

Friday, Feb. 12

Grant Union basketball @ Elgin in Elgin, JV games (girls JV will be a half game) at 3 p.m., followed by varsity

Dayville/Monument basketball @ Burnt River in Unity, varsity games start at 6 p.m.

Prairie City basketball @ Harper/Huntington in Huntington, varsity games at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13

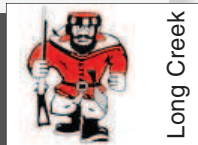
Grant Union hosts District Wrestling Tournament in John Day, 8 a.m.

Grant Union basketball @ Cove in Cove, JV games (boys JV will be a half game) at 1 p.m., followed by varsity

Grant Union dance @ South Albany in Albany, 11 a.m.

Prairie City basketball vs. Long Creek/Ukiah in Prairie City, JV games at 2 p.m.

Dayville/Monument basketball vs. Harper/Huntington in Monument (senior recognition), JV girls half game at 3 p.m., varsity games at 4 p.m.



TIGER BOYS FALL TO JORDAN VALLEY IN OT

Team follows up with win in Crane

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

DAYVILLE — The Dayville/Monument Tiger boys had a 50-56 heart-breaker loss last Friday to Jordan Valley, then turned things around for a 69-63 win on the road Saturday against Crane.

The Tigers and Jordan Valley Mustangs entered the game tied for first in the 1A High Desert League, 8-1.

A strong first quarter for the Mustangs had the Tigers trailing 4-13.

Dayville/Monument fought back in the second, shooting 15 points to Jordan Valley's 16.

Tiger Tanner Moodenbaugh contributed six points in the quarter, including two perfect shots at the free-throw line.

Dakota Emerson had four points, Tanner Walczyk hit a three-point shot and Hayden Schafer had two points.

The Tigers charged up during the halftime break and outshot the Mustangs 18-10 in the third.

Dayville/Monument was down 37-39 going into the fourth, but took off when Jordan Bowlus and Walczyk each fired off a three-point shot to start.

Two more points from Emerson had the Tigers up 45-39, but Jordan Valley crept back up, and, with 46 seconds left, the game was tied 47-47.

In the final seconds, the Tigers' attempted shots were blocked by the Mustangs, and a long shot didn't fall.

In overtime, the Mustangs went 7-12 with free throws, and had one two-pointer.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Dayville/Monument Tiger Dakota Emerson (21) jumps up to score, his teammates, Hayden Schafer (20) and Tanner Walczyk in the action in the game against Jordan Valley.

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GU girls are No. 6 in state

Prospector teams clinch wins in Imbler

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

IMBLER — The Grant Union Prospector girls and boys teams worked for wins on the road at the Imbler Panther court last Friday.

The Grant Union girls, currently No. 6 in the OSAA rankings, put up a defensive battle in their 46-40 victory.

"Imbler played good defense, but early in the game we missed some easy opportunities which allowed them to stay in the game," said head coach Mark Mosley. "In the end, we came up with some clutch offensive possessions and good defensive stops."

The Lady Prospectors had 13 successful attempts at the free-throw line, which helped earn the win.

"Kori Pentzer was nine for 11 from the free-throw line down the stretch to help clinch the win," Mosley said.



Pentzer

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Grant Union wrestlers earning medals at last Saturday's Pine Eagle Tournament include, from left, Antonio Dancer, Jay Goldblatt, Andrew Copenhaver, Clay Johnson, Chance Ballou, Dillon Maley and Hadley Boethin.

Grant Union to host District Tournament this Saturday

Pros take fourth at Pine Eagle tourney

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

HALFWAY — The Grant Union Prospector wrestlers

earned a fourth-place finish out of 16 teams at last Saturday's Pine Eagle Tournament.

Prospector head coach Andy Lusco said he was pleased with his team's performance.

Clay Johnson was champion for the 132 weight class.

Earning third were Antonio Dancer (138), Andrew

Copenhaver (160), Jay Goldblatt (126) and Chance Ballou (285).

Dillon Maley took fourth at 220, and Hadley Boethin was fifth at 195.

Grant Union will host the 1A/2A Special District 4 Wrestling Tournament at

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Panther boys secure home win over Antelopes

PC teams ready for rebound from losses

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY — The Prairie City Panthers faced tough matchups last week as the regular season starts to wind down and the teams look toward the district tournament.

The Panther boys kicked their intensity up a notch after losing 48-84 to Crane on Tuesday last week, bouncing back for a 60-51 win over Adrian on Friday.

On Saturday, they suffered a 35-75 loss to Jordan Valley, currently the No. 1 team in the 1A High Desert League.

Prairie City head coach Jonathon Gill noted that Crane has improved over the season, and their starters are all seniors.

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Youth wrestle strong in Salem

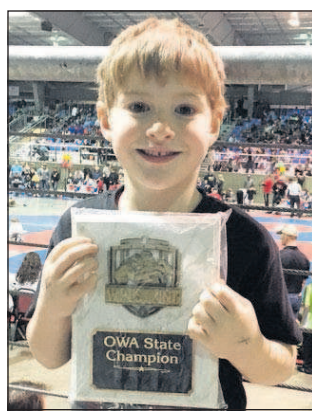
Owen Parsons is 55-lb. champ in Peewee division

By Angel Carpenter
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SALEM — Four members of the Grant County Youth Wrestling Club competed at the Jan. 30-31 Oregon Wrestling Association's Kids State tournament.

The event, held at the State Fairgrounds in Salem, included 1,600 Oregon wrestlers.

Five-year-old Owen Parsons earned championship status at the event, wrestling at 55



Owen Parsons

pounds in the Peewee division.

Mason Bengé, who recently turned 9, was sixth in Intermediate (75).

Taylor Parsons, age 8,

earned seventh with a 4-2 record in Bantam (55).

Tristan Clarry, age 9, went 1-2 in Intermediate (70).

Parsons and Bengé were also ORWAY regional champions at the Hermiston tournament in December.

Mike Strong of John Day has been coaching the Grant County club for three years with help from several assistant coaches.

The group had 30 wrestlers, ages 5-12, in the program.

"We had a great season," he said. "I'm very proud of the kids and the support they have for each other, and the extra support they have from family."



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The Grant County Youth Wrestling program, coached by Mike Strong, sent four boys to compete at the Feb. 7-8 Oregon Wrestling Association Kids State tournament in Portland. From left: Tristan Clarry, Owen Parsons (back), Taylor Parsons and Mason Bengé. Parsons was champion in the Peewee 55-lb. weight class.



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Standing with his coach Steve Parsons, right, Mason Bengé displays the medal he earned at the OWA Kids State tournament in Salem.