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Grant Union's Clay Johnson, red singlet, overpowers his Oakridge opponent, Seth Sidwell, in quarterfinal action at the state wrestling championships. The event was held Feb. 24-25 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

## Two Grant Union wrestlers take state podium

Johnson finishes in second, Lusco fourth

By Angel Carpenter  
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Four Grant Union Prospector wrestlers took on competition at the 2A/1A OSAA state championships on Feb. 24-25 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Taking spots on the podium for Grant Union were senior Clay Johnson, who finished second in the 138 weight class, and freshman Drew Lusco, who placed fourth in the 220 weight class.

Prospector junior Dillon Maley, competing in the 220 weight class, won a match, but lost in the consolation

semifinals to Lusco.

Grant Union junior Toby Boatwright, a first-year wrestler, lost his first match to a top-seeded senior wrestler in the 285 weight class and lost a consolation match.

"The coaches are very proud of the effort of all four wrestlers," said Grant Union head coach Andy Lusco. "Toby is a first-year wrestler who qualified for state and wrestled tough against the state champion. Dillon Maley also wrestled well and won a match over a good opponent. Drew wrestled very well losing 3-2 to the eventual state champion. Clay is a four-time qualifier who has been a leader in the program and a huge part of the resurgence of Grant Union wrestling."

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## Special Olympians to host law enforcement for basketball showdown



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Grant County Special Olympics is hosting local law enforcement for a basketball battle on Thursday, March 9, at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day. In the photo: Charley Fronapel goes up to score with fellow Special Olympian Caleb Madsen in action in the 2015 game.

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Grant County Special Olympians will host local law enforcement for a friendly basketball battle at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 9, at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day.

There will be audience-involved Minute-to-Win-It games at halftime, and a bake sale and a pie auction.

The cost of admission is \$3, or \$10 for a family.

The Special Olympics athletes are also seeking sponsors, and those who donate \$25 or more will be mentioned on the game program.

The event benefits Grant County Special Olympics with proceeds used to pay for delegation fees, uniforms and travel expenses for competitions.

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## Prairie City boys' postseason halted by Hosanna Christian

Coach: 'We're going to get right back at it'

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Prairie City Panthers were halted on their path to the state championship tournament Friday as the Hosanna Christian Lions sprinted to a 55-33 win at the Round Two state playoff game.

Prairie City ends a successful season, which included a second-place finish and sportsmanship award at the

Feb. 16-18 High Desert District Tournament and a 12-3 league record in the regular season.

Coming off a home win Feb. 21 over the Echo Cougars in Round One, the Panthers faced Hosanna Christian at the Lions' court on Friday after a

six-hour bus ride.

Prairie City had the first advantage when Levi Burke got the tipoff to teammate Brogan McKrola, but the Lions, shortly after, batted the ball away. The Panthers got it back, only to have the Lions steal again, finding the basket.

Hosanna Christian, with seven seniors, kept their offensive energy up in the first quarter for a 13-5 lead over Prairie City.

Prairie City kept pace with Hosanna Christian in the second quarter, the Lions gaining 14, the Panthers 13.

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Pilot Rock's Rachel Willingham drives between Grant Union's Kaylee Wright (23) and Mariah Moulton (25) during their 2A girls basketball state playoff game Saturday in Pilot Rock.

## Lady Pros advance to state tournament

## Grant Union prepares for Kennedy Trojans

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Grant Union Prospector girls basketball team advances to this week's OSAA 2A State Championship quarterfinals after edging out a 49-42 victory on Saturday over the Rockets in Pilot Rock.

Grant Union will face the Kennedy Trojans at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at the Pendleton Convention Center at the tournament.

If Grant Union beats Kennedy, they'll continue to the semifinals at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the convention center, and the championship game will be held at Pendleton High School at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Prospectors had a good running start at Saturday's competition, outshooting the Rockets 16-9 in the first quarter, and they led by nine points at halftime.

The Rockets picked away at the Prospector's cushion, but Grant Union led 34-33 going into the fourth.

Down the stretch, Grant Union drained some critical shots, including Hailie and Kaylee Wright with two two-point shots each, Mariah Moulton with a three-pointer and Madi McKrola and Trinity Hutchison adding two each.

"This was a great win for us," said Grant Union head coach Mark Mosley. "The girls were focused all week and prepared."

The team shot 45 percent from the field.

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Pilot Rock's Sara Weinke (20) and Bekah Roe battle for a loose ball with Grant Union's Trinity Hutchison while the Rockets' Kayla Deist (10) watches during their 2A girls basketball state playoff game Saturday in Pilot Rock.



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Prairie City Panther Levi Burke, left, gets the tipoff at the start of the Round One state playoff game against Hosanna Christian in Klamath Falls.

## Softball camp set for March 11

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The 2017 Grant Union softball camp will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Seventh Street Complex softball field in John Day.

Youth in second grade and up will learn the basics of softball with help from Grant Union softball coach DeAnna Nash, coaching staff and the high school team.

The cost is \$20, which includes a T-shirt, and scholarships are available. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Grant Union senior Dauna Bishop is coordinating this year's camp for her senior project.

Registration forms can be picked up at Humbolt Elementary School or Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

For more information, call Bishop at 541-620-4161 or Nash at 541-575-1799, ext. 54.