

Elk habitat to be improved in Grant County

Blue Mountain Eagle
Grant County is among the winners of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's \$297,310 in grant funding to assist with 28 wildlife habitat, research and hunting heritage

projects across 25,327 acres in Oregon.
"There is a definite need for prescribed burning, thinning and other landscape work to maintain and spruce up elk habitat across Oregon," said Blake Henning, RMEF

chief conservation officer, in a statement. "We're especially grateful for our dedicated RMEF volunteers in Oregon who worked hard to raise this funding so it can be back on the ground in their home state."

The Grant County grant will continue a project aimed at improving important elk winter range and a critical migration corridor between the North Fork John Day Wilderness and the Bridge Creek Wildlife Area by applying

noxious weed treatments and planting 200 quaking aspens to benefit elk and other wildlife on 754 acres of private land that allows public hunting.
Since 1986, RMEF and its partners completed 835

conservation and hunting heritage outreach projects in Oregon with a combined value of more than \$55.2 million. These projects protected or enhanced 786,802 acres of habitat and opened or secured public access to 28,383 acres.

Football and tacos benefit GU gridders program

Fans can relive the glory days at the Saturday, Oct. 8, Grant Union Alumni Football and Taco Feed.
Dinner will be served at the Grant Union cafeteria from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with the game starting at 7 p.m. under the Three Flags Field lights.
The cost of \$10 a person covers dinner and the game.

All proceeds benefit the Grant Union football team.
This is the second year the Prospectors and organizers have hosted the event, and they plan to make it an annual activity.
For tickets, contact a football player or coach Jason Miller at the school 541-575-1799, ext. 22.

PANTHERS

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He said some of their younger players stepped up on the court.
"The older girls are realizing their leadership role, and it's making a big difference," he said. "I was particularly impressed with the team as a whole with their spot serving and coverage."
Panther player MaKenzie

Jones said the team played well.
"A lot of things clicked for us today," she said. "Everybody had good attitudes and we began to communicate, and it helped a lot."

Prairie City stats:
Brianna Zwegardt: 100 percent on 17 serves (1 ace), 6 kills
Cassie Hire: 86 percent on 14 serves (3 aces), 5 kills
Sarah Ennis: 5 kills
Sierra Dahlen: 4 kills
Overall team serving was 85 percent
Team kill percent was 31 percent

LADY PROS

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went on," Speth said. "Offensively, we have been working on stronger ball control and winning transition rallies."
Earlier last week, the Prospectors claimed a 3-0 victory over the Crane Mustangs Tuesday, Sept. 20, in John Day.
Grant Union's 2A team powered through the game against the 1A senior-laden Mustangs with scores of 25-14, 25-14 and 25-18.
The Mustangs, led by head coach Raime Stoddart, have 10 seniors on their varsity team of 12.

"Crane is always a very good team," said Grant Union head coach Shae Speth. "They always do well in their league."
Grant Union junior Mariah Moulton had 15 kills and no errors for the night.
Speth said her team's passing has improved, and she was happy to add junior varsity members into the mix during the final set.

"We've been working on getting back to fundamentals and being mindful about doing the right things," Speth said.
Speth said the game was good competition heading into league.

Prospector senior Natalie Stearns said she was happy with the outcome of the game.
"It really brought our confidence up, and it shows what we can do together," she said.

Grant Union stats, Enterprise and Elgin combined:
Mariah Moulton: 25 kills, 5 aces, 100 percent serving, 13 digs
Whitney McClellan: 6 aces, 10 digs
Reagan Shelley: 3 kills
Chelsie Kodesh: 11 kills, 2 aces, 28 digs
Hailee Wright: 3 kills, 2 aces, 100 percent serving, 4 digs, 1 block assist
Natalie Stearns: 8 aces, 18 digs
Kaylee Wright: 12 kills, 3 digs, 1 block assist
Heather Mosley: 24 kills, 3 aces, 4 digs, 3 solo blocks



The Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter
Mariah Moulton keeps the ball in play with her teammates Whitney McClellan, left, Natalie Stearns (12) and Chelsie Kodesh (9) in the action.



Grant Union Prospector Natalie Stearns makes a save in the game against Crane.



Grant Union Prospectors Heather Mosley and Mariah Moulton jump up to block, facing Mustang opponent Taylor Crafts (11).

BLOWOUT

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Monument/Dayville made a final stop on fourth down as the Panther/Bulls neared another touchdown at the 5-yard line as the game came to a close.

Monument/Dayville head coach Nathaniel Ashley said he was happy with his team's effort.

"They are in a tough situation, having only one substitute, and they keep pushing till the end of the game — it shows a lot of heart and determination," he said.

"We had some guys step up in the game," he added. "GW Clark stepped up big, getting people in the right position and setting a great example by playing 110 percent every down, and the rest of the team followed suit. Even the banged up players just kept coming back in the game."

Prairie City/Burnt River head coach Darrel McKrola said the key to their win was the team's "determination and execution."

"I feel like our defense stepped up, and played really well — we had four defensive touchdowns," he said. "The boys really wanted to win this game, so they executed the plays we drew up, and now we need to get ready for our next big game against Jordan Valley."

"All in all, Monument/Dayville, for only having nine players, did well, and I wish them luck with the rest of their season."

Monument/Dayville will face the Antelopes at 6 p.m. on Friday in Adrian.

Prairie City/Burnt River is also on the road, meeting up with the Jordan Valley Mustangs at 12 p.m.

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HOT SHOT
OF THE WEEK

WYATT WILLIAMS

School: Prairie City
Grade: 12
Parents: Brook & Ryan Williams
Sport: Football
Position: Quarterback

What I like best about my sport: "I like being around all my buddies and friends and coming together to play football."
Coach's Comment: "He's our team leader. Today he had a couple defensive touchdowns and offensive touchdowns. He's starting to understand how I want him to run the offense, and he's getting that confidence he needs to succeed."
-Coach Darrel McKrola

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ROUNDUP

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Monument/Dayville's scores against Jordan Valley were 25-22, 17-25 and 13-15.
"Overall, we had a good weekend of volleyball," Schmadeka said. "We just need to work out a few kinks still."
Monument/Dayville travels to Adrian Friday with junior varsity volleyball begin-

ning at 3 p.m. and varsity at 4 p.m.

Lady Panthers fall 0-2 to Mustangs at tournament

After Friday's win over Monument/Dayville in Burnt River, the Prairie City Pan-

thers volleyball players hit the road to the Crane Tournament on Saturday.

The Tigers fell 0-2 to the Crane Mustangs in bracket play with scores of 13-25 and 22-25.

"Saturday was the culmination of a long week for us, and we were missing a few players as well," said Panther co-coach Louanne Zwegardt. "We came close

with Crane in bracket play, but I think ran out of gas. We look forward to meeting them in league play."

Prairie City varsity faces Burnt River in Unity at 4:30 p.m. Friday and travels to Jordan Valley for games at 2 p.m., beginning with junior varsity, followed by varsity.

Long Creek volleyball fires up

A volleyball team has been formed at Long Creek School, and the Mountaineers will host junior varsity teams on Saturday for Long Creek's first games of the season.

They'll face Burnt River at 1 p.m., followed by Prairie City at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The Mountaineers are led by head coach Linda Studtmann.

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