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Running the 100-meter dash, Monument's Sophie Pettit, right, takes first place with a time of 12.87. Grant Union's Kaylee Wright, left, finishes second (13.32), and Prairie City's Amaya Zwegardt, second from left, is fifth (14.37) at the April 19 Grant Union Small Schools Meet.

GC athletes tear up tracks

Prairie City girls place third at Crane contest

By Angel Carpenter
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CRANE — The Prairie City and Long Creek track and field teams competed at last Friday's Ranchers Invitational against five other small schools.

Prairie City and Monument schools also traveled to Saturday's 10th Annual Pepsi Invitational in Union where they faced 18 other competitors, including 4A schools.

Rancher's Invitational — Crane

Prairie City track and field head coach Joe Weymouth said his team's best performance was at Crane's Ranchers Invitational last Friday.

"We had five of six (athletes) with personal records," he said.

The Prairie City girls team placed third out of seven teams.

Beating their personal best scores were Haley Pfefferkorn in the 100-meter dash and javelin, Megan Camarena in shot put and Amaya Zwegardt in the triple jump.

For the boys, Wyatt Williams made a personal record in the 100, and Garrett Hitz also increased his time in the 300 high hurdle and his mark in the high jump, clearing the bar at 6 feet.

The Long Creek boys and girls each finished fifth in Crane.

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Long Creek 4x100 runners Adam Rajabaliev, left, and Aaron Yeung place third in their event, along with relay teammates Philipp Dessau and Kirill Borisov.

GU baseball gaining momentum

GU confident about second half of season

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY — The Grant Union Prospectors hope to keep their momentum swinging in the right direction after a shaky start to the season.

With two league games down — both wins — the Prospectors stand with a 7-8 overall record.

In most of their losses this season, Grant Union was down by two to three runs.

"The season didn't start the way we wanted, and part of that was finding our identity and combinations that work," said head coach Brian Delaney. "I feel that we've taken a turn for the better and no better time than first week of league."

Delaney said his team is full of talent but sometimes struggles with confidence.

"When these boys are focused, it seems like all three aspects of the game go well," he said. "On offense, we swing the bat well, we play good defense and we pitch well."

Delaney has been the team's head coach for seven years, with his assistant coach Kyle Myers there for those seven years, and David Blood for two years.

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Seniors on the Grant Union baseball team, from left: Wyatt Weaver, Brady Burch, Garrett McConnell, Hayden Young, Clayton Vaughan and Ricky Weickum.

Grant Union Prospectors shut out Union 12-0

GU wins home game in five innings

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JOHN DAY — Grant Union Prospectors Zack Deiter had an impressive day at the mound and the plate in Friday's game against Union/Cove.

The Prospectors won the game, 12-0, in five innings.

From the mound, Deiter put the game away in five innings, striking out five and allowing no runs on four hits.

Deiter also doubled in the second inning and tripled in the fourth, and scored twice in the game.

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Lady Prospectors have sweep and loss in softball action

Grant Union hosts Umatilla on Friday

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY — The Grant Union/Dayville/Prairie City softball team battled against Echo/Stanford last Friday, but fell 2-8.

Game Two was canceled due to lightning, and the makeup game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in John Day.

Grant Union head coach

DeAnna Nash said they will evaluate prevented the team from playing solid defense.

"I'm still encouraged that we play the No. 3-ranked team in the state, don't play as well as we have been, and yet we were never out of the game," she said. "We will rebound and play better through the final three weeks of league."

Echo/Stanford, as of Tuesday morning, ranks No. 4 and Grant Union No. 19.

Prospector Cody Jo Madden pitched the first four innings with Mariah Moulton taking over in the fifth.

Grant Union had four hits

and eight walks, giving up seven hits, five walks, one hit batter and five errors.

The Prospectors scored in the second inning and again in the sixth.

Grant Union's Tuesday, April 19, game was a different story, the Prospectors dominating in a 14-4 and 12-2 sweep over the Nyssa Bulldogs.

But it wasn't without a fight.

Nyssa threatened with three runs in the third inning of Game One, but the Prospectors put their foot on the gas.

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GU golfers take on Buffalo Peaks competition

Stokes and Vandehey shoot season bests

By Angel Carpenter
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UNION — Last Friday, the Grant Union golfers competed in the Buffalo Peaks Invitational in Union.

Twelve teams with over 100 boys and girls took on the windy par 72 championship course.

The Vale boys team won with a score of 359, followed

by Heppner with 373, Nixyaawii with 380 and Burns with 388.

Low medalist was Riley Lankford of Nixyaawii with 82.

Grant Union's Duane Stokes was tied for seventh with 87.

On the girls side, Heppner was the low team with a 431, followed by Baker with 447, Enterprise with 502 and Burns with 529.

The ladies low medalist was Trinity McCarthy of La Grande with 86.

Grant Union's Tiana Allen tied for eighth place with 113,

and Grant Union's Rose Vandehey had 130.

"I was happy with the way the team played," said head coach Ron Lundbom. "Although we were unable to field a boys team this week, Duane shot his season best by 10 strokes and out of first by only five strokes."

He added, "Tiana was only nine strokes out of placing, and Rose shot her personal best this season also. The girls had never played there, and it was only Duane's second time. So, all in all, we were right in there, and it was a cool, windy day which made scoring a challenge."