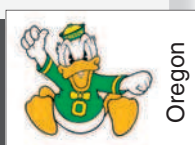


SPORTS
SCHEDULE

Volleyball

Friday,
Nov. 6Grant Union
at 2A OSAA
State
Championship
Tournament at Ridgeview
High School
in RedmondQuarterfinal
game vs.
Bonanza,
10 a.m. (tournament
continues Saturday)College
football

Saturday, Nov. 7

Oregon State vs. UCLA
in Corvallis,
1:30 p.m.Oregon vs.
California
in Eugene,
7:30 p.m.Grant Union continues on
path toward state trophy

Grant Union Prospector Kenzie Wilson attacks the ball, her teammates Rheanna Cartner, left, Mariah Moulton, Samantha Brock and Kori Pentzer ready for the next move. In the crowd, Grant Union fans wear their Halloween costumes for the Oct. 31 game against Central Linn.

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Pros fall
short to
Imbler
to end
seasonGridders show
'improvement,
intensity'By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The Grant Union Prospectors close their football season after last Friday's heartbreaker loss to Imbler, 58-34.

Grant Union dominated in the first quarter, and still held the lead at the half, but with a key Prospector injured and some pickoffs from Imbler, the Panthers made a comeback to win it.

Head coach Jason Miller said the team hasn't had to "fight through an adversity like that – we got down."

Grant Union's defense applied pressure, keeping Imbler short of a goal on the Panther's first possession.

The Prospectors took over on downs and after Wade Reimers connected with Wyatt Weaver for a good gain to the 28-yard line, and Garrett McConnell rushed to the 5, Wyatt Weaver caught a pass in the end zone for the first score in the game.

Reimers took a keeper through the middle for the two-point conversion.

The ball didn't stay in Imbler's hands for long as Grant Union recovered their fumble, turning it into eight more points on the board.

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Volleyball team ready
to face any opponentBy Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Grant Union's volleyball team took the sweep last Saturday, hosting the Central Linn Cobras in the first round state playoff game.

The Prospectors advance to the OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires 2A Volleyball State Championship game in Redmond, facing the Bonanza Antlers in the quarterfinal round at 10 a.m. Friday at Ridgeview High School in Redmond, and the tournament continues on Saturday.

Grant Union and Central Linn appeared to be well matched in the first set Friday afternoon, but the Prospectors surged and took a dominant stance for the next two sets, taking the match 25-21, 25-14 and 25-11, giving Grant Union an overall 24-4 record for the season.

Grant Union fought injuries during the week.

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Grant Union Prospector Rheanna Cartner moves the ball past the reach of Central Linn player Kristina Kaczmarek in the Oct. 31 first round state playoff game.

'Let's get fired up!'

GU cheerleaders build program with new coach

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Grant Union cheerleaders have been firing up the crowds this season while supporting the football team.

Motivating the team and crowd are Mariah Gibson, Serena Pace, Kelsey Morrison, Chloe Barker and Celine Hicks.

Cheer coach Tasha Marciel, a Grant Union graduate, leads the team

in her first year coaching.

"They're a great group of girls, and I'm excited for next year," she said. "I'm hoping one day we'll go to competitions."

Another goal she has is involving the team in service to the community.

The girls recently spent time at Valley View Assisted Living to visit with elderly residents there.

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The Grant Union cheerleaders finish out their season with smiles. From left, Serena Pace, Kelsey Morrison, Mariah Gibson, Chloe Barker and Celine Hicks.



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Petting the elk at Starkey are Long Creek School students Michael Martin, Charles Kreamier and Nolan Garinger.

Long Creek students get
a close-up look at elkStudents gain
knowledge at
Starkey Project

Blue Mountain Eagle

LONG CREEK – Long Creek students in grades 3-6 learned about the studies of deer, elk and cattle during a field trip to the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range.

Patch Freeman, who teaches grades 4-6, said he's taken his students, and third-graders in Denise Porter's class, on the field trip every other year for the past 15 years.

At the Starkey Project,

manager Brian Dick gave a tour of the elk handling facilities.

There, students saw how elk go through a chute system twice a year to check on their age, pregnancy, body condition and overall health.

Records are kept for each animal, providing data for the lifetime of individual elk.

The students also learned elk facts, such as life cycles, what they eat, average size, antler development, the aging process, as well as the effects of predators on the elk population.

They also learned about different issues involved with handling elk versus handling deer.

A favorite part of the field trip at the end of the day was petting about 30 cow elk which were bottle fed and raised from birth, Freeman said.

"This group of elk are used for studies that require close human interaction with the animals," he said. "The kids really enjoyed getting close to the cows and being able to touch and pet them."

Freeman said personnel at the 25,000-acre fenced management area use "technology and experimental methods" to better understand how animals react to forest, range and recreational activities.

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