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GU gridders are Wapiti League champs



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TOP: Grant Union Prospector quarterback Wade Reimers twists and jumps out of several Union tackle attempts en route to a touchdown in Friday night's 48-18 win. **ABOVE:** Grant Union Prospector Cauy Weaver works to shake off Union's Seth Stone in Friday's game, Dillon Maley (75) in back.

Prospectors battle for blowout win over Bobcats

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Prospector football team, undefeated in league, claimed the Wapiti League championship title after a 48-18 victory over the Union Bobcats on Friday.

Who's next?

Saturday Grant Union football vs. Reedspport in John Day, first-round state playoff, 1 p.m.

Grant Union hosts the Reedspport Braves at 1 p.m. Saturday in John Day for the Round 1 state playoff game.

Head coach Jason Miller said he's happy with the opportunity of a home-field advantage.

The Prospectors entered last week's game ranked No. 7 for OSAA 2A teams with a 4-3 record, while Union was ranked No. 12 with a 4-2 record.

Miller was looking for a fast start Friday, and his team delivered.

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Lady Pros punch ticket to volleyball state championships

Team stays focused to overtake Kennedy

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union Lady Prospectors met yet another goal this season, sweeping the Kennedy Trojans 3-0 in Saturday's first-round state playoff game.

The win means Grant Union, led by head coach Shae Speth, is on its way to the Nov. 4-5 OSAA volleyball state championships.

They'll face the St. Paul Buckaroos at 3:15 on Friday, Nov. 4, at Ridgeview High School in Redmond.

"Making it back to Redmond for the third straight year is another of our goals we reached this year," Speth said. "We are focused on bringing home a state championship, but know we have a tough road ahead of us to do so. We are taking it one game at a time, starting with St. Paul in the quarterfinal game on Friday."

The Prospectors, Wapiti League champions, won Saturday's game against Kennedy at the Grant Union court with scores of 25-12, 25-18 and 25-22.

Kennedy, of Mt. Angel School District and the

Who's next?

Friday
Grant Union volleyball vs. St. Paul, state quarterfinals at Ridgeview High School in Redmond, Court 2, 3:15 p.m.
Volleyball semifinals in Redmond, Court 1, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday
Volleyball consolation game, Court 1, 10 a.m.
Volleyball third/fifth place game, Court 1, 2:15 p.m.
Volleyball championship game, Court 1, 8:30 p.m.

Tri-River Conference, are coached by Laura Beyer.

The Prospectors won the first two sets handily on Saturday, staying ahead throughout both sets, for the most part.

Grant Union's Natalie Stearns kicked things off with a 12-0 serving run in the first set.

In the second set, the Prospectors stayed ahead until Kennedy's Hannah Arritola went on a serving run and the Trojans tied the score 13-13.

Grant Union stayed on top after that for a 7-point win.

Kennedy gained momentum in the third, tying the score a few times and midway taking a 19-16 lead.

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Grant Union Prospector Chelsie Kodesh sends the ball over the reach of Kennedy blockers in the Round 1 state playoff game in John Day. In back, many students in the fan section are dressed in Halloween costumes or school colors.

Rodeo youth celebrate season, top competitors

Top contestants receive prizes at awards banquet

By Angel Carpenter
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Youth rodeo contestants wrapped up their Cinnabar Mountain Playdays season with a year-end awards banquet.

Family and friends joined in for the dinner and awards ceremony Oct. 23 at the Mt. Vernon Community Hall.

Youth were awarded for their summer rodeo events held at the Grant County Fairgrounds rodeo arena in John Day.

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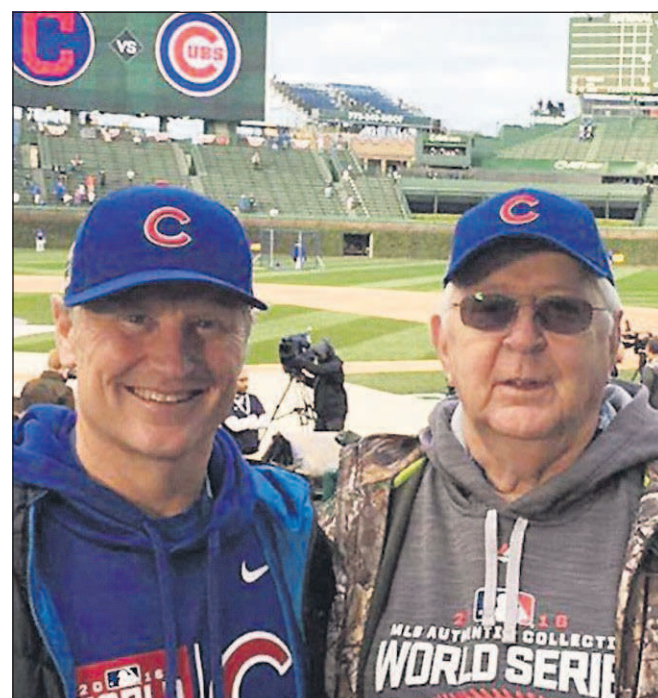
The cowboys and cowgirls competed in events, including pole bending, figure eight, barrel racing, dummy roping and other contests.

Season results were announced with the top six in each division receiving prizes.

First-place winners received buckles; second, rope cans with leather covers by Clair Kehrberg; third, head stalls by KO Trading; fourth, spurs; fifth, Pendleton blankets with leather CMP corners; and sixth, rope halters by Severe Brothers Saddlery.

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Local Chicago Cubs fan witnesses historic World Series Game 5 win



Contributed photo

Chicago Cubs fans Doug Sharp of John Day and his uncle John "Butch" Kirchner of Canyon City are all smiles as they await the start of the World Series Game 5.

Teacher Doug Sharp cheers team to win

By Angel Carpenter
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John Day resident Doug Sharp had the opportunity of a lifetime to attend two World Series games last week, including the Chicago Cubs' 3-2 win over the Cleveland Indians in Sunday's Game 5 at Chicago's Wrigley Field.

He enjoyed the game with his uncle John "Butch" Kirchner of Canyon City by his side.

Sharp's friends, co-workers and PE students at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School know he's a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan.

He said his students write notes about the Cubs on the dry erase board that hangs on

his door at school.

All in good fun, they either cheer on his team, or tease about the Cubs' previous losing streak or the "billy goat curse."

"They like giving me a hard time," he said.

So, how did a John Day native become such a big Chicago Cubs fan?

Sharp said he was born in John Day, but his family moved to Ransom, Illinois, when he was 2 years old, moving back to Grant County when he was in eighth grade.

He said during his time in Illinois, his family would often venture to Chicago to visit a museum or take in a ball game.

"As long as I knew what the Cubs were, I've been a fan," he said.

Twenty years ago, he put his name on the waiting list

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