

FOURTH

Continued from Page B1

those types of games, just got to them.”

Prospector Mariah Moulton started off the game with a three-point shot, and followed up with another, later in the first quarter.

Scoring went back and forth, with Prospector Kori Pentzer scoring three two-point shots to give Grant Union a 12-10 lead going into the second.

Grant Union gained ground in the second, outshooting Imbler 10-6, ending with a half-time score of 22-16.

Grant Union dug in after Panther Lexee Robertson's three two-point jump shots brought Imbler within two points in the third.

A steal apiece from Moulton and Heather Mosley, and some solid shooting helped the Prospectors stretch their lead to 32-22 going into the final period.

The fourth was highlighted by another three-pointer from Moulton, and Pentzer was four of four at the free-throw line.

Imbler's Katie Barry's two three-pointers in the final two minutes made the score 40-30 with Grant Union leading, and when Grant Union's second

string came in during the last minute of play, Prospector Hallie Wright scored her team's final point at the line.

Pentzer led the Prospectors, scoring 21 points, followed by Moulton with 11.

In rebounding, Pentzer led with nine, followed by Samantha Brock with seven. Zoie Rude and Heather Mosley had six each.

Coach Mosley said he was pleased with the work Rude put forth.

“We put her in, and she was battling with Imbler's two big girls and did a tremendous job on the boards with rebounding,” he said.

Pentzer and Heather Mosley led with three steals each.

“I was super proud of every one of them,” coach Mosley said. “Just the way they battled, it was an extremely tough tournament. We were only six deep, and they were tired. They sucked it up and fought through it and did a tremendous job.”

The Grant Union players said the tournament was fun.

“The experience was amazing — the crowd and the atmosphere — it was really cool to play in,” said Heather Mosley. “I was really proud of the girls and how we played. We never



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Grant Union Prospector Samantha Brock picks up a loose ball in the state quarterfinal game, Burns Hilander Catherine Clemens (10) in back.

gave up and worked hard. I'm excited to see what we're going to do next year.”

“We definitely got experience for all the younger girls coming back,” Brock said. “I'm glad to finish off my high school basketball career going to state.”

“Hopefully, we'll go farther next year,” Moulton said.

“We'll miss the seniors.”

The stats
Grant Union vs. Imbler

Points/rebounds/assists/steals
Kori Pentzer: 21/9/1/3
Mariah Moulton: 11/3/0/1
Heather Mosley: 6/6/1/3
Zoie Rude: 2/6/0/0
Samantha Brock: 0/7/1/0
Kenzie Wilson: 0/1/3/0
Hallie Wright: 1/0/0/0
Kaylee Wright: 0/1/0/1

DANCERS

Continued from Page B1

Four of the 10 dancers are returning from last year's varsity team.

This is the first year in five years the team has had more beginner-level students than advanced.

Adair said those newer to dance take a certain amount of time to gain strength, muscle awareness, flexibility and a willingness to be expressive.

Thurston Dance Competition results

Grant Union Gold's performance in Eugene March 4-5 at the Thurston Dance Competition went well, Adair said, even though the team's points dropped slightly.

They had recently added another section to their routine and were competing against

much larger 4A schools — the top three with at least 25 dancers on their teams, which compete year round.

Gold finished fifth out of six teams, yet were just five points behind third place.

“They performed really well,” Adair said.

“They have done an outstanding job so far, due to the leadership of our advanced students and the work ethic and competitive nature of the entire team,” Adair said.

She encourages her seasoned dancers to remember what it was like to be a beginner, while supporting each other through challenges.

“We have several dancers from freshman through seniors that have been in the dance program continuously since they were little,” she said. “They bring high levels of technique and a willingness to teach those skills to the less experienced dancers.”

This year's seniors are Mackenzie Woodcock, Jaiden Kerr and Joshua Taynton.

Woodcock, who has been in the dance program since she was young, said they're facing different challenges this year.

Change has been good, though, she said, adding, “It's made us improve a lot as a team.”

Kerr agreed, and added, “It's been a good year having the freshmen on the team — they've been really good, and

they're improving.”

Taynton is new to the team, and showing an excitement for the sport.

“I'm enjoying the challenges — the flexibility, coordination, timing and patience,” he said. “I'm looking forward to competing.”

Adair said from here she and her assistants will work with the team on improving timing and precision.

“Being able to accomplish skills on your own isn't enough, you have to do those skills together as a team,” she said. “Timing is essential to be competitive, as well as being able to emote and tell a story through dance.”

She sees strength in the team's dedication, hard work and willingness to overcome challenges.

“To be on the dance team, you have to have a passion for the sport, and you have to be willing to step outside your comfort zone,” she said.

SHOWCASE

Continued from Page B1

Included on the night's program are performances by Grant Union Gold, as well as Body Fitness and Dance groups, including Levels 1, 2 and 3, and the Junior Gold team, led by their coaches. Solo and small-group performances are also on the program.

The event, coordinated

by high school dance coach Shannon Adair, features her teams' kickoff to state as they dance to “Paper Light Revisited” by Loreen, which includes hip hop, lyrical and jazz styles.

Children as young as age 3 through high school age will entertain the crowd.

This will be Adair's final year as coordinator, as she plans to retire as the Grant Union dance team's head coach at the close of the year.

Athletic fees are free for GU spring sports

Generous donor pays student athletic fees

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Students at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School can sign up to participate in spring sports for free this year.

Athletic fees at the school normally cost \$100 for high school students and \$50 for junior high students; however, local businessman Russ Young of John Day has offered to pay those fees for all students interested in signing up.

Spring sports at the school include track and field, baseball, softball and golf — junior high sports start after spring break.

About 80 high school students are signed up for spring sports, and another 80 junior high students are expected.

Grant School District No. 3 Superintendent Curt

Shelley said Young's contribution would give parents an opportunity to use money that would have been spent on fees for items such as new track shoes or a softball or baseball glove.

“I can't thank Russ enough for his generous donation to the school district and the various programs he supports in the county,” Shelley said.

Grant Union athletic director Jason Miller said fees allow the school to keep athletic programs functioning and create opportunities for student athletes to compete in interscholastic events.

“Our goal at Grant Union is to include as many students as possible in our extracurricular activities, because we believe that these opportunities add to the educational experience of young men and women,” Miller said. “This is a very generous donation by Mr. Young and will assist in removing a portion of the financial barrier that comes with participation in sports.”

Time to get hopping

Register by March 15 for the upcoming Dayville Bunny Hop 5K

Blue Mountain Eagle

DAYVILLE — Better get hopping if you want to participate in the third annual Dayville Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk, set for Saturday, March 26.

Those who register by Tuesday, March 15, will receive an event T-shirt. The cost is \$10 a person, plus \$10 for a T-shirt.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the race at 9 a.m. Participants can park at the Dayville School gym, where buses will provide transportation to the starting point up South Fork Road.

The race route heads north on scenic South Fork Road toward town, ending at Dayville City Park.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Dayville Fourth of July celebration.

For more information or registration forms, email winkelej@gmail.com. Forms may be returned to that email or to city of Dayville, P.O. Box 321, Dayville, OR 97825.

LOSS

Continued from Page B1

jump well. But then they got four inches on us. That is one of our weak links is rebounding. We try to work on it, but it caught up to us tonight.”

But with all that rebounding dominance, the Prospectors (19-7) managed to stay close, even leading at times. A three-point play by Mariah Moulton in the first quarter gave GU its biggest lead at 8-5. But the Hilanders stormed back with an 8-2 run to go into the second quarter up 13-10, despite committing eight turnovers.

Two Heather Mosley free throws cut the Burns lead to one at 13-12, but it ballooned to 12 as Burns embarked on a 27-15 run. At one point, Burns committed four straight turnovers during the run, but GU couldn't convert on the offensive end.

Mosley said it was a combination of getting into “panic

mode” offensively, but also acknowledged Burns' penchant for blocking or altering shots.

“We did go into panic mode a couple times,” Mosley said. “They felt like they had to get a shot up. We typically shoot the ball better than that.”

Burns led by 11 going into the third quarter, but an 8-2 Prospectors run got them within three at 31-28 on Kori Pentzer's basket. But four Burns points at the end of the quarter put the Hilanders up 35-28. Grant Union wouldn't get closer than five in the fourth quarter.

The stats
GU vs. Burns

GU (19-7)	10	8	10	6	—	34
BHS (26-2)	13	16	6	11	—	46
Points/rebounds/assists/steals						
Kori Pentzer:	9/4/1/2					
Mariah Moulton:	9/0/1/3					
Heather Mosley:	7/10/1/1					
Kenzie Wilson:	6/4/1/0					
Samantha Brock:	3/4/0/0					
Kaylee Wright:	0/5/2/0					
Zoie Rude:	0/1/0/2					
3-pointers —	GU 7, BHS 2.					
Free throws —	GU 5-10, BHS 8-15.					
Fouls —	GU 12, BHS 12.					

the corner's
HOT SHOT
OF THE WEEK

MARIAH MOULTON
School: Grant Union
Grade: 10
Parents: Coby and Jody Moulton
Sport: Basketball

What I like best about my sport: “I like how our team stuck together. When you're on and shooting the lights out — that's the best part.”

Coach's Comment: “Her desire to improve on her jump shot proved to be a key in some of our playoff games over the weekend.”

- Coach Mark Mosley

Proud sponsor of Grant County athletes
100 E. Main • Stoplight in John Day • 541-792-0425

Is Gambling Costing YOU More Than Just Time?

Help is **FREE, CONFIDENTIAL** and it **WORKS**.
Call **877-MY-LIMIT** (24 hour help line) OR chat with us online at **www.1877mylimit.org**

Community Counseling Solutions
Serving Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam and Grant Counties
528 E Main St. • John Day • 541-575-1466

Let our family of Pharmacists serve you!

Give us a call today
541-676-9158 - Heppner
541-384-2801 - Condon

We welcome the opportunity to visit with you about our services!

Murray's Drug INC.
Heppner & Condon