

Man kills cougar before it attacks



Photo courtesy Malvin Jamison

Malvin Jamison shot and killed this cougar April 11 on the Umatilla Indian Reservation before it attacked him.

BMCC rodeo team to host regional finals

Blue Mountain Eagle

HERMISTON — The Blue Mountain Community College rodeo team will host their home rodeo as well as the Northwest Intercollegiate Regional Finals Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, at the Farm City Pro Rodeo Arena at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston.

rodeo teams will kick off the competition at 10 a.m. Friday and the Regional Finals will start at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Finals will continue on Saturday with slack at 10 a.m. and a final go at 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds will go back to scholarships for the BMCC rodeo team.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the gate. Admission is free for children under 12.

GU track champs bring home 12 medals

Nine Prospectors compete at Meet of Champions

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Nine Grant Union track and field athletes brought home 12 medals from Salem's Meet of Champions held last Saturday at Willamette University.

There were 39 teams from schools large and small competing in the event.

Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith said the competition gives her an idea of how the athletes will do at state and gives them an opportunity to compete against west-side athletes.

"I'm very proud of them," she said.

Results:

Jozie Rude, eighth place, shot put; fifth, javelin; ninth, pole vault
Andrew Copenhaver, third, pole vault
Chelsie Kodesh, sixth, discus; seventh, javelin
Kaylee Wright, third, javelin; eighth, high jump
Sydney Brockway, third, long jump
Kenzie Wilson, eighth, triple jump
Samantha Brock, fourth, long jump; fourth, triple jump
Nick Springer, seventh, high jump
Danielle Girvin also qualified for the meet, competing in javelin.



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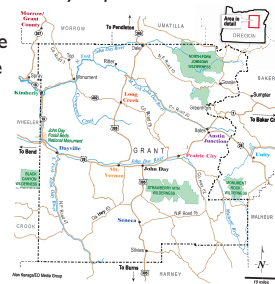
Nine Grant Union track and field athletes brought home 12 medals after competing at the Meet of Champions at Willamette University in Salem Saturday. From left: Back row, Chelsie Kodesh, Sydney Brockway, Kenzie Wilson, Samantha Brock; front, Danielle Girvin, Nick Springer, Andrew Copenhaver and Kaylee Wright. Not pictured, Jozie Rude.

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Head coach Linda Stuttmann said she is happy with her team's efforts.

"For many of our athletes, it is their first year doing track and field," she said. "They are all working hard to learn and improve in their events. It means a lot to me as a coach to watch them put in the effort and to see their excitement each time they PR. I'm proud of them all."

For the girls, Lilly Stemmman placed second in long jump and had a personal record in javelin where she placed fifth.

Andrea Moreno earned third in the triple jump.

Mew Wiriyasumon achieved personal records in all three of her events, the 100, discus and long jump.

Raquel Silva also surpassed her personal record in discus,

placing ninth.

On the boys side, Fernando Rodriguez placed third in the high jump, earning a personal record.

The 4x100 relay team of Philipp Dessau, Aaron Yeung, Adam Rajabeliev and Kirill Borisov placed third in their event.

Rajabeliev was also third in the 800, followed by teammate Cody Baker who placed fourth with a personal record.

Borisov earned a personal record in the 200, placing fourth, and also beat his record in the 100.

Near Bunnag also surpassed his previous high mark in discus.

10th Annual Pepsi Invitational — Union

There were 26 teams in all competing in Union, including 4A schools.

Highlights from Prairie City include Garrett Hitz earning first in pole vault, second in high jump, third in the 110 high hurdles and fourth in javelin.

Amaya Zweygardt had a third-place finish in pole vault, and Megan Camarena was 11th out of 52 in shot put.

Weymouth said he was happy his team would have a full week of practice before Prairie City's first home meet on their new track at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Prairie City Athletic Director Billy Colson said no one knows when the school last hosted an invitational. They'll also hold a High Desert League Meet, a twilight meet, at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

For Monument, the girls team finished mid-pack, ninth out of 20 teams.

Sophie Pettit won the 100 in 13.19 and earned second in the 200 with 27.47. She also had a personal record in the triple jump with a mark of 31-02.50.

Several athletes scratched in the long jump, and Long Creek coach Darrin Dailey said Union's runway and pit need renovation.

"All my jumpers felt it was unsafe," he said.

Dailey said several of his athletes earned personal records at the meet.

"Dinorha (Vidrio Landin) had perhaps the biggest PR of the meet," he said. "She beat her previous 800-meter time by nearly 10 seconds, running a 3:12.77."

Others surpassing their previous records, included Kyla Emerson who finished eighth in the 100 hurdles. She also tied for fifth in the long jump and was eighth in the 300 hurdles.

Faythe Schafer had records in three events, including the 100, 400 and discus.

Tamara Homan was nearly three seconds faster in the 400, and Maya Thomas had season records in the 800 and 3,000.

Aubrey Werner increased her shot put mark by 1.5 feet and her discus throw by nearly 3 feet.

On the boys side, Hayden Schafer earned a season record in javelin with 140-01, finishing seventh out of 59 competitors.

Jess Hoodenpyl ran the 800 and 1,500 with his usual marks.

Grant Union Small Schools Meet — John Day

Grant County teams competing at the Grant Union Small Schools Meet on Tuesday, April 19, included Grant Union, Monument, Prairie City and Long Creek.

The Grant Union girls won first place with 203.5, followed by Burns with 136.5 and Monument with 71.

For the boys, Burns won the meet with 164.5. Crane followed with 119.5, and Condon/Wheeler placed third with 89.

Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith said the event turned out well.

"We had marks that helped them improve their standings in district," she said.

Coming up this week, Prairie City holds their invitational at 11 a.m. Saturday which will be attended by Prairie City, Grant Union and Monument schools, as well as two others.

Grant Union hosts the GU Invite at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, with Grant Union, Dayville and Mitchell-Spray competing.

After hosting their local meet, Grant Union will gear up for 2A-6 Wapiti League Districts set for 11 a.m. Friday, May 13, in Union.

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Please join us for the 2016 Grant Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting. Event is free and open to the public.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Grant County Regional Airport Meeting Room
FEATURING: MANAGING FOR SOIL HEALTH
SPEAKERS: Cory Owens, Oregon State Soil Scientist
Nick Sirovatka, John Day Basin Agronomist
Jennifer Kucera, West Regional Soil Health Team Leader

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