



Football

Friday, Sept. 25

Dayville/Monument vs. Prairie City/Burnt River in Dayville, 1 p.m.



Grant Union vs. Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii in John Day, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Thursday, Sept. 24

Grant Union vs. Burns in John Day, 4 p.m.



Friday, Sept. 25

Day/Mon vs. Burnt River in Dayville, 4 p.m.

Day/Mon vs. Prairie City in Dayville, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Day/Mon, Prairie City @ Crane Tournament in Crane, 10 a.m.



Grant Union vs. Union in John Day, Noon

Grant Union vs. Enterprise in John Day, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Grant Union vs. Culver in John Day, 5:15 p.m.

Ukiah/Long Creek vs. Jordan Valley in Unity, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Prairie City @ GU junior varsity in John Day, 4:30 p.m.

Cross Country

Saturday, Sept. 26

Grant Union @ Outlaw Invite in Sisters @ 11:20 a.m.



Monument @ Nike Portland XC in Portland, TBA

Panthers attack volleyball season

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – Sixteen girls on the Prairie City volleyball teams are zeroing in on giving their best on the court and progressing through the season.

This year's Panther roster includes four seniors, three juniors, six sophomores and three freshmen.

Three are returning varsity starters.

Head coach Louanne Zweygardt said each of the girls bring their own combination of skill sets to the table.

"Some work hard, some are mentally tough, some are gifted with natural athletic ability," she said. "We are striving to have them develop the attributes they can control to become better, more well-rounded athletes and individuals."

"All four seniors are positive influences and role models to the younger team members," she said.

The seniors include Amaya Zweygardt, Marlayna Woodbury, Teri Cobb and Jeannie McCarthy.

Each said they are excited for the season and feel the team is cohesive this year.

"We're all working to-



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

The Prairie City Panther team huddles with head coach Louanne Zweygardt and assistant coach Lance Zweygardt during a home game earlier this season.

gether really well and have become a team," said Amaya, who's in her seventh season playing volleyball.

Woodbury, who's also in her seventh season, agreed and added the team has a lot of potential this season.

Cobb has played all of her four years at high school, and said the team has good chemistry.

"I like being a part of something," she said. "I think we'll have a pretty good year."

"We all have good attitudes on the court and come ready to play," said McCarthy, who's playing her seventh season of volleyball.

"We're ready for league play."

Coach Zweygardt said she had three main things for her team to remember: focus on fundamentals, work hard and maintain a positive attitude.

She said the fundamental skills build a strong foundation.

"Mental toughness is another focus in order to improve our ability to maintain aggressive play and positive attitudes in adverse situations," she said.

Last year, the Panthers made it to the High Desert District Tournament, but fell short of state competition.

They ended the season 3-4 in league with a 13-11 overall record.

So far this season, the Panthers have a 4-4 record, and they start league play this Friday against Dayville/Monument with varsity games starting at about 6 p.m. in Dayville.

The team has a busy schedule, with most early matches and tournaments played on the road, but Zweygardt believes they'll be competitive with their 1A league opponents: Crane, Jordan Valley, Adrian, Burnt River, Harper/Huntington and Dayville/Monument.

Since the Prairie City

PRAIRIE CITY SENIOR PLAYERS



Teri Cobb



Amaya Zweygardt



Jeannie McCarthy



Marlayna Woodbury

football team has combined with Burnt River, some of the Panther's home volleyball games will be played in Unity.

Coach Zweygardt has coached the Panther program for eight years, four as head coach, and her assistant coach is Lance Zweygardt.

The coach said she's pleased with the unity her team shows.

"They support each other really well, and everybody is included," she said. "They are realizing how good they can be."

GU GOLFER SWINGS DOWN UNDER



Contributed photo/Tanni Wenger Photography Studios
Nathan Gehley

Australia trip includes golf, kangaroos

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – He's a few weeks into the school year; however, Grant Union High School senior Nathan Gehley made a summertime memory that will likely stay with him for a lifetime.

He was invited by Down Under Sports to join other golfing athletes for an eight-day stay in July at Australia's Gold Coast for an international golf tournament.

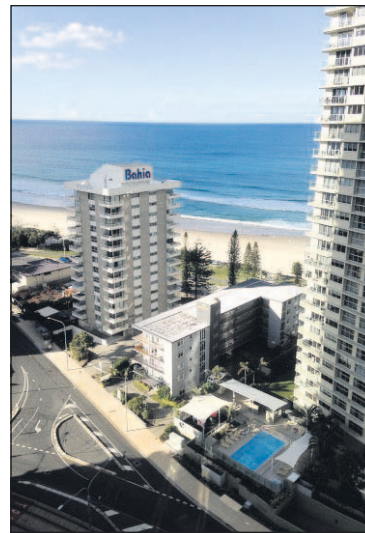
Gehley met several U.S. and Australian athletes through the program – all with a high level of interest and ability for the game.

"It was fun, and I made a bunch of friends," he said.

The adventure began with a golf scramble the first day, practice the next, then two tournaments – all on professional-grade courses.

On his free day, Gehley enjoyed an excursion to the Great Barrier Reef which included a plane ride to an island, then traveling in a glass-bottomed boat about 400 yards out.

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The view from Nathan Gehley's hotel during his stay at Australia's Gold Coast for the Down Under golf tournaments.



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The driving range at the Down Under sporting event at Australia's Gold Coast.

TWO COUNTY TEAMS COMPETE FRIDAY



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The Dayville/Monument Tigers host the Prairie City/Burnt River Panther/Bulls at 1 p.m. Friday at the Dayville field for what will be the league opener for both teams.



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