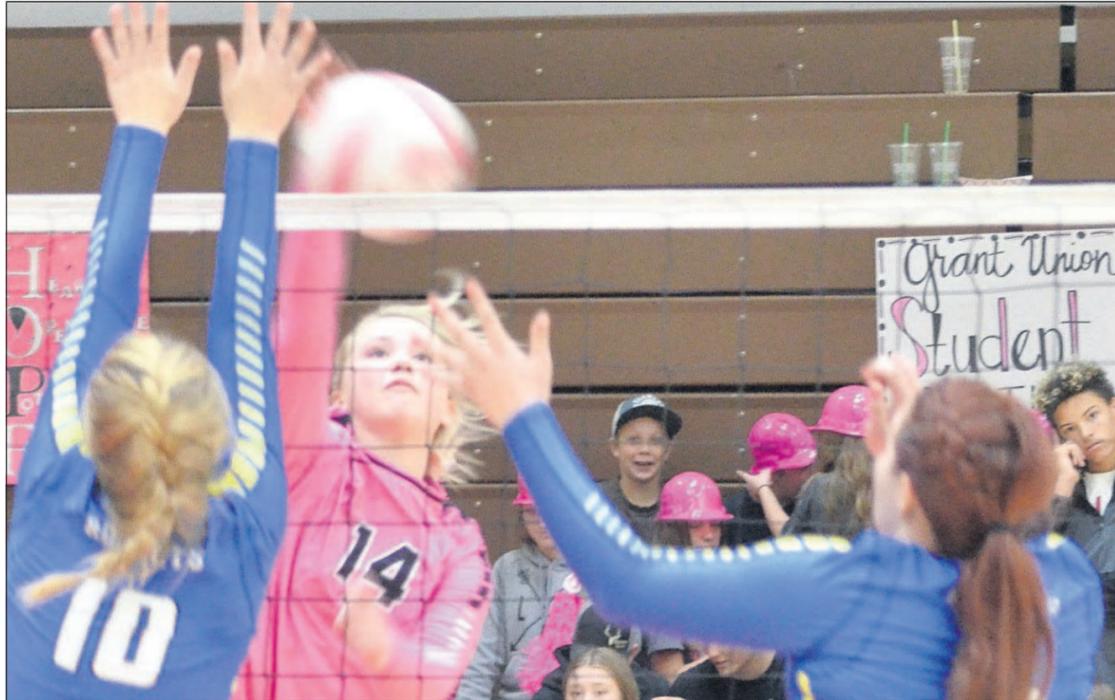




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## Grant Union advances to tourney



Grant Union Prospecter Taylor Allen (14) fires back Saturday against Pilot Rock.

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## No. 2 Lady Pros compete Saturday in Stanfield

By Angel Carpenter  
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Grant Union students cheer on their team.

The Grant Union Prospecter volleyball team ended their regular season undefeated in the Blue Mountain Conference after sweeping the Enterprise Outlaws and Pilot Rock Rockets at the 10th Annual Dig Pink Rally Saturday.

Grant Union (23-4) is ranked No. 2 in the state among 2A teams, with the Kennedy Trojans (23-1) in the top spot.

On Saturday, Grant Union dominated the Outlaws with scores of 25-9, 25-16 and 25-10.

Prospecters Sydney Brockway and Kaylee Wright led with nine kills each, and Wright also had three aces. Prospecter Hailie Wright

had 20 assists, five kills and two aces.

"It's been a good day," said Prospecter head coach Ali Abrego after the win. "We just sealed the deal on being league champs."

Grant Union held off the Rockets 25-16, 25-11 and 25-21.

In the final set, Pilot Rock began whittling away at the Grant Union's 10-4 lead to tie the score 12-12.

The Rockets would gain a 1-point lead, 18-17, but Prospecter Hailie Wright made a kill to tie the score. Kaylee Wright's serving helped

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Prairie City Panther Declan Zwegardt (20) gains yards with Connor Jones (26) nearby in a game earlier this season against Echo.

## Prairie City's football season ends early

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Prairie City Panthers' football season came to an earlier-than-expected end.

The Panthers' Oct. 12 game against the McKenzie Eagles was canceled due to a scheduling error.

Prairie City Athletic Director Billy Colson said the game was on the referees' schedule, but they "forgot to assign them to our game."

He said the error was discovered when he called to confirm referees for the game Oct. 11. It was too late for any corrections, Colson said.

The Panthers were scheduled to host the Burnt River Bulls for senior night Oct. 19, but the Bulls canceled due to lack of players — Burnt River also had to cancel three other games.

An optional six-man playoff game that had been set for Oct. 26 with Prairie City facing Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler was canceled due to several athletes from both teams attending the FFA National Convention.

The Panthers, led by head coach Nate Barber, were 1-5 on the season in 1A Special District 5.

Injuries had hampered the team, but Barber had said he was hopeful for a strong comeback for the remainder of the season.

## Pros dominate in homecoming shutout over Riverside

### Grant Union faces Heppner Friday

By Angel Carpenter  
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There was no letting up Friday as the Grant Union Prospecters applied strong defensive pressure on the Riverside Pirates while racking up touchdowns for a 50-0 victory on their homecoming night.

Junior Russell Hodge led the Prospecters with three touchdowns, rushing for 171 yards.

His brother, freshman Justin Hodge, who rushed for a total of 112 yards, scored two touchdowns.

Justin Hodge brought fans to their feet when he broke away for a 67-yard run on Grant Union's first possession

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Grant Union quarterback Garrett Lenz gives Riverside's Nathan Ellis a nudge as he rushes past Friday night in John Day. Grant Union won their homecoming game, 50-0.

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Grant Union wide receiver Justin Hodge moves up the side of the field for a good gain of yards in the Prospecters' homecoming game against the Riverside Pirates in John Day.

## Tigers put up tough fight against Redsides

### Dayville/Monument hosts Huntington Friday

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Dayville/Monument Tigers (1-6) didn't give up in Friday's battle against the South Wasco Redsides (6-1) in Monument, but the visitors took a 77-19 win.

The Tigers had some bright moments on the offensive side in what was the Dayville and Monument schools' homecoming game.

Dayville/Monument was down 35-0 in the second quarter when Tiger quarterback Donovan Schafer threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Mark Thomas. Schafer connected with JT Hand for the



Dayville/Monument Tiger Cade Milton (75) jumps into the fray, assisting Gabe Walker-Hopkins in tackling South Wasco running back Garrett Olson (20).

The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

extra point.

On South Wasco's next drive, Thomas emerged from a dog pile, recovering the Redsides' fumble.

Hand rushed the ball 30 yards on the next play, and

Schafer launched a 20-yard touchdown pass to Gabe Walker-Hopkins, bringing the score to 35-13.

The Redsides pulled away further when Garrett Olson scored on a long catch and

run from quarterback Tanner Davis, Olson also kicking in the 2 extra points.

After the Tigers' next attempt at the goal line, South Wasco took over on downs.

Hand tackled Redside Timoteo Hisatake in the backfield bringing up a fourth down, but the Redsides made a first down and continued their push down the field. Davis tossed to Olson who threw a touchdown pass to Brock LaFaver.

South Wasco led 50-13 at the half and ran the score up to 70-13 going into the fourth.

Tiger Tell Cox fell on the Redsides' onside kick at mid-field.

Walker-Hopkins caught a long pass from Schafer at the 20-yard line, and Hand scored a touchdown on the next play.

For the Redsides' final touchdown, LaFaver was in as quarterback, connecting with Davis to score.

The Redsides have only lost one game in this first season of six-man football to the undefeated Joseph Eagles.

Dayville/Monument head coach Kyle Hand said there were individuals on the team who played well, but overall "the kids' heads weren't all the way in it."

"Our highlight was the second quarter," he said. "We played tough, tackled well and were able to move the ball up and down the field offensively."

He said his team is young, and they'll take away the positives from the game as they move forward.

Dayville/Monument has their final game at 1 p.m. Friday, hosting the Huntington Locomotives in Dayville.

A contest with the Burnt River Bulls that had been set for Oct. 26 was canceled due to lack of Burnt River players.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 18

Long Creek/Ukiah JV volleyball vs. Huntington in Long Creek at 4:30 p.m.

Long Creek/Ukiah JV soccer vs. Nyssa in Long Creek at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19

Dayville/Monument football vs. Huntington in Dayville at 1 p.m.

Grant Union football @ Heppner at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Prairie City, Monument/Dayville volleyball @ 1A High Desert Tournament in John Day at 9 a.m.

Grant Union volleyball @ Blue Mountain Conference Tournament in Stanfield at noon

Grant Union middle school cross country @ Middle School East Championships in Pendleton at 4 p.m.