Adult co-ed volleyball teams will compete for fun, exercise

Practices set to begin on Dec. 4

> **By Angel Carpenter** Blue Mountain Eagle

With the high school volleyball season coming to an end, adults — male and female — can now plan to get in on some of the action.

Registration is open for an adult co-ed volleyball league through the John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation.

The program is designed to give adults 18 and over an opportunity for fun and exercise and is not considered "power vollevball.'

Practices will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School

scheduled for this weekend.

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The registration fee is \$120 for a team or \$20 for each individual. Late registration will have an extra \$25 fee added after Dec. 20.

There will be at least eight league matches during the January-February season, to be held on Sundays.

Teams will have a minimum of six players and maximum of 12, and each team must include at least three women.

All 18- and 19-year-old players must be out of high

Registration forms are available online at jdccparksandrec.weebly.com (click on adult programs) and at the Parks and Rec office at 845 1/2 Bridge St. in John Day.

For more information, contact Jeff Meyerholz at 541-575-0110.

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Heppner has 34 players on their roster, including six senior starters, and entered the competition as fourth seed.

Sports

Grant Union, with a team of 19, was fifth seed. Miller, who is also Grant

Union's athletic director, said his team worked hard and improved over the season.

"We survived our injuries (against Reedsport)," he said. "My comment to them was they probably got a lot of reps this season because we didn't have many substitutions."

He hopes to see more stu-



Grant Union Prospector defensive coordinator Andy Lusco gives instructions during the quarterfinal game.

dent participation in all athlet-

There was one just one senior Prospector this year, Billy Copenhaver, and if all of this year's juniors return, the team will have 10 seniors in 2017.

'We appreciate the com-

munity's help and support," he said. "We'll miss our lone senior, but the future does look bright."

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He played basketball for one year at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, and played four years for Grant Union High School, graduating in 1997.

Workman said working nights for a few years prevented him from coaching, but now, with a daytime schedule, that opportunity opened up for him.

"I like teaching kids, not just about basketball, but choices in life," he said. "They build character and hard work to put 110 percent in all you do, it carries over to everyday living and learning how to make good decisions.'

He said academics come first for the athletes, then sportsmanship.

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"Then everything else comes together," he said. "Everything is done as a team."

Workman said they have one of the tougher leagues with opponents such as Adrian, Crane and Jordan Valley, but he's encouraged by the talent on the Panther team that includes 13 athletes.

He spent time last season watching the high school and junior high Panther teams, and said there are talented freshmen joining the team this year.

"I'm excited about coaching, and for the first game," he said. "I love basketball. It's always been the game I've loved."

The Lady Panthers will host Adrian in their first competition of the season at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, followed by the Panther boys at 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity girls and boys games start at 3 p.m. and 4:30

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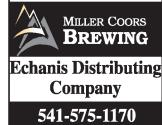
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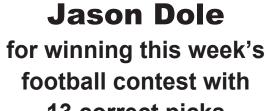
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