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Jeannie McCarthy (1) gets a dig with teammates Brianna Zweygardt (13), Amaya Zweygardt (2) and Sarah Ennis (10) in the action.

## Lady Panthers don't back down in week's battles

### Prairie City prepares for District tourney

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – The Prairie City Lady Panthers hosted two good teams last week, taking a loss and a win.

“Friday, against Jordan Valley, we had a good match against a tough team,” said head coach Louanne Zweygardt.

In the game, played in Unity, Prairie City won the second

set and had a close second set, but lost the match.

The Panthers’ scores against the Mustangs were: 19-25, 25-16, 22-25, 9-25.

“We started out strong, with great team effort, but then fell short in the fourth set to end the match,” the coach said. “Cassie Hire played a good match at the net, blocking and hitting very well.”

She added, “Jeannie McCarthy served well, had no hitting errors and passed the ball very well too. Brianna Zweygardt was 100 percent for 18 serves, and Sarah Ennis and Amaya Zweygardt both passed very well, giving our setters and hit-

ters opportunities to put the ball away.”

Saturday’s game against Harper/Huntington at the Prairie City court went better.

Prairie City’s scores against the Hornets were: 25-15, 21-25, 26-24, 25-15.

Coach Zweygardt said this was an opportunity to play a team that “scrambles and covers the floor well.”

“Brianna had a great match with passing, serving and hitting,” she said. “Amaya contributed many good passes. Cassie and Sarah also had good passing and hitting games that day.”

The Lady Panthers now prepare for the 1A High Desert League District Tournament set for 9 a.m. Saturday at Grant Union in John Day.

## Panther/Bulls look to next challenge after loss

### Prairie City/Burnt River hosts Hornets Friday at 7 p.m.

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UNITY – Prairie City/Burnt River had a tough time getting things to go their way last Friday against Jordan Valley and took a 2-66 hit.

“It was a rough game,” said Panther/Bull head coach Darrel McKrola. “We couldn’t hang onto the football. We moved the ball and had some good runs, and just weren’t able to capitalize.”

He said the team had some good rushing with the ball, but fumbled the ball a couple



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Prairie City/Burnt River’s Tyler Belveal (1) runs the ball on a quarterback keeper with Kenny Lien (21) and Caffrey Chan (3) making the blocks.

times near the goal line.

Prairie City/Burnt River’s two points came from a safety.

“We’re going to work on handling the ball better,” McKrola said. “We moved

guys around – we have a limited number of boys in positions.”

The Panther/Bulls will host Harper/Huntington for homecoming in Prairie City at 7 p.m. Friday night.

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Currently, Burns leads 3-0 in league, with Grant Union second at 2-1, and Imbler third at 1-1.

The top two teams in league will advance to the state playoffs.

The Prospector squad is 30 players deep this year with six seniors, four juniors, thirteen sophomores and seven freshmen.

Miller said he’s pleased with the progress the team has made this year, especially with improvements in the offensive line.

“We are trying to improve our toughness at the point of attack,” he said, adding the team is working to become “smart football players.”

### ‘This is a really fun group of student athletes. They work hard and play hard.’

Jason Miller

Grant Union’s head football coach

“This is a really fun group of student athletes,” he said. “They work hard and play hard.”

Seniors on the roster include: Garrett McConnell, Clayton Vaughan, Wyatt Weaver, Andrew Copenhaver, Hayden Young and Antonio Dancer.

McConnell said things look good, seeing where they came from last year.

“It’s a big improvement, and a big blessing too,” he said.

Vaughan said he’s enjoying his senior year.

“I wouldn’t want any other teammates than the ones I have right now,” he said.

Weaver’s athleticism in other sports has transferred well to football – this is his first year playing high school football.

“It’s great to be out with these guys,” he said. “This first year is great, and it’s great to be a part of the team – I wish I’d started earlier.”

“I’m really proud of the guys out here,” Copenhaver said. “I wouldn’t want to play my senior year with anyone else.”

Young said he’s also happy to be a part of the team.

“To be in this position this year, to possibly make playoffs is such an improvement,” he said.

Dancer said he’s proud of how the team has grown over the season and gained experience.

“We have more of a chance to make playoffs this year and make a name for ourselves,” he said.



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## 2nd Annual Community Screening Week

### November 2nd-6th

Screeners will use the Ages and Stages questionnaire to look at cognitive, social/emotional, fine and gross motor skills, and speech and communication development.

The goal of this event is to provide a free developmental screening to all children from 2 months to 5 years in the county.



The Grant County Health Department will be doing screenings on November 5th from 9am-3pm. You may also receive immunizations and Well Child check-ups along with the screening. Gift Certificates will be offered for participation.

Strawberry Wilderness Clinic on November 6th from 8am-4pm. Gift Certificates available to participants.

Parents of preschoolers in Monument, Dayville, Long Creek, Prairie City, Seneca, Bright Beginnings, & Sonshine Christian School: please look for and return the permission slip that will be sent home from your preschool provider. The Frontier Early Learning HUB will provide a \$15 gift certificate to families that participate.

This community event is brought to you in cooperation with the following community partners:

- The Frontier Early Learning HUB
- InterMountain ESD - Early Intervention
- Strawberry Wilderness Clinic
- Grant County Coordinating Advisory Council
- Grant County Health Department
- Grant County ESD
- Families First

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### Plan ahead for detour around U.S. 395 closure south of John Day Nov. 4-14

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**Highway Closure:** U.S. 395 (the John Day-Burns Hwy.) will be closed south of John Day November 4 through 14 between mile post 2.5-C (near Adams Road at south end of Canyon City) and mile post 17-C (near the Izee-Paulina Road intersection). The ten-day closure is needed to facilitate the replacement of two aging culverts under the highway at Sheep Gulch near mile post 6.1-C and Vance Creek near mile post 11-C.


**Purpose/Need:** Both culverts are insufficient to handle the extra water and debris flow anticipated this winter after the Canyon Creek Complex Fire destroyed soil stabilizing trees and vegetation in the area. The U.S. Forest Services is estimating a 100 to 650 percent increase in water along several creeks that drain off the mountainside into Canyon Creek and other local tributaries. The immediately needed project will replace the culverts with new structures designed to accommodate the anticipated flows. Without the work, the highway is at risk of a washout event that would likely close the highway for several weeks.

**Detour Route:** There is no local detour established around the work sites for through traffic. Southbound travelers will need to detour along U.S. Hwy. 26 to Vale, then back along U.S. Hwy. 20 to Burns (reverse for northbound) or take other alternate routes that remain passable in wintertime.

ODOT understands this highway closure will impact travel through the area and will complete the project as quickly as possible. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

For more information, including a project flyer with location map, visit the ODOT Region 5 website at [www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5).

Questions: Contact the ODOT District 14 office at 541-889-9115.



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