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The Grant Union Gold dance team competes at the OSAA Dance & Drill State Championships in Portland at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

# Adair's last dance

Grant Union dancers take 11th place at championships



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The Grant Union Gold dance team performs to "Paperlight Revisited" by Loreen at the March 18 state competition in Portland.

By Angel Carpenter  
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PORTLAND — The Class 2A Grant Union Gold dancers gave "their best performance of the season" at the 1A-4A OSAA Dance & Drill State Championships, said head coach Shannon Adair.

Their main obstacles included competing against several Class 4A schools and being the first team to perform for the evening, before the crowd and judges were warmed up, she said.

The team placed 11th out of 13 schools earning 65.28 points in the preliminary round.

Winning the competition was 4A Valley

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Grant Union Gold dancer Mackenzie Woodcock strikes a pose during the team's state routine at Portland's Veterans Memorial Coliseum.



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Grant Union junior high wrestler Drew Lusco wins the championship for the 220 weight class at the Oregon Middle School Wrestling State Championships in Woodburn.

## GU junior high wrestler is a champ

Drew Lusco makes top of podium at state

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WOODBURN — Grant Union junior high wrestler Drew Lusco went the distance, winning the state championship for

the 220 weight class at the March 12 Oregon Middle School Wrestling Championship.

Lusco, an eighth-grader, and two other Grant Union Junior-Senior High School wrestlers, eighth-grader Russell Hodge and seventh-grader Kevin Duvall, qualified at the March 5 Regional Qualifier at Riverside High School.

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## Track and field teams get feet wet

Three Grant County teams travel to first meets of season

By Angel Carpenter  
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PRINEVILLE — Three Grant County track and field teams participated in their first meets of the season last week, including Grant Union, Monument and Long Creek.

### Grant Union

The Grant Union Prospectors competed at Crook County School's Breaking the Ice — Icebreaker last Thursday.

Competing with a partial team, against 4A and 5A schools, it was an opportunity for the team to get their feet wet.

A few highlights for the team included, for the boys, Andrew Copenhaver third in the pole vault, and Nick Springer third in high jump.

Head coach Sonna Smith said Clay Johnson, new to the team, was a welcome addition. He placed 13th in the 200 out of 48 competitors.

On the girls side, Trinity Hutchison placed third in the 400 and sixth in the high jump, and Sydney Brockway was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Kaylee Wright was sixth in the javelin and high jump and eighth in the 100.

Chloe Bentz was eighth in the pole vault, and Chelsie Kodesh was eighth in javelin.

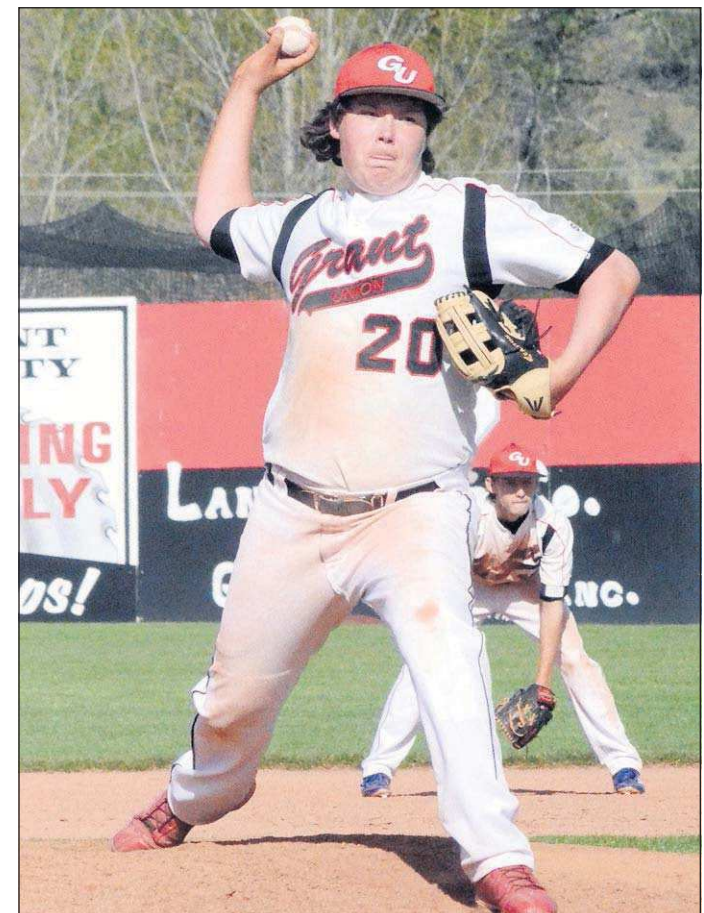
"We were competing against 5A and 4A teams, so this was outstanding," Smith said. "I am looking forward to our next meet when we should be at full strength."

Grant Union competes at the Friday, April 1, Don Walker Invitational in Nyssa. The team hosts the Small Schools Invitational on Tuesday, April 5.

### Monument

Monument's track team, led by head coach Darrin Dailey, is small but mighty.

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Grant Union Prospector Billy Copenhaver pitches a game last season with second baseman Ricky Weickum at the ready.

## Pros ready for win after loss to Sherman

GU hosts annual baseball fundraiser Friday

By Angel Carpenter  
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MORO — The Grant Union Prospectors started with slow bats in their doubleheader last Friday against the Sherman Huskies.

Although they nearly mounted a comeback in both games, they took a 6-9 loss in Game One and followed up with an 11-12 nail-biter.

"The first games are always interesting, because you try out your combination of pitchers — you learn from it," said Prospector head coach Brian Delaney. "In both games they did a good job showing poise

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