



Grant Union Prospector Damion Young pitches against Homedale on Thursday.

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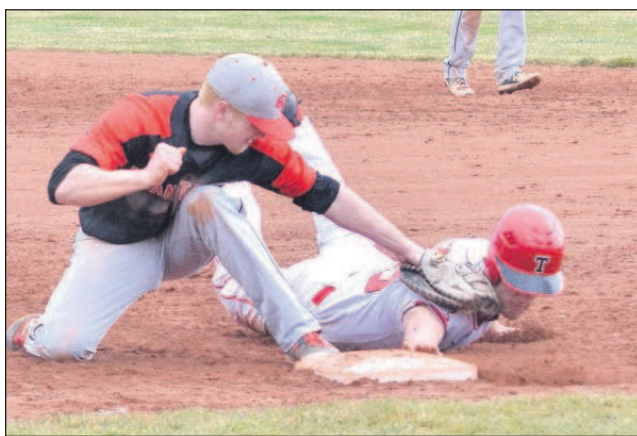
# Prospectors 1-2 at Iron Triangle Tournament

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Grant Union Prospectors fell to the strong Homedale, Idaho, Trojans 6-3 in their first matchup of the Iron Triangle Tournament at Malone Field in John Day, but the team bounced back Friday and Saturday for two wins.

In the bottom of the first inning against Homedale, Prospector Warner Robertson batted in Wade Reimers and Zack Deiter off a single. Logan McCluskey followed up with a single, scoring Roen Langum. Grant Union led 3-2.

In the top of the second, with Homedale runners on



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Grant Union Prospector first baseman Roen Langum tags a Homedale player out Thursday in the Iron Triangle Tournament in John Day at Malone Field.

second and third, Prospector Cole Deiter caught a fly ball for the first out. On

the next play, center fielder Zack Deiter caught a fly ball and threw home to catcher

Jacob Vaughan to end the inning.

Robertson, who pitched the first five innings, had two strikeouts in the third, and the score remained 3-2.

Homedale's Clayton Wolfe tied the score 3-3, starting the fourth with a one-run homer.

Grant Union halted Homedale in the inning when shortstop Reimers caught a line drive and, on the next play, tagged a runner out at second. Robertson struck out the final batter.

In the top of the fifth, Homedale's Jaylon Hilton scored a one-run homer to start.

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## Offensive onslaught: Grant Union girls defeat Lakeview

### Lady Pros continue at Riverside Tournament

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Grant Union girls' bats were on fire in a sweep of the Lakeview Honkers in a doubleheader Saturday.

The Prospectors started early in the first inning of game one, leading the team to a 16-1 win in five innings.

Prospector Brianna Zweggardt knocked it out of the park with a three-run homer in the first.

Cody Jo Madden and Mariah Moulton had two RBIs, and Madi McKrola, Marissa Smith, Whitney McClellan each had one RBI.

In the bottom of the inning, left fielder Smith caught a fly ball for the first out, and Prospector Macy Strong covered well at first



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Grant Union Prospector Marissa Smith hits the ball in Saturday's game against Lakeview.

for two consecutive outs.

Madden pitched five innings for Grant Union, with Moulton relieving in the fifth.

In the second inning Madden had two strikeouts and another in the third. In the fourth, a Lakeview batter hit a line drive straight to Madden, who threw to first for another out.

"We made some good plays on defense," said Grant Union head coach Zach Williams. "This is their second game, so they were excited to get out and go. They were patient at the plate and hit good pitches."

He said Lakeview, down a couple pitchers for the day, wasn't at full strength.

"I think later in the season, they'll be a different team," Williams said. "We're still shaking out the early season stuff too. We need to stay on our legs and make good throws — catch fly balls when they're in the air."

He said overall his team

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## Grant Union girls win Vale Small School meet

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The 2A Grant Union girls track team edged out 3A Burns to win the Vale Small School Meet March 20.

The girls finished with 145 points, just ahead of Burns with 143.5. Adrian finished third with 101.5.

Kaylee Wright won the 100-meter dash, high jump and javelin events and was a member of the first-place 4x100-meter relay team with Sydney Brockway, Sierra Cates and Alcie Moore.

Brockway won the long jump, and Trinity Hutchison placed second. Hutchison won the triple jump, and

Brockway placed second. Brockway also placed second in the 100-meter hurdles.

Jozie Rude won the shot put and pole vault and placed second in discus and third in javelin.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Cates, Shanniyah Hall, Rylee Browning and Alcie Moore placed second. Abby Lusco placed third in discus.

The boys team placed sixth out of 16 teams competing. They scored 49 points, behind first-place Burns with 109, Homedale, Idaho City, Harper and Nyssa.

Mason Gerry placed third in jav-

elin, seventh in triple jump and 10th in long jump. Cameron Hallgarth placed fourth in javelin.

Duane Stokes placed fourth in high jump, sixth in triple jump and 12th in long jump.

Drew Lusco placed fourth in discus and seventh in shot put.

Braden Spencer and Gage Brandon tied for fourth in pole vault. Brandon also placed seventh in the 300-meter hurdles and seventh as a member of the 4x400 relay team with Eli Sheedy, Donovan Smith and Airon Glimpse.

Jordan Hall placed fifth in the 110-meter hurdles.



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The Grant County Special Olympics team and unified partners, front row from left, Elizabeth Swarouth, Crystal Wimberley, Katie Shockley, Rodney Brunson, Josiah Hoeffner, Dave Hoeffner; back row, Lauri Shockley, David Gill, Michael Shockley, Jay Colson, Brian McKrola, Caleb Madsen, Charley Fronapel, Deronda Lallatin and Eddie Humbird (behind Dave Hoeffner).

## Special Olympics team will face off with law enforcement in hoops battle

### Law enforcement game set for April 3

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Grant County Special Olympics 5-on-5 basketball team is gearing up for their annual Local Law Enforcement game set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at Grant Union.

The Special Olympics team members, along with three unified partners, will face off against law enforcement members from the agencies in Grant County. The games have been known to be fun, as well as competitive. Tickets are \$3 each or \$10 for a family.

Special Olympics basketball head coach Michael Shockley said they are looking forward to the matchup, adding there are strong ties between Special Olympics and law enforcement.

"We really appreciate them participating," he said. "We have a lot of fun with the law enforcement. We respect and honor them for their service."

Shockley said law enforcement volunteers also help out

at regional and state games.

During the Summer Games for track and field, "they help light the torch, and they're right there in their uniform to help pass out awards," the coach said. "That really means a lot to the Special Olympians."

Tuesday's event is one of the biggest fundraisers for Grant County Special Olympics.

There will be a bake sale, dessert auction and Minute-to-Win-It games for \$1 each during halftime.

The Special Olympians attended the March 18 regional basketball competition in Hillsboro. Although the five-on-five team didn't win, they were given the Sportsmanship Award, and every team member scored.

"It was fun to play against teams we played against last year," Shockley said, adding they are already planning on ways to improve for next year.

Track practice starts April 30, and local Special Olympics Program Coordinator Deronda Lallatin said those interested should pick up an application for their doctor to fill out as soon as possible.

For more information, call Lallatin at 541-575-0715.



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Grant Union freshman golfer Parker Manitsas has some assistance from head golf coach Ron Lundbom during a recent practice as Athena Tipton watches.

## Grant Union golfers have positive outlook

### Teams compete in Pendleton April 6

By Angel Carpenter  
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Returning Grant Union Prospector golfers have improved their first-game scores from last season.

That and having full teams for boys and girls is giving head golf coach Ron Lundbom hope for a great season.

"My goals for the boys is having a full team at districts," he said. "Duane and Devon Stokes and Garrett Lenz play a lot of golf, and Kellen Shelley has made major improvements in the last two years."

Duane Stokes, the sole se-

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Ron Lundbom



Duane Stokes