

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 29

Grant Union softball vs. Umatilla in John Day (2), 1 p.m.

Grant Union baseball @ Burns in Burns (2), 1 p.m.

Grant Union golf @ Alpine Meadows in Enterprise, 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 30

Prairie City, Grant Union, Monument @ Prairie City Invitational in Prairie City, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 3

Grant Union softball vs. Weston-McEwen/Griswold in John Day (2), 3 p.m.

Grant Union baseball vs. Weston-McEwen in John Day (1), 4 p.m.

SHUTOUT

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Grant Union had a quick start with offense, scoring five in the bottom of the first inning.

Prospector Hayden Young's single scored Ricky Weickum.

Young went on to steal second and third and scored off Wade Reimers' single — Reimers also scored on the play.

Union/Cove threatened in the top of the second, loading up the bases, but Deiter kept

them at bay. At the bottom of the inning, the Prospectors led 7-0.

Deiter continued, making quick work from the mound, and Deiter, Brady Burch, Reimers, Ty McDaniels and Wyatt Weaver scored in the bottom of the fifth.

Game Two was called due to lightning, and head coach Brian Delaney said the game will be made up at a future date.

Grant Union hosted the Burns Hilanders on Tuesday, past press time, and they travel to Burns for a 1 p.m. game on Friday.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Grant Union Prospectors Zack Deiter triples in the fourth inning against Union/Cove Friday afternoon. Deiter also made it a shutout game from the mound. The Prospectors won 12-0 in five innings.

Grant Union Prospectors Ravyn Walker gets one of multiple hits in the April 19 doubleheader against Nyssa. The Prospectors softball team includes athletes from Grant Union, Dayville and Prairie City schools.



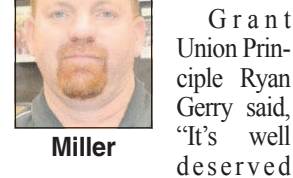
The Eagle Angel Carpenter

Miller named 2A AD of the Year

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Grant Union Junior-Senior High School athletic director Jason Miller was awarded 2A Athletic Director of the Year for 2016.

He received the award at the annual Oregon Athletic Directors Association conference on April 18 in Sunriver.



Miller

Grant Union Principal Ryan Gerry said, "It's well deserved to be acknowledged by his peers for his accomplishments working with our student athletes and athletic programs."

Miller said he doesn't know who nominated him for the award.

He said the job of athletic director involves connecting with other athletic directors across the state, balancing academics with athletics, providing as many games and contests as possible for the students, making sure they have the right people in charge of the athletes and making sure the facilities are safe and maintained.

Miller is also dean of students and a teacher at the school.

SOFTBALL

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Prospector Brianna Zweygardt helped get the offense going with a three-run homer in the fourth.

Moulton started pitching the game with Madden relieving her in the sixth, and Madden pitched a complete Game Two.

Nyssa came out strong in the beginning of the second game, scoring two in the first inning, but Grant Union remained in control the rest of the way and ended the game in five innings.

"The first inning was a little hairy," Nash said. "It's hard when you beat someone so hard in the first game. We could have let that snowball into something bad, but we ac-

tually played really well after."

Nash said, when you give a team that can hit the ball momentum, "it could be a long day," but the team rallied for the win.

"I'm very proud of the girls for pulling out of a slow start to end with a good win," said Prospector Brianna Zweygardt.

Her teammate Taylor McCluskey was also pleased with the team's effort.

"I'm very happy with the way we ended these last two games and excited to keep on playing this way," she said.

Prospector Railey Namitz said the win was a "morale booster" and that the team is ready for its Friday doubleheader against Stanfield/Echo starting at 1 p.m.

"We have a really good feeling about the season," her teammate Jocelynn Smith said. "I can't believe it's already halfway over."

Grant Union hosted Union Tuesday past press time, and they host Umatilla in doubleheader action at 1 p.m. Friday.

The Prospectors also host Weston-McEwen/Griswold for a doubleheader at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.

BASEBALL

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Three of Delaney's former players, Riley Averett, Dominic DeHaven and Garrett Gardner, are volunteer coaches this year.

"All of them have been great," Delaney said.

Blood is the junior varsity coach with help from the three former players.

There are 10 returning players on the varsity team, and three are new.

Seniors are Hayden Young, Garrett McConnell, Wyatt Weaver, Brady Burch, Ricky Weickum and Clayton Vaughan.

They said they're looking forward to the second half of the season.

"We struggled early on this season, and now we're starting to put things together as a team — just in time for getting into league," said Young.

McConnell agreed and said the team's upswing couldn't have come at a better time.

Weaver said the difference has been in how the team is "starting to play for each other" and "showing up in the games."

"I'd like to thank the community for their support and the coaches for getting us to this point," Vaughan said. "Now we just need to follow through and make the most of the games we have left."

Burch said, despite the rough start, he is excited for the league play ahead now that the team is "clicking."

"We'll look forward to finishing the season strong," Weickum said.

Grant Union faces Burns, Weston-McEwen, Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii and Union/Cove in the 2A/1A Special District 7.

Their toughest contenders will be Burns (No. 4), Weston-McEwen (No. 5) and Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii (No. 12).

Although Grant Union (No. 31) is down several notches from these competitors, Delaney says his team is headed in the right direction.

"As long as these boys can stay confident and focused, I have a good feeling about the season," he said. "That's the thing about baseball, you don't have to have the biggest, fastest and strongest; you just have to believe in yourself and work hard."



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Interested persons who qualify to serve on this Local Board are asked to contact the County Court office at 541-575-0059 or by email to wright@grantcounty-or.gov by 5 pm, Monday, May 2, 2016.

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HOT SHOT OF THE WEEK

FAYTHE SCHAFER

School: Monument
Grade: 9
Parents: Jeff and Shawnah Schaffer
Sport: Track and Field
Events: 100, 400, discus, and javelin
What I like best about my sport: "My favorite thing is that you build yourself to be better. You see yourself grow every week, and it's something you can do for fun."

Coach's Comment: "She has a strong athletic skill set combined with supreme coachability and the desire to win. She continues to improve her signature events, which are the discus, the javelin, and the 400m dash. Her focus last week was the 400m, and it paid off. She designed her own training program (with approval), executed it, and put it to work at UN, winning her heat and placing seventh of 21 with a 68.05s, a PR of nearly one second. Monument has many talented coachable track athletes, and this week Faythe showed what it means to be all in."

- Coach Darrin Dailey

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