

## Volleyball teams serve up awareness



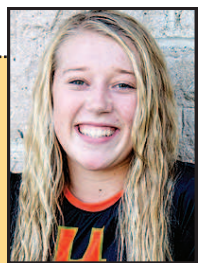
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Grant Union Prospecter Reagan Shelley is in action at a previous Dig Pink rally in John Day. Two Grant County volleyball teams are raising cancer awareness during this week's games — all fans are encouraged to wear pink. On Friday, Prairie City hosts Harper at 4 p.m. for homecoming and will raise funds for local cancer patients with raffle baskets. On Saturday, Grant Union hosts Enterprise at noon and Elgin at 5 p.m. for their ninth annual Dig Pink matches, focusing on breast cancer. Profits will benefit the BlueMountain Hospital Foundation and the Side-Out Foundation. A choice of pulled pork sandwiches (\$10) or potato bar (\$8) with sides and drink will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. There are also themed raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, and t-shirts and candles for sale.



### KYLA EMERSON

**School:** Monument  
**Grade:** 11  
**Parents:** Dan and Kristi Emerson  
**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Position:** Outside Hitter/Middle Hitter



**What I like best about my sport:** "I'm looking forward to what we can accomplish as a team. I'm excited for the games that we can show what we can do. I'm always excited to be out on the court. I like to get (my teammates) up and ready for the next play."

**Coach's Comment:** "She is a dynamic player and brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the team. She is positive and outgoing and helps the other teammates to be more confident. She's really stepped up into a leadership position on the team. I'm proud of her."

-Coach Kristi Emerson

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## Grant Union downs Stanfield 52-16

Grant Union Prospecter quarterback Wade Reimers connected with wide receiver Kellen Shelley on Friday for the team's first touchdown of the night in their 52-16 win over the Stanfield Tigers.

Grant Union had a commanding 22-0 lead in the first quarter and continued to pour it on, dominating 36-8 at the half.

"The kids played well," said Grant Union head coach Jason Miller. "Offensively, we were extremely efficient and executed well."

The Prospecters led their opponents in passing yards, 114 to 38, averaging 14.3 yards per pass. Grant Union also averaged 10.9 yards per rush.

Stanfield found the end zone for two touchdowns, but the Grant Union defense held them to 16.

In the third, Grant Union picked up a fumble recovery for a touchdown.

"I challenged them to put together a complete game offensively and they provided," Miller said. "I'm very pleased."

The nonleague road win gives Grant Union a 3-0 pre-season record.

The Prospecters host neighboring rival Burns at 7 p.m. Friday for a nonleague game.

## Monument/Dayville falls to Huntington in close loss

The Monument/Dayville Tigers suffered a 42-36 loss to Huntington on Friday at North Powder's football field.

"It was a good game," said Tiger head coach Nathaniel Ashley. "We played well."

He said, for the most part, their mistakes were due to inexperience.

The teams were tied at the half 22-22, then Huntington pulled ahead 42-22, going into the fourth.

"Fatigue played a role in the second half as well," he said. "We did a lot of things good and have a good foundation to build off of for the rest of the season."

Monument/Dayville hosts Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler at 1 p.m. Friday in Dayville.

"We are going to have a good week of practice and work on some issues we had last week and be ready to play

## SPORTS ROUNDUP



Contributed photo/Elizabeth Shelley

Grant Union receiver Kellen Shelley (10) catches the Prospecter's first touchdown in Friday's win over the Stanfield Tigers.

Friday," Ashley said.

## Grant Union Lady Pros claim Baker Tournament victory

The Grant Union Prospecter volleyball team is on a roll with a 12-1 overall record in the pre-season.

The Lady Pros won the championship match Friday at the Baker Tournament, making it their fourth tournament win.

Grant Union had a shaky start in pool play, losing a set to La Grande.

The Lady Pros still ended up at the top to earn a bye in bracket play.

The Prospecters then beat Enterprise 2-0 with scores of 25-13 and 25-15 and overtook Baker, 25-15 and 25-13.

"For the championship match, we played Baker," she said. "We served exceptionally well and played great defense both in the back court and on the net. I was proud of the girls for shaking off some of the issues of the morning and being able to come back and win the tournament."

Grant Union traveled to Burns for a nonleague match Tuesday, past press time.

The Lady Pros will host

their annual Dig Pink Rally on Saturday, raising breast cancer awareness while fundraising for the cause. Grant Union faces Enterprise at 12 p.m. and Elgin at 5 p.m.

## Grant Union cross country 'scampers' through mud pit

For many Grant Union athletes, Saturday's Catherine Creek Scamper was their first cross country competition.

"Catherine Creek is challenging in many ways; it has a mud pit that the athletes traverse twice in their races," said head coach Sonna Smith. "The mud was up to mid-thigh and slick and heavy when they exited the pit."

The high school athletes traveled up the side of a mountain on a single-lane trail.

Facing these obstacles, Smith said they still had a good set of races.

"Surprisingly we had several athletes get their best time so far on this difficult course," she said.

Smith fielded three full teams, including boys varsity with seven athletes, junior varsity boys with five and middle school boys with six.

Running as individuals were two varsity girls, two

junior varsity girls and one middle school girl.

Next up for the team is the Footrace in Valhalla at Umatilla.

The girls varsity race starts at 1:40 p.m., and boys varsity is at 2:10.

## Eagles swoop the Panthers

The Prairie City Panthers have had a slow start to their football season and have some freshmen players out with injuries.

Prairie City succumbed to the Joseph Eagles on Saturday in Powder Valley with a 46-0 loss.

"The first half of the game did not go our way, but the second half was much better," said head coach Nate Barber. "We were able to move the ball and our tackling was better."

He added, "The biggest thing that we have to work on is mental toughness and heart. When athletes decide to execute what they are coached to do and perform, good things can happen."

Barber said they'll play this week with those who are able to step up and play.

For homecoming at 1 p.m. Friday, the Panthers host Harper in Prairie City.

## Committee Volunteers Needed

Grant County is now recruiting volunteers to serve on active boards and committees.

Obtain an Application to Volunteer from County Court, 201 S. Humbolt, No. 280, Canyon City, OR 97820; (541-575-0059) [wrightl@grantcounty-or.gov](mailto:wrightl@grantcounty-or.gov) Applications are due by Friday, September 22, 2017

Committees are formal public bodies required to comply with Oregon Public Meetings Law ORS 192.610.

**Extension & 4-H Service District Advisory Council:** Eleven members serve three year terms and meet semi-annually to provide guidance and assistance to local OSU Extension staff in planning, developing, and evaluating balanced educational programs directed to high priority needs of county residents. Membership is limited to one re-appointment.

**Fair Board:** ORS 565.210. Seven members serve three year terms and meet monthly to facilitate exclusive management of fair business operations, the fairgrounds, and other property devoted to the County Fair. Responsibilities include public relations and other work for the fair as needed.

**Mental Health Advisory Board:** Seven members (including two consumer representatives) serve three year terms and meet no less than quarterly to facilitate the provision of quality mental health services to county residents and enhance community knowledge of available programs and services. Acts as the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Commission and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

**Planning Commission:** ORS 215.020. Nine members serve four year terms and two alternates serve two year terms, meeting as needed to review land use and zoning applications and discuss city and county growth issues and the siting of new facilities. Members must be residents of various geographic areas within the county and no more than two voting members shall be engaged in the same kind of business, occupation, trade or profession with agriculture designations of livestock / forage crop production and horticulture / specialty crop production. Commissioners serving in this capacity must file an Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. Members must re-apply to the County Court before their term ends if they wish to be re-appointed.

**Senior Citizens Advisory Council:** ORS 410.210. Five members serve three year terms and meet semi-annually to define the needs of older adults, promote special interests and local community involvement, and represent senior citizens as an advocate to the local, state and federal government and other organizations.

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