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Billy
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Back in the swing of things

New coach preps for Grant Union's home opener March 17

By Angel Carpenter
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The Grant Union/Prairie City Prospector baseball season is just around the corner, with a nonleague home opener set for Friday, March 17, against the Burns Hilanders.

New Prospector head coach Dusty Williams is taking the lead this season, and his coaching staff includes junior varsity coach Doug Sharp, who is also assistant varsity coach, as well as Russ Reimers, Brandon Culley, Chris Ackerman and Art Thunell, the Grant Union head coach for 28 years who retired in 2005. Unless Sharp's junior varsity team is playing out of town or at the same time, he'll assist Williams at varsity games.

Reimers is pitching coach, Culley works the infield and Ackerman the outfield, with Thunell as hitting coach, and assisting infield and outfield at practices.

"The coaching staff has been great," Williams said. "There's a ton of knowledge there. I appreciate their knowledge and input and dedication to the team."

He added the support of the administration and the community has been positive. His wife, Stephanie, has also been supportive and assisted with inventory.

This season's roster includes 23 boys with five returning varsity players and two seniors.

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Grant Union baseball schedule

Tuesday, March 14, vs. Burns at 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 18, vs. Lakeview at 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 1, vs. Sheridan at 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 8, vs. Dufur/South Wasco County at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11, @ Culver at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 15, vs. Pilot Rock/Nixyaawee at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18, @ Elgin at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 22, vs. Sherman/Arlington/Condon at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25, vs. Heppner/One at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, @ Union/Cove at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2, @ Burns at 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13, vs. Weston-McEwen at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.



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The Grant Union Prospectors practice pitching, including, from front, Taylor Hunt, Brogan McKrola and Cole Deiter, with head coach Dusty Williams watching.

OSAA 2A GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grant Union girls team ends season of success



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Grant Union's Mariah Moulton drives toward the basket as Clarissa Traeger (14), of Kennedy, goes for the ball Thursday night during a OSAA 2A state basketball championship quarterfinal game at the Pendleton Convention Center.

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Grant Union vs. East Linn Christian

Points/assists/blocks/steals/off-def rebounds/free throws
Trinity Hutchison: 2/0/1/0/1-1/0-0
Hailie Wright: 0/2/0/2/1-3/0-0
Madi McKrola: 8/11/1/2/6-4/0-0
Kaylee Wright: 1/1/1/0/1-5/1-2
Mariah Moulton: 14/2/0/0/2-2/2-2
Jozie Rude: 3/1/0/0/3-2/1-2
Marissa Smith: 1/0/0/0/0-0/1-2
Whitney McClellan
McKenna Culley
Mariah Wright
Fallon Weaver
Danielle Girvin

The 2A Grant Union Lady Prospectors' season came to a close Friday as they lost the first-round consolation game 45-29 to East Linn Christian at the state championship tournament at Pendleton High School.

The challenge came after a 44-33 loss to Kennedy in the quarterfinals.

The East Linn Eagles flew away with an 18-5 advantage in the first quarter of action.

With fairly even scoring throughout the remainder of the game, the Prospectors could not dig out of the hole.

East Linn outshot Grant Union by just one point in the second, 8-7, the third, 8-7, and the fourth, 11-10.

Grant Union head coach Mark Mosley said it

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Grant Union's Kaylee Wright (23) looks for a teammate as Clarissa Traeger (14), of Kennedy, goes for the ball Thursday night during a OSAA 2A state basketball championship quarterfinal game at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Lady Pros suffer loss to Kennedy

Grant Union girls enter consolation bracket Friday

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In Thursday night's state quarterfinal match, the Grant Union Lady Prospectors came within six points of the Kennedy Trojans in the fourth quarter before their opponents pulled away in the final minute of play to win 44-33.

The Grant Union girls beat the Pilot Rock Rockets 49-42 in the playoffs Feb. 25 to earn the trip to the state championships.

In opening quarter of Thursday's game, Grant Union's Madi McKrola scored four points, Mariah Moulton had two and Hailie Wright scored two off a steal.

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Grant Union vs. Kennedy

Moda Health Players of the Game were Grant Union's Madi McKrola and Kennedy's Kalyssa Kleinschmit.

points/assists/blocks/steals/off-def reb/free throws
Trinity Hutchison: 8/0/0/2/3-2/6-8
Hailie Wright: 5/1/0/5/1-3/1-2
Madi McKrola: 8/11/1/2/1-6/2-4
Mariah Moulton: 11/0/0/1/0-1/2/0-0
Whitney McClellan: 1/0/0/1/0-0/1-2
Kaylee Wright: 0/0/0/0/1-1/0-0
Jozie Rude



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The Grant Union Gold dancers entertain a crowd during halftime at a recent basketball game.

Dancers take spotlight at Spring Showcase

Gold dancers perform kickoff to state event

By Angel Carpenter
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Dancers, from preschool through high school age, will present their latest routines this week at the annual Spring Showcase.

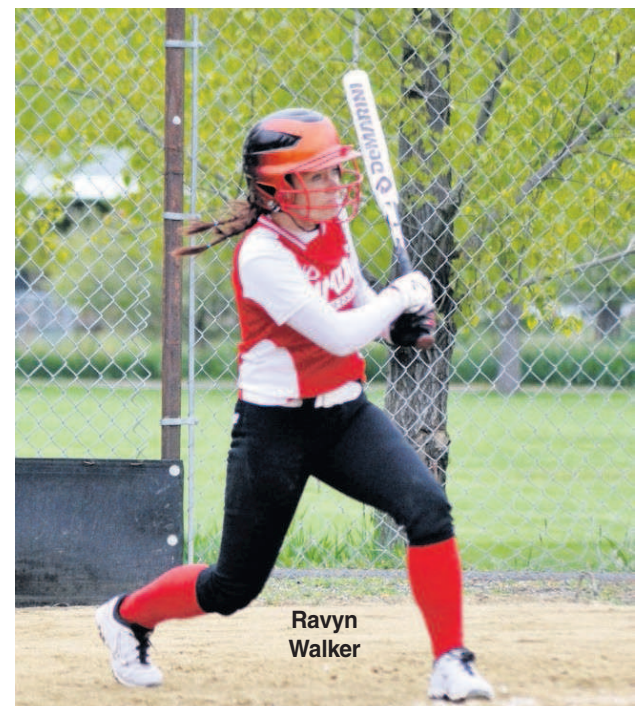
Performers will delight the crowd at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School new gym, with admission by donation.

The Grant Union Gold dance team will also host a state kickoff dinner at 5 p.m., featuring 1188 barbecue pork sliders for \$7 a plate; children ages 9 and under eat for free.

Presentations will include routines by the Level 1, 2 and 3 dancers and the Gemstones junior high competitive team.

The Grant Union Gold will showcase the performance they will present at the March 16-18 OSAA State Dance & Drill Championships at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

An adult group will also give a special hip-hop presentation at Friday's Showcase.



Ravyn
Walker

Dayville senior to play softball for Blue Mountain

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Dayville High School senior Ravyn Walker signed a letter of intent to play softball for the Blue Mountain Community College Timberwolves this fall.

Walker is a part of the Grant Union/Dayville/Prairie City team coached by DeAnna Nash.