planning team building nights to strengthen the unit on and off the court, she added.

"Our older girls are helping out a lot, pushing the younger ones along," she said.

She said the team has high hopes for league this season.

Dayville/Monument will be up against Crane, Jordan Valley, Adrian, Burnt River, Harper/Huntington, Prairie City and Long Creek/Ukiah.

Emerson, whose daughter, Kyla, is on the team as a freshman this year, said she enjoys coaching the team.

"It's great to be with the



**Emma Hettinga**



**Jamie Waltenburg**



**Hannah Flower**

girls," she said.

Seniors on the team are Emma Hettinga and Jamie Waltenburg, and Hannah Flower, who is dealing with an injury, is team manager.

"Everyone's working really hard," said Hettinga, who's played volleyball since junior high. "We're working with two new freshmen with a lot of athletic ability. We have high personal and team goals."

This is Waltenburg's second year playing volleyball in high school.

She said she enjoys working with Schmadeka, who is pushing the team to do their best, and she appreciates help she's getting on the court from her teammates.

"I think it's going to be a good year," she said. "The freshmen are doing a good job filling their positions."

Flower, who's played volleyball since junior high, said the team is working well together.

"We have a new coach this year, and I'm really excited to work with her," she said.

# Grant Union takes tourney by storm



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The Prospectors gather on the court after winning their home invitational tournament.

## Nine other teams compete at JD invite

By Angel Carpenter  
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JOHN DAY — The Grant Union Prospectors went undefeated at their invitational tournament Saturday, topping the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots, 25-13 and 25-11, for the championship title.

Baker edged out Powder Valley for third place.

Other teams competing in the tournament held at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day include: Dayville-Monument, Crane, Pilot Rock, Crane, Heppner and Jordan Valley.

Prairie City Panthers were also invited but had to forfeit the tournament due to the Canyon Creek Complex fire affecting Prairie City.

The Dayville/Monument Tigers, coached by Tiffnie Schmadeka and Kristi Emerson, played with a lot of enthusiasm, but grabbed only one win in pool play at the tournament against Jordan Valley, 25-20, and lost to Crane in the consolation game.

Grant Union head coach Shae Speth said her team didn't play well in its first pool play match against Pilot Rock.

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Grant Union's Mariah Moulton (2) drives the ball over the net at the championship game at the Prospectors volleyball invitational tournament. Grant Union toppled Weston-McEwen 25-13 and 25-11 for the win.



The Grant Union Prospectors watch the final moments of a game while the Dayville/Monument Tigers prepare to take the court.



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The Grant Union football team breaks out of huddle during a recent practice. The team is preparing for its Friday, Sept. 4 game, against Weston-McEwen in Athena.

## Grant County sports teams get into fall action

Football teams compete this week

By Angel Carpenter  
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PRAIRIE CITY — In Grant County sports, Prairie City/Burnt River gets its start to the football season on Thursday this week.

The Panthers, coached by Darrel McKrola and John Belveal, will take on Spray/Mitchell at the Prairie City football field at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Miller is assisted by defensive coordinator Andy Lusco, as well as Zeke Langum (junior varsity coach - defense), Casey Hallgarth (junior high

head coach, junior varsity assistant), Jeff Allen (junior high coach), and Garret Gardner, a volunteer assistant.

Dayville/Monument grid-ders take the field at the Duffer Classic at 1 p.m. Saturday against Alsea.

Head coach Nathaniel Ashley is leading the team with assistant coach Darrin Dailey this season.

In volleyball, Grant Union will compete at the Heppner Invitational Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday in Heppner.

Dayville/Monument's team faces Long Creek/Ukiah at 5 p.m. Thursday in Long Creek.

The Panthers will host the Prairie City Tournament at 9 a.m. Thursday.

## Tidewater sponsors guessing game at fair

How many rocks can a dump truck hold?

involving a big dump truck at this year's Grant County Fair. How many rocks can a dump truck hold?

Using a method to estimate within a close margin, Tidewater had the answer: The dump truck held 2,557,707 rocks.

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JOHN DAY — Tidewater had a small guessing game

was Deborah Baker, who guessed 2,560,000.

Tidewater employees were impressed that she was so close to the actual amount. Hugh Gray was next with 2,700,000.

For the younger groups, Wyatt Williams, 16, guessed 3,741,678 in the 11-16 age

division; Max Bailey, 10, guessed 1,000,000 in the 7-10 division; Chloe Smith, 6, guessed 500,324 in the 6 and under division.

Prizes for the youth were Dairy Queen gift certificates donated by the restaurant's owner Pete Teague, and the adults also received prizes.