



# GU golfers swing to third at home invite



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ABOVE: Grant Union golfer Connor White putts the ball at the Grant Union Invitational at the John Day Golf Club with competitors from Wallowa, Enterprise, Vale and Heppner looking on. BELOW: Grant Union golfer Nathan Gehley competes at the invitational at John Day Golf Club.

## Team hosts fundraiser scramble set for Friday

By Angel Carpenter  
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JOHN DAY — Grant Union's boys golfers earned 409 for third at their home tournament last Friday at the John Day Golf Club.

The Prospectors were just six strokes away from Burns which took second with 403.

Vale won the event with 384 on the challenging par 71 course.

Heppner came in fourth with 411, Enterprise was fifth with 418 and Wallowa had 422.

There were 56 golfers, boys and girls, competing at the event.

Low medalist for the boys was Daniel Bretsch of Heppner with 85. Alex Falley of Burns was second with 88, and Nathan Gehley of Grant Union was third with 90.

Gehley was followed by RJ Raven of Vale with 91.

Grant Union's Duane Stokes earned seventh with 96. Teammate Jay Goldblatt finished with a 109 and Connor White, 114.

For the girls teams, Enterprise finished in first with 514, Vale second with 533 and Burns third with 594.

Low medalist was Amanda Rea of Heppner, 87. The next best scores were Stefani Christman of Enterprise, 118; Jackie Jenson of Enterprise, 119; and Grant Union's Tiana Allen, 122. Gaby Gibbons of Burns had a 124.

Grant Union head coach Ron Lundbom said members of the John Day Ladies Golf Club "spoiled" the group with a hamburger feed afterward.

### Pendleton Invitational

Prospector golfers traveled to the 2A Invitational at the Pendleton Country Club on April 1, where over 100 boys and girls competed on what Lundbom said was a "tough par 72 course."

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## Grant Union golfers hope state is in cards

### Lundbom in 11th year as GU's head golf coach

By Angel Carpenter  
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JOHN DAY — Grant Union golfers are hopeful for a run at state this year.

Last year, the boys came within four strokes of qualifying for state.

The Prospectors have four golfers on the boys team and two on the girls team.

Head coach Ron Lundbom has led the team for 11 years, and this year he has Jeff Allen as assistant coach. Allen is a fourth-grade teacher at Humbolt Elementary School.

A few junior high golfers have joined

the pack — they don't compete until high school but are allowed to practice alongside the varsity players. Lundbom said this will give those players experience and help them decide if they'd like to continue in the sport.

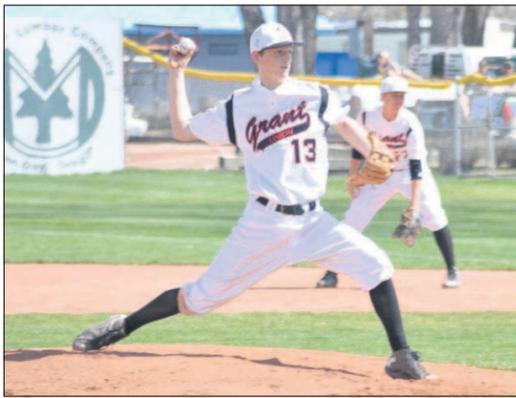
He said he's working on course management with the experienced varsity players.

"They can hit the ball anywhere they want it," he said.

From there, he said the golfers need to know where the trouble spots are, such as sand traps, and how to avoid them.

With the beginning golfers, he teaches grip, stance and posture until it becomes second nature, as well as getting the ball down the fairway. He also teaches the rules of the game and works on the basics.

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Grant Union's Zack Deiter pitches in the first game of a doubleheader against La Grande Saturday in John Day. Deiter struck out three and gave up three runs in the Prospectors' 3-2 loss in the first game. The Prospectors lost the second game 17-4.

## GU boys swept in doubleheader against La Grande

By Robby Bullock  
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John Day — It was a tough week for Grant Union baseball.

The team hosted the La Grande Tigers for a doubleheader Saturday, losing both games by scores of 3-2 and 17-4.

The first game was a low-scoring affair in which both sides struggled to score more than a few runs.

Coach Brian Delaney said he was very pleased

with the pitching of Zack Deiter in this game. Deiter started out on the mound for the Prospectors and wound up going six solid innings. Deiter gave up three runs while striking out three and keeping Grant Union close until the seventh inning, when Hayden Young took over pitching and finished the inning with no runs allowed. Delaney said Young finished out the game well.

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## Grant County track teams on fire at Burns

### Grant Union, Prairie City, Dayville, Long Creek compete

By Angel Carpenter  
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BURNS — Four Grant County track and field teams competed at Oster's Burns Lions Invitational April 9, including Grant Union, Prairie City, Long Creek and Dayville.

The teams also competed in the April 5 Grant Union Small Schools Invitational in John Day.

#### Grant Union

The 2A Grant Union girls finished in second place be-



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Prairie City's Wyatt Williams, left, competes in a combined boys and girls hurdling event at the Grant Union Small Schools Invitational.

hind 4A Ontario, and the Ontario boys also won with 2A Burns in second.

"I was very happy with our

ladies' performance at Burns," said Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith. "We had less than half our girls team pres-

ent for the meet, but they did an excellent job. All of our girls improved their performance for this year in at least one of the events they competed in. All coaches are excited with their progress. We only had three men able to attend and they worked hard at their events."

A few highlights from the event include Kaylee Wright winning first in the 200-meter run, the javelin and the 200. She finished third in the 100.

Chelsie Kodesh had a first-place finish in discus.

Sydney Brockway took second in the long jump, with Samantha Brock in third.

Kenzie Wilson had second place in the triple jump, with Samantha Brock in third.

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## Grant Union Lady Pros dominate Bulldogs

### Grant Union hosts Nyssa on Tuesday, April 19

By Angel Carpenter  
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JOHN DAY — The Grant Union softball team made quick work of it April 5 as they earned two 11-1 wins against the Culver Bulldogs.

The Prospectors team won

both games with the 10-run rule.

Grant Union head coach DeAnna Nash said she was pleased with the pitching performances of Cody Jo Madden in Game One and Mariah Moulton in Game Two, each pitching a full game.

The Prospectors' bats were hot from the start, earning six runs in the first inning. Culver's only run came in the fifth, and Grant Union ended it in five.

Multiple hits came from Bri-

anna Zwegygart, who also had a home run in each game, and Ravyn Walker, Jocelynn Smith, Railey Namitz and Madden.

"Defensively, we had no errors," Nash said.

Madden had five strikeouts, giving up two walks and two hits.

The Lady Pros finished their work in six innings for Game Two.

"Offensively, we had more walks and fewer hits, but that is showing our discipline at the

plate," Nash said.

Grant Union again got off to a quick start with five runs in the first.

Moulton had six strikeouts and allowed one walk and two hits. Grant Union had one error.

Both games ended with walk-off runs to allow the 10-run rule to end the games.

Grant Union hosts Nyssa for a doubleheader next Tuesday with games beginning at 1 p.m.