



# Lady Pros end season at state tourney

Coach Nash is proud of team's accomplishments

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant Union Prospector softball team was eliminated from the OSAA 3A Softball State Champi-

onships Wednesday, May 24, falling 8-6 to the Glide Wildcats.

The Lady Pros end their season 10th in the OSAA ranking with an 18-7 record.

"We had a very good season, and I'm proud of what the girls accomplished," said Grant Union head coach DeAnna Nash.

Grant Union finished third in the 3A-Special District 2 playoffs and, ranked in the top 16, advanced in the

state playoffs. The Prospectors were second in league with a 7-3 record.

Prospector pitcher Cody Jo Maden was in the circle for the entire game. She kept Glide at bay in the first inning, while Grant Union scored two runs.

Glide had their first run in the second and added three more runs in the third.

See *SOFTBALL*, Page B8



The Grant Union Prospector softball team after the May 19 district playoff game against Burns.

Eagle file photo



## SENIOR PROJECT

Monument senior GW Clark, right, stands with winners of the ranch rodeo he organized for his senior project.

Contributed photo

# Student organizes successful ranch rodeo

Seven teams and seven bronc riders compete

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Monument senior GW Clark went the distance for his senior project, organizing the May 13 Stockman's Invitational Ranch Rodeo and Bronc Riding event held at the Spray Rodeo Arena.

Clark's rodeo career has spanned junior high and high school, and he currently rides for the Harney County High School Rodeo Club, so spearheading a ranch rodeo was right up his alley.

"Everything went well," he said. "I expected more for turnout, but it ended up being a pretty good show."

Seven teams of four and seven oth-

er bronc riders competed, and a crowd of about 80 showed up to cheer on the participants.

Clark had several responsibilities in getting the rodeo off the ground, including acquiring stock, preparing the grounds, finding judges, setting the rules and helping at certain areas during the rodeo.

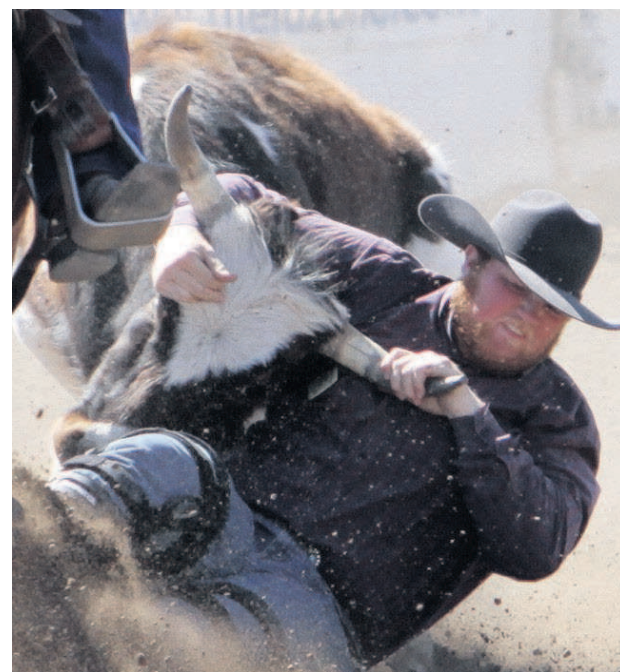
Events included mulley roping, trailer loading, team branding and a relay Clark himself created called "saddle n load."

For the "saddle n load" event, one team member raced across the arena, another saddled a horse, then two team members rode double back to a horse trailer.

Winners received a Henry .22 Golden Boy rifle.

"I'd like to thank Darren Pettyjohn at Ace Hardware for the gracious donations of awards for the winners," Clark said. "He helped me purchase the rifles for it."

See *PROJECT*, Page B8



Contributed photo/LindseyWyllie.com

Monument High School senior GW Clark steer wrestles at the May 17 Oregon High School Rodeo Association competition in Prineville.

GW Clark competes at Burns Rodeo

Monument senior GW Clark finished third out of five competitors on day one at the May 20-21 Burns High School Rodeo.

Clark rides for the Harney County High School Rodeo Club.

Clark will compete at the June 7-10 OHSRA Championship State Finals Rodeo in Prineville. He's currently fifth in the Oregon High School Rodeo Association steer wrestling standings.

He also competes with Lexie Herrell in team roping.

# Kids can catch fun at fishing derby

Blue Mountain Eagle

Kids up to age 18 can fish for free from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3, at McHaley Pond east of Prairie City.

The event includes free fishing for kids with prizes, fisheries-themed activities and games, fishing help and other activities.

The annual event is sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Malheur National Forest.

The pond is a half-mile east of Prairie City, turn right at the Forrest Conservation Area sign. For more information, call Emily Davis at 541-777-2831.

The event coincides with Oregon's free fishing weekend when a license is not required, but regulations still apply.

Adults are welcome to fish once the derby is finished at noon.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks or a picnic to the event.



Eagle file photo

William Molt of Prairie City fishes with his father, Dennis, during last year's free fishing derby. The event is planned for June 3 this year.

# Fun in the sun

Try your hand at these warm-weather games

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Spring is a great time to get out and enjoy the warm-weather.

However, if you're not sure what to do with your hands, give these games a try.

Folf

The poor man's golf, folf — also known as Frisbee

— can be as competitive or as casual as you want. Typically played in either nine- or 18-hole rounds, the goal is to hit the basket with your disc in as few throws as possible. Folf discs tend to be smaller and heavier than typical Frisbees. One course near John Day is on private land and maintained by Tom Winters, who asks people notify him before using the course by calling 541-542-2006, 541-620-2922, or emailing ducksouptom@centurytel.net.

See *FUN*, Page B8