

## Dancers perform at the Holiday Showcase



The Grant Union High School dance team keep the beat to "Shake Santa Shake" at the Holiday Showcase. From left: Torie Coalwell, Mackenzie Woodcock, Jaiden Kerr, Dani Goldblatt, Joshua Taynton and Rheannah Lemons.



The Level II team dances to "All I Want for Christmas is You." From left: Gracee Hueckman, Silvie Holliday, Cadence Delaney, Taylor Palmatier (back), Natalee Clary and Alyson Moore (back).



The Junior Team of Body Fitness & Dance give a beautiful performance to "Where Are You Christmas." Front row, from left: Kayla Callighan, Shanniyah Hall, Emilie Updegrave and Taylor Osgood.

## GU

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Irrigon and 60-18 over Hermiston junior varsity.

"This is an exciting young group," Lusco said. "Connor White and Elijah Humbird also won a match in their first wrestling meet. Overall, we had six wrestlers who had either never wrestled or are freshman who won at least one match."

Several Grant Union wrestlers went undefeated, including Garrett Lenz, Braden Spencer, Clay Johnson, Andrew

Copenhaver, Antonio Dancer and Dillon Maley.

Lusco expected the Calhoun Classic in Nyssa on Friday and Saturday will be a tougher meet for the team.

GU stats at Irrigon:  
120 Braden Spencer, 2-0  
145 Clay Johnson, 3-0  
152 Antonio Dancer, 3-0  
152/160 Garrett Lenz, 2-0  
170/182 Andrew Copenhaver, 3-0  
170/182 Collin Harvey, 4-0  
220 Dillon Maley, 3-1  
285 Chance Ballou, 3-2  
106 Jesse Paulson, 1-1  
132 Jay Goldblatt, 2-3  
160 Roen Langum, 2-1  
170 Cameron Hallgarth, 2-2

## Lady Panthers enjoy winning week

### PC topples teams at home court

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY — The Lady Panthers started the season on the right foot last week

with wins over the Redmond junior varsity team and Burnt River.

The Prairie City team, hosting both games, took its first win on Friday, defeating Redmond 48-25, and they had another successful game with a 38-14 win over the Lady Bulls.

Head coach Penny Black said the games were good confidence builders.

"I was really glad that I got everybody in," she said. "The new freshmen were excited to get in, and it was a good way to start."

In the game against Burnt River, Prairie City jumped out to a quick lead, ending the first quarter 10-5.

The Panthers led by 11 points at halftime and held

onto a strong lead to the end.

"They played really good ball, really aggressive," Black said. "We thought they did extremely well with only two weeks practice. We had fun watching them."

The Panthers travel to the Condon Tournament this weekend, playing Mohawk at 3 p.m. Friday and McKenzie at 11 a.m. Saturday.

## Fast-starting Panthers roar past Bulls

### PC boys team prepares for Condon Tourney

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY — The Prairie City boys basketball team gave a strong performance at their home court for their season openers.

The Panthers defeated the Redmond junior varsity team 44-24 on Friday and toppled Burnt River 74-30 on Saturday.

Head coach Jonathon Gill said he was glad to see them

get the wins.

"I think that these kids, they've been through some tough seasons," he said. "They've put in their hard work, and to see it come to fruition means a lot to these boys."

Dorran Wilson was the Panther high-point scorer with 18 in the win over Redmond.

In Saturday's game, the Prairie City held Burnt River to two points in the first quarter, jumping out to a 21-point lead.

Prairie City rolled on to a 22-point lead at the half.

Garrett Hitz collected 22 points and 14 rebounds to lead the team. Ethan Camarena added 20 points and 10 rebounds.

"Those victories are all on the kids," Gill said. "I take no credit. They're the ones who got those victories. We're going to build on this foundation that we started this weekend."

The team is now preparing for the Condon Tournament where they'll face Mohawk at 4:30 p.m. Friday and McKenzie at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

"Starting tonight, we're going right back to the drawing board," Gill said. "The schedule only gets harder from this point. We enjoyed the win, and now we need to get back to work."

We have a good chance," he added. "We're going to put in the work and the results will speak for themselves."

## TIGERS

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Schmedeka said he likes the way district games will be set up this year, with the top team playing the lowest-seeded team.

"Every team has a chance to compete," he said. "The top six teams make it to district, and the top two go on to state."

Although he sees tough battles in the team's future, Schmedeka said everyone is excited for the start of the season.

"I think the girls have improved a lot since last season," he said.

Schmedeka has help this year from assistant coach Kristi Emerson.

This is Emerson's first year as an assistant for the high school team. She previously coached the junior high and grade school teams at Monument School.

The roster includes two seniors, four juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen.

Schmedeka noted one sophomore is new to the team, and the three freshmen are learning the system well.

Five Tigers are returning starters, including two seniors, Emma Hettinga and Hannah Flower, whom the coach says are emerging as leaders on the team.

Both girls have played basketball since fifth grade.

"I love playing with the team," Flower said. "I've known most of the players my entire life."

Hettinga said the season is off to a positive start.

"Our team atmosphere is better than it's ever been," she said. "Everyone's loving the game and is enthusiastic."

She said she also enjoys working with the new coach and appreciates how he engages the team.

"It's great how everyone is already enjoying the season and coming to practice," she said.

Flower added, "I'm just really excited to work with the coach, and it's a completely different game than it has been since my freshman year."

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**KAYLA CALLIGHAN**

School: Grant Union  
Grade: 7  
Parents: Sabrena Tramontana and Michael Ratich

Sport: Dance

What I like best about my sport: "I like performing and I just like being with my friends and being able to work with the team."

Coach's Comment: "This is Kayla's first year dancing. She's already learned and performed two routines, and she dances as if she's been dancing all her life."

- Coach Kattie Piazza  
Junior High Dance Team

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