



## Local youth wrestling club to host tourney Saturday

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant County Wrestling Club led by head coach Steve Parsons will hold a home tournament on Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

Ages 8 and under will wrestle at 9 a.m. and ages 9-15 begin at approximately 12 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor can contact Shilo Burton-Harper at 541-620-1617 or email grant-cowrestlingclub@gmail.com.

The Grant County team placed 11 out of 21 teams at the Nov. 10 Blue Mountain Battle Tournament in Walla Walla.

With 26 of their wrestlers competing, Grant County placed sixth out of 21 teams at the Baker Brawl on Nov. 3 in Baker City in the first Orway tournament of the season.

### Walla Walla results

Kale Tremblay: first place, 4 wins, no losses, 3 pins  
 Coyle Van Cleave: second, 4 wins, 1 loss, 1 pin  
 Blake Sandor: first, 4 wins, no losses, 2 pins  
 Cody Knowles: fourth, 1 win, 3 losses  
 Jase Whatley: first, 4 wins, no losses, 3 pins

Beau Van Cleave: first, 4 wins, no losses, 2 pins  
 Jack Knowles: first, 3 pins, no losses  
 Zeke Rookstool: second, 4 wins, 1 loss, 3 pins  
 Tristan Clarry: second, 3 wins, 1 loss, 1 pin  
 Mason Bengel: first, 4 wins, no losses, 3 pins  
 Charley Knowles: fourth, 2 wins, 3 losses, 1 pin  
 Jenny Clarry: third place

### Baker City results

Coyle Van Cleave: second, 4 wins, 1 loss  
 Kale Tremblay: second, 4 wins, 1 loss, 3 pins  
 Grayson Schmadeka: sixth place  
 Hank Griffin: first, 5 wins, 3 pins  
 Brogan Lundbom: fourth, 2 wins, 3 losses  
 Bransyn Harper: fifth, 1 win, 4 losses, 1 pin  
 Porter Adams: fifth, 1 win, 4 losses, 1 pin

Blake Sandor: third, 3 wins, 2 losses, 2 pins  
 Wyatt Lieuallen: first, 4 wins 1 loss, 4 pins  
 Ginny Clarry: second place  
 Samuel Stout: third, 2 wins, 2 losses, 2 pins  
 Gabe Gangler: sixth place  
 Kaleb Rogers: sixth place  
 Jase Whatley: third, 3 wins, 2 losses, 1 pin  
 Beau Van Cleave: first, 4 wins, 4 pins  
 Brogan Rookstool: second, 4 wins, 1 loss, 3 pins  
 Owen Parsons: second, 4 wins, 1 loss, 3 pins  
 Jerrett Wadell: second, 4 wins, 1 loss, 4 pins  
 Colter Handley: fourth, 2 wins, 3 losses  
 Trevor Sasser: sixth place  
 Taylor Parsons: second, 3 wins, 1 loss, 1 pin  
 Ritter Rookstool: sixth place



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The Prairie City Panther seniors are ready for the basketball season. Clockwise from front: Lane Williams, Jonathan Lawrence, Syd Holman, Levi Burke and Brett Copenhaver. See more photos at MyEagleNews.com

## Prairie City boys hopeful for a state championship

First game is away Nov. 30

By Angel Carpenter  
 Blue Mountain Eagle

Prairie City Panther Syd Holman, one of five seniors on this year's basketball team, said they are ready to return to the game they love.

"Everybody's excited," he said. "The whole town is talking."

Last season, the 1A team, led by head coach Sam Workman, took a historic second-place finish at the OSAA Basketball State Championships in Baker City.

It was the first time in 20 years the team made it to the championship tournament, and the first time in 23 years that they finished second.

Workman, who is in his second year leading the team, said they plan to "go at it like our hair's on fire again" this year.

Prairie City will likely feel the loss of Dorran Wilson who graduated.

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Levi Burke, Brett Copenhaver, Syd Holman, Jonathan Lawrence, Lane Williams

### Prairie City boys schedule

Friday, Nov. 30: @ Joseph at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1: @ Enterprise at 5:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8: @ Ione, Condon/Wheeler at tournament in Fossil at 4:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14: vs. Horizon Christian at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15: vs. Imbler at 5:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29: @ tournament in Pendleton, TBD

Friday, Jan. 4: @ Burnt River in Unity at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5: vs. Long Creek/Ukiah at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 11: Prairie

City boys hosts alumni game at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12: @ Dayville/Monument in Monument at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18: vs. Crane at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19: vs. Harper at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25: @ Four Rivers in Ontario at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26: vs. Adrian at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 29: @ Crane at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1: @ Jordan Valley at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2: vs. Huntington at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 5: vs. Dayville/Monument at 7:30 p.m.

## Lady Panthers ready to bring out their best

First home game is Dec. 15

By Angel Carpenter  
 Blue Mountain Eagle

There are just 10 athletes on the Prairie City Panther girls basketball team, but most have varsity experience and head coach Bo Workman said they are "looking to have a good year."

Workman, in his third year leading the team, said the 1A High Desert League is tough as usual, but he hopes they'll "surprise some in the end."

"I think we will come together as a team," he said. "They have good attitudes."

Workman is joined by assistant coach Mike Workman, who was a volunteer assistant in the past. He is also the assistant for the Panther boys.

"He brings a lot of basketball knowledge," Bo said.

Haley Pfefferkorn, a post and the team's sole senior, is in her fourth year on the team.



Haley Pfefferkorn

She is joined by experienced juniors, including Emily Ennis, Rilee Emmel, Hailee Wall and Aleah Johns. Junior Shayla Winton, a transfer student to Prairie City, is also a part of the team.

Workman said he's expecting Pfefferkorn will be big on rebounding.

"She physical," he said. "She is going to be a big part down low on defense, down in the paint."

He said Haley's sister Abby, a sophomore, has also played a lot of basketball.

Guards Samantha Workman and Katie Hire, both sophomores, also saw plenty of time on the varsity court last season.

Camry Milesi, a transfer student, is another sophomore on the team.

"Samantha and Katie are taking care of the ball, and Rilee too," coach Workman said.

There are no freshmen on this year's team.

Haley said she expects this season will be tough.

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### SHOOTING THE BREEZE

## Predator hunting an important part of balance

By Marc LeQuieu  
 For the Blue Mountain Eagle

My father introduced me to calling coyotes when I was still only registering single digits on my birthday cakes. Even at that age, I was taught about the importance of balance between predator and prey.

We would wake up early in the crisp mornings of late fall, after all the deer hunting had ended. Dad would bundle up my older brother and me,

and we would drive out in the pre-dawn cold to our favorite deer haunts. It was an eerie feeling for sure to turn the lights off on the old jeep wagon, and crack the doors quietly, sneaking around the rig getting our rifles and the predator calls ready for the short hike to areas that we had hunted just weeks before.

Dad always wanted to call coyotes in areas that we had harvested deer. He had a sense of responsibility to try to help maintain balance in the relationship between the predators and the animals they fed upon all winter. Dad would tell us boys that it was our responsibility after taking

a deer from the woods to try and harvest a few coyotes and mountain lions from those very same areas because we had taken potential food for that winter.

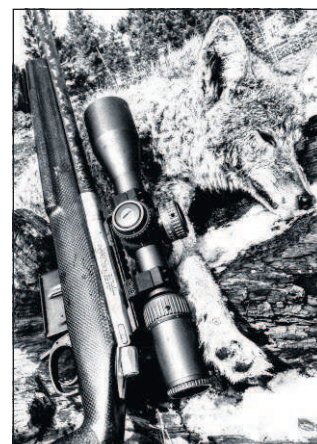
Back then, there was no such thing as an electronic caller, and we used mouth calls, meant to sound like dying rabbits or fawns. We would call for one or two minutes and then sit for four or five in silence as we listened for the distinct sound of coyotes yelping and howling as they coordinated their search for the free meal we were trying to replicate. Some sets would result in the silent approach of a lone dog,

while others would bring the excited rush of an entire pack! Sitting there in silence, listening to the waking forest and sage brush hills, was exhilarating. Every sound became amplified as our senses became more and more attuned to the wild.

We have had all kinds of animals respond to our calls over the years. Deer would sometimes rush in to rescue what sounded like a fawn in distress, while other times we would only see hawks or magpies. We have called in coyotes, mountain lions and even a very confused black bear while predator hunting. With the advent of electronic

calls, it is as simple as it has ever been to get into the sport of predator hunting. However, one of the best ways to see what all the fuss is about is to do a search for coyote calling on the university of YouTube and then go out and buy a \$10 mouth call.

You can watch along as some of the best coyote hunters in the country show off all their tricks for getting old Wile E. Coyote to come and play in the early morning light. Just a word from an experienced caller, though: Start out with open-reed mouth calls first. They are cheap, and no batteries are required. Now let the fur fly!



Contributed photo  
 A coyote. Mouth calls for predators are cheap and require no batteries.

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