



SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 1

Dance Holiday Showcase at Grant Union, 6:30 p.m., cost \$7 and can of food at door

Friday, Dec. 2

Prairie City basketball vs. Adrian, 5 p.m. girls, 6:30 p.m. boys (JV starts at 3:30 p.m.)

Monument/Dayville basketball @ Condon/Wheeler at Fossil Tournament in Fossil, TBD

Grant Union basketball @ Sherman Tournament in Moro, TBD

Dance Holiday Showcase at Grant Union, 6:30 p.m., cost \$7 and can of food at door

Saturday, Dec. 3

Monument/Dayville basketball @ Pilot Rock at Fossil Tournament in Fossil, TBD

Grant Union basketball @ Sherman Tournament in Moro, TBD

Grant Union wrestling @ Irrigon Duals in Irrigon, TBD

All-State volleyball players have passion for the sport

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Two Grant Union Prospector volleyball athletes received All-State honors this season.

Junior outside hitter Mariah Moulton was named to the All-State first team, and senior middle hitter Heather Mosley was named to the All-State second team.

Both players were part of the Prospector team that won



Heather Mosley

third at the OSAA state championships this year. Head coach Shae Speth said both girls contributed to the team. Moulton led the team with 417 kills this season, up from 263 last year. She had 349 digs and 96 percent serving.



Mariah Moulton

ton also made strides defensively as well. “Mariah had a passion for volleyball, and I look forward

to watching her lead the team next year as a senior,” Speth said. Mosley had 284 kills on the season, up from 170 last year. She was in on 39 percent of the team’s blocks, with 49 solo blocks and 58 block assists. She had 103 digs and 67 aces.

“Heather has improved greatly over the past few seasons,” Speth said. “I believe she was the most dominant

middle in the state at our level. She has always been a force defensively with her blocking, but she became an offensive weapon for us this season as well.” Speth said Mosley’s serving was especially improved this season.

“Her leadership will be missed greatly as well,” Speth said. “She is steady and calm, no matter the score or situation.”



PANTHER PREVIEW

Boys hungry for postseason play

Team identity goal is tough defense

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

For the Prairie City Panther boys basketball team “Ball is Life” — that’s their motto — “One team, One family, One love — Prairie City.”

The team had a look at post season play last February when they reached round one of the OSAA state playoffs for the first time since 2007.

Prairie City took a tough 53-45 loss to the Joseph Eagles, but they are ready to get back at it.

Second-year head coach Jonathan Gill said the team wants to keep the momentum going.

“For those guys to get a taste of post season play, they’re very hungry to build off the success of last year, and their goal is to make it to Baker City this year,” he said.

The top three from the district tournament advance to state playoffs — 24 teams statewide — and the state championships in Baker City will include the Final 8.



Prairie City coach Jonathan Gill

Gill has help from returning assistant coaches Bob Hassmiller and Chuck Lawrence.

Returning starters include senior Wyatt Williams, junior Dorrin Wilson and sophomore Levi Burke.

“Those guys put in work all summer,” Gill said. “They’re setting examples and leading by example, for sure.”

Wilson, he said, is sharing leadership skills, Williams is known for being vocal on the team and Burke is one of the best players.

“Levi has the highest ceiling, and is one of

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Lady Panthers eager to start season

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

A combination of footwork and fundamentals will be the foundation for this year’s Prairie City Lady Panther team, said new head coach Bo Workman.

The Lady Panthers host the Adrian Antelopes at 5 p.m. Friday, after the junior varsity teams’ half games, which start at 3:30 p.m.

“The town is excited for basketball to start,” Workman said, adding last year’s support of the team was positive.

He said he’s seeing strength in this year’s team, from four seniors, as well as three experienced juniors. Rounding out the roster are three sophomores and three freshmen. Six of the athletes are returning varsity players.

In practice last week, the Panthers focused on footwork, positioning drills,



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Prairie City Lady Panther Brianna Zweggardt lays up the ball in practice last

shooting and conditioning. “We’re focusing on the basics and fundamentals — keeping it simple,” Workman said.

This year’s seniors are MaKenzie Jones, Sarah Ennis, Lindsay Wall and Taci Perrenoud.

Ennis and Wall started playing basketball seven years ago, on opposing fifth-grade teams.

“I’m excited to be playing with these girls,” Ennis said. See GIRLS, Page A11

TOP PHOTO: Prairie City Panther Syd Holman looks for his next move in the Panthers’ Nov. 22 practice. The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Prairie City boys and girls basketball schedule

Dec. 2: vs. Adrian, 5 p.m. girls, 6:30 p.m. boys (JV girls, 3:30 p.m., boys follow, half games)	Jan. 7: @ Jordan Valley, 2 p.m. girls, 3:30 p.m. boys (JV girls, 12:30 p.m.)	Jan. 21: @ Burnt River in Unity, 2 p.m. girls, 3:30 p.m. boys	girls, 7:30 p.m. boys (JV girls only, 5:15 p.m.)
Dec. 3: vs. Grant Union JV, 3 p.m. girls, 4:30 p.m. boys	Jan. 10: @ Harper, 4 p.m. girls, 5:30 p.m. boys	Jan. 27: vs. Monument/Dayville, 6 p.m. girls, 7:30 p.m. boys (JV girls only, 5:15 p.m.)	Feb. 3: vs. Burnt River, 6 p.m. girls, 7:30 p.m. boys
Dec. 9: @ Lone in Condon, 3 p.m. girls, 4:30 p.m. boys	Jan. 13: vs. Huntington, 7:30 p.m. boys only	Jan. 28: vs. Jordan Valley, 3 p.m. girls, 4:30 p.m. boys (JV girls, 1:30 p.m.)	Feb. 4: @ Crane, 2 p.m. girls, 3:30 p.m. boys (JV girls 12 p.m.)
Dec. 15-17: @ Union Christmas Classic, TBD	Jan. 14: vs. Crane, 2 p.m. girls, 3:30 boys (JV girls, 12 p.m.)	Jan. 31: @ Monument/Dayville in Monument, 6 p.m.	Feb. 10: vs. Harper, 6 p.m. girls, 7:30 p.m. boys
Dec. 21: @ Powder Valley in North Powder, 4:30 p.m. girls, 6 p.m. boys (JV girls, 3 p.m.)	Jan. 20: vs. Adrian, 6 p.m. girls, 7:30 p.m. boys (JV girls, 4:30 p.m.)		Feb. 16-18: High Desert League District Tournament in John Day, TBD
Jan. 6: @ Adrian, 5 p.m. girls, 6:30 p.m. boys (JV girls, 3:30 p.m.)			Feb. 22-23: State First Round, TBD
			State Championships in Baker City, TBD

Prospector gridders awarded league honors Miller is Wapiti Coach of Year

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The Grant Union Prospector football team, led by head coach Jason Miller, ended a successful season as Wapiti League champions, reaching the state quarterfinals.

Miller was named Wapiti League Coach of the Year. Several Grant Union players were selected for Wapiti All-League honors.



Jason Miller

Defensive Co-Players of the Year
Cauy Weaver, junior (along with Brandon McGilvray, a senior from Imbler)

Offensive line
Drew Lusco, freshman, first team
Billy Copenhaver, senior, first team
Dillon Maley, junior, first team

Running back
Cameron Hallgarth, junior, first team
Receiver
Zack Deiter, junior, first team
Cauy Weaver, junior, first team
Duane Stokes, junior, honorable mention

Quarterback
Wade Reimers, junior, first team

Defensive line
Elijah Humbird, junior, first team
Drew Lusco, freshman, first team

Linebacker
Cauy Weaver, junior, first team
Dillon Maley, junior, second team

Defensive back
Wade Reimers, junior, first team
Duane Stokes, junior, first team

Athletes will journey down under for summer competition

By Angel Carpenter
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Dayville sophomore Kristina Humphreys and Grant Union junior Jozie Rude will journey for an experience of a lifetime for an experience of a lifetime to next summer’s Down Under Sports track and field competition in Queensland, Australia.

Both athletes excelled in field events last season.

Humphreys, in the 1A High Desert League, broke the state record in javelin in May with a throw of 129-2, also a personal record. Humphreys said, as a fifth-grader, she watched the high school students throw javelin

during practice.

“It gave me motivation to try it myself,” she said. “I also remember Skip Inscore (now retired track and field coach) showing me Paula Berry’s awards, which made me feel confident that you can do anything you put your mind to.”

She is coached by Peter Bogardus.

Rude, in the 2A Wapiti League, had her best javelin throw of the season at the state championships, placing second with a mark of 117-11. She also earned third in pole vault and fourth in shot put at Hayward Field in Eugene. She broke the

Wapiti League record in shot put, with a 34-4 throw.

The Grant Union team is led by head coach Sonna Smith, with Kelsy Wright as the javelin coach.

At the Down Under event, Rude plans to compete in those three events, as well as hammer and discus.

This will be the first trip out of this country for the athletes, and both plan to spend three days in Hawaii on the trip home.

The cost of the nine-day trip is \$6,500, and both plan on fundraising the money for the adventure.

Rude is now selling Super

Bowl Squares, and she’ll host a golf tournament on May 6 at the John Day Golf Course. For more information on Rude’s fundraising activities, her mother, Aimee, may be reached by email at aimee@rudeinc.net.

Humphreys will also hold fundraisers for the trip.

“I am most looking forward to meeting other athletes, and looking into the different strategies and pointers that the coach may give me to help,” Humphreys said.

Grant Union sophomore Kaylee Wright also plans to attend the Down Under Sports track and field event as previously reported in the Eagle.



Kristina Humphreys



Jozie Rude