



Two JD swimmers win in Lakeview

By Angel Carpenter
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The John Day Swim Team shored up their talents for fourth overall at the July 8-10 Lakeview Swim Meet.

Klamath Basin, a year-round swim team, won first place with 610 points, followed by Lakeview with 461, Prineville 341, John Day 268 and High Desert Burns 243.

There were 26 athletes from the John Day team competing at the event.

John Day swimmer Taylor Hunt was the boys 13-14-year-old high-point swimmer, and Justin Hodge won the boys 12 and under.

“That’s a huge compliment to have two of our boys win it,” said John Day Swim Team coach Sabrina Howard, adding the competition was tough.

She said the team performed well, given the cold weather.



Sivanna Hodge competes at the July 8-10 Lakeview Swim Meet for the John Day Swim Team.

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John Day swim results (top five):
Boys 12 & Under 200 SC Meter Freestyle
1, Justin Hodge, 3:02.09
Boys 13-18 400 SC Meter IM
2, Taylor Hunt, 7:10.74
Girls 10 & Under 100 SC Meter Medley Relay
2, John Day Swim Team-OR “A”
Boys 10 & Under 100 SC Meter Medley Relay
3, John Day Swim Team-OR “A”
Boys 12 & Under 200 SC Meter Medley Relay
2, John Day Swim Team-OR “A”
Girls 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Medley Relay
3, John Day Swim Team-OR “A”



John Day Swim Team athletes Justin Hodge, left, and Taylor Hunt.

Boys 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Medley Relay
4, John Day Swim Team-OR “A”
Boys 11-12 100 SC Meter Freestyle
1, Justin Hodge, 1:19.51
5, Thomas LeQuieu, 1:35.60
Boys 13-14 200 SC Meter Freestyle
1, Russell Hodge, 2:51.28
2, Taylor Hodge, 2:51.74
Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Butterfly
4, Reece Jacobs, 30.10
5, Sierra May, 31.87
Boys 11-12 20 SC Meter Butterfly
2, Justin Hodge, 47.64
Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter Butterfly
4, Rhea Mead, 1:45.89
Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Butterfly

1, Taylor Hunt, 1:24.38
4, Russell Hodge, 1:50.53
Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Backstroke
3, Sierra May, 27.57
Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Backstroke
1, Justin Hodge, 47.31
4, Quinn Larson, 56.37
Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter Backstroke
5, Shanniyah Hall, 2:30.31
Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Backstroke
2, Taylor Hunt, 1:33.35
5, Russell Hodge, 1:35.51
Boys 15-18 100 SC Meter Backstroke
3, Grant LeQuieu, 1:35.57
Girls 10 & Under 100 SC Meter Freestyle Relay
4, John Day Swim Team-OR “A”
Girls 12 & Under 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay
2, John Day Swim Team-OR “A”
Boys 12 & Under 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay
1, John Day Swim Team
Boys 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay
1, John Day Swim Team
Girls 8 & Under 100 SC Meter IM
4, Sierra May, 2:43.66
Girls 9-10 100 SC Meter IM
3, Laken McKay, 2:25.13
4, Sivanna Hodge, 2:32.58
Boys 11-12 100 SC Meter IM
2, Justin Hodge, 1:42.91
Girls 13-14 200 SC Meter IM
4, Rhea Mead, 3:30.95

Boys 13-14 200 SC Meter IM
2, Taylor Hunt, 3:16.02
5, Russell Hodge, 3:33.57
Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Breaststroke
4, Sierra May, 35.32
Boys 9-10 50 SC Meter Breaststroke
2, Trevor Gabbard, 1:08.83
Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Breaststroke
2, Justin Hodge, 52.13
3, Thomas LeQuieu, 53.55
Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter breaststroke
4, Rhea Mead, 1:46.11
Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Breaststroke
1, Taylor Hunt, 1:40.84
Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Freestyle
5, Sierra May, 25.72
Girls 9-10 50 SC Meter Freestyle
3, Sivanna Hodge, 46.89
Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Freestyle
1, Justin Hodge, 33.91
4, Thomas LeQuieu, 43.29
Girls 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle
5, Rhea Mead, 38.07
Boys 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle
1, Taylor Hunt, 30.79
2, Russell Hodge, 31.31
Combined Team Scores - Through Event 94
J, John Day Swim Team, 268.5
Women - Team Rankings - Through Event 94
5, John Day Swim Team, 85
Men - Team Rankings - Through Event 94
4, John Day Swim Team, 183.5



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Madelyn, left, and Max Bailey warm up on the first day of the July 6-7 Junior Golf Scramble. The two-week golf camp for ages 8-18 was coached by Ron Lundbom with assistance from Jeff Allen.

Junior golfers take a swing at scramble

Lundbom wraps up youth camp

By Angel Carpenter
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Over a dozen youth competed in the Grant County Junior Golf scramble July 6 and 7 at the John Day Golf Club.

The event capped the two-week youth golf camp led by Ron Lundbom and Jeff Allen.

Lundbom is head coach for the Grant Union High School golf team, and Allen is assistant coach.

There were 15 boys and girls ages 7 to 17 taking the opportunity to learn about and improve their grip, stance, posture, ball position and swing.

Two days were spent practicing their swing with

both irons and woods. “They learned the different ways to putt and how to chip from around the green,” Lundbom said. “They learned some etiquette of golf, and we went over the basic rules we encounter most of the time we play.”

Following last week’s scramble, the group gathered for ice cream at the clubhouse.

“We talked about having a junior golf night and the future kids have in the life-long game of golf,” he said. “It was a pleasure having such a great group of kids and a special thanks to the Golf Club and this year’s golf team for helping make this happen.”

Wildfire softball team slides to second in state

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant County Wildfire 13-14-15-year-old all stars took a tough 6-5 loss to Parkside/Beaumont on Monday in the finals at the Oregon Juniors Little League State Championships.

The weeklong double-elimination tournament was hosted by the Or-Cal District in Tulelake, California.

Grant County manager Zach Williams said his team showed their resiliency in the game after a 21-9 loss to Parkside/Beaumont the previous day in the semifinal games.

“They played really well,” he said. “They fought hard, kept it together and they played like a team.”

Wildfire’s Shaine Madden pitched the game for Grant County.

The Grant County team had the first run of the game in the top of the third, and Parkside/Beaumont tied the score in the bottom of the inning.

Wildfire added a run in the top of the fourth, and three more in the seventh. The score was 5-2 going into the bottom of the seventh. Parkside/Beaumont loaded the bases and scored two on a single.



The Eagle/Marissa Williams
The Grant County Wildfire 13-14-15 All-Stars team, on Monday, prepares for state finals action. The team finished second in the tournament.

“We walked a girl and got a double play from home to first,” Williams said.

The score was 5-4 with two outs, with the Wildfire in the lead.

“We had a ground ball to third that was thrown to first, and the umpire made the determination that the first baseman’s foot came off the bag, allowing the tying run to score,” Williams said.

Parkside/Beaumont, which had no losses in the tournament, hit a sacrifice pop fly to give them the win.

If Grant County had won the game, they would have faced Parkside/Beaumont again that

day for a final game.

“They were heartbroken,” Williams said. “It was a really hard loss. They’re very resilient.”

Grant County’s centerfielder Kaylee Wright, who went 3-4 in the game, was awarded the district administrator’s game ball as Most Valuable Player of the championship game.

Williams said he appreciated the supporters who followed their livestream videos and those who traveled to the games.

“I would also like to thank Mike Strong and Tammy Clark,” he said. “I couldn’t ask for better assistant coaches.”

SCORES	
Championship game Monday, July 11 Wildfire, 5, Parkside/Beaumont, 6 (seven innings)	
Semifinals Sunday, July 10, Game 2 Wildfire, 13, Warm Springs, 3 (five innings)	
Game 1 Wildfire, 9, Parkside/Beaumont, 21 (seven innings)	
Quarterfinals Saturday, July 9 Wildfire, 11, Tillamook, 0 (six innings)	
Thursday, July 8, Game 1 Wildfire, 21, South Salem, 0 (five innings)	

Special Olympians shine at Summer Games

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One moment at the July 9-10 Special Olympics Summer State Games in Newberg showed what the event, involving over 1,000 track and field athletes, is all about.

Grant County Special Olympics track and field coach Karla Colson said during one of the running events an athlete fell down.

“Instead of just whizzing past him, another athlete picked him up and they both finished last,” Colson said.

The two athletes weren’t

from the Grant County team, but Colson said it highlights the spirit of the Summer Games.

“That’s what it’s all about,” she said. “this is real sportsmanship.”

This year’s Grant County team included: Caleb Madsen, Crystal Wimberley, Jay Colson, Brian McKrola, Katie Shockley, Josiah Hoeffner, Elizabeth Swarthout, Katie Latham, Rodney Brunson and Charley Fronapel. Colson was assisted by co-coach Ashley Wyllie during the season.

Assistants at the games included Grant County Special Olympics coordinator Deron-

da Lallatin, Michael Snyder and David Gill.

The local athletes competed in several events, including the shot put, softball throw, 4x100-meter relay, 100-meter walk and 200-meter run.

Josiah Hoeffner placed second in the softball throw, and the relay team, including Jay Colson, Brian McKrola, Crystal Wimberley and Caleb Madsen, won third place.

“They were very encouraging of their teammates and encouraging toward other teams,” Karla said. “They persevered and tried their personal best. I was proud of them all. It was a

beautiful thing.”

She said the athletes also enjoy other activities at the event, including dances, as well as meeting athletes from other cities. She added it’s special when family members can make it to cheer them on in their competitions. Colson said they hope to offer soccer and swimming in the fall, and they are seeking a volunteer with lifeguard certification to join them for trips and swimming activities.

She noted that in order for athletes to swim during their motel stays, they have to be accompanied by a certified lifeguard.



Contributed photo/Karla Colson
The Grant County Special Olympics team. From left: coordinator Deronda Lallatin, Josiah Hoeffner, Rodney Brunson, Elizabeth Swarthout, Crystal Wimberley, Jay Colson, Caleb Madsen, Brian McKrola, David Gill (assistant), Michael Snyder (assistant), Charley Fronapel, coach Karla Colson and Katie Shockley. Not pictured, Katie Latham.



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