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Heather Bowlus and Rocky Perkins, brought a lot to the table.

They were “phenomenal and a great help,” Hand said, adding Skip Inscore and John Clark also assisted on a volunteer basis.

Two seniors will graduate, but Hand said he expects everyone else will return next season, along with two freshmen.

“All the kids worked hard and stuck with it,” Hand said. “We’ll miss Cade Milton — he brings good leadership, mentality of football and is a force to reckon with — and Gabe Walker-Hopkins was tough as nails.”

Grant Union cross country teams race in Pendleton

The Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite Thursday in Pendleton gave Grant Union’s boys and girls runners a chance to see most of the league competition.

“We had some outstanding improvements at the meet,”

said Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith.

On the girls side, Erika Dickens and Makenna Culley shaved over a minute off their time, and Samantha Buckhaults also set a personal record.

For the boys, Jacob Smith, Tanner Elliott and Braden Spencer set season records.

Coach Smith said they’ll have enough runners to compete as a team for both boys and girls for Saturday’s 3A/2A/1A Special District 3 meet. The boys will race at 3 p.m., girls at 3:30 p.m. at Pendleton Community Park.

The Grant Union boys middle school team finished third at the Eastern Oregon Junior High Cross Country Championships last Friday in Pendleton. Two Grant Union middle school girls also raced.

Grant Hall placed 10th, setting a personal record with a time of 11:39.9, and of the seventh-grade boys, he finished first.

“In the boys division every one of our runners except one set their season’s best at districts,” coach Smith said. “Their ability to run tight together gave them their best finish of the season.”

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The Panthers jumped ahead early in the first set on sophomore Katie Hire’s serving. The Mustangs tied the score several times, and the set went into extra points with the Panthers winning 26-24.

Crane won the next three sets, 25-15, 25-17 and 25-17, but the scores could have been worse if not for the Mustangs’ poor serving. Crane had a powerful front line, including sophomore Riley Davis and senior Katie Burns.

But Hire, who went on to be named First Team All Tournament, rose to the occasion with several spectacular blocks and strikes against the Mustangs.

“We had a big uphill battle,” Bass said after the game. “We competed well and tried our hardest.”

This was Bass’ first year as a volleyball head coach, and she was optimistic about next year’s team.

“We had no starting seniors this year,” she said. “We’re in a good position for next year.”

Tournament highlights included Hire with 11 aces, 90 percent serving and 20 kills; Ennis with 92 percent serving, 18 kills and 84 percent hitting; Emmel with 91 percent serving and 18 kills; and sophomore Caitlin Willet with 93 percent serving and 88 percent



High Desert League All Tournament First Team members, from left, are: Jordan Valley senior Regann Skinner, Crane senior Elizabeth Jenkins, Prairie City sophomore Katie Hire, Crane sophomore Riley Davis and Adrian seniors Grace Nichols and Roby Young.



High Desert League All Tournament Second Team members are, from left, Prairie City junior Emily Ennis, Jordan Valley senior Emily Burch, Dayville/Monument senior Faythe Schafer, Jordan Valley senior Taylor Warn, Jordan Valley senior Nicole Terry and Adrian senior Sadey Speelmon.

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serve-serve and passing. Willet also had the most serves for the team.

In addition to Hire being named First Team All Tournament, Ennis and Tiger senior Faythe Schafer were named Second Team All Tournament,

and the Prairie City Panthers received the Sportsmanship Award.

Jordan Valley defeated the Adrian Antelopes in a competitive final round 3-2. Jordan Valley, Adrian and Crane will go on to the state tournament.

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