

## Golf

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golf balls rolling off the edge and sometimes downhill.

For freshman Billy Radinovich, it was her third tournament of the season, and it's her first year competing in the sport.

"I never imagined myself playing golf, but I enjoy it and the people and coach Ron," she said.

Springer said she'd golfed with some of the girls in her group in previous years, including Caitlyn Scrivner of Heppner and Miranda Raven of Vale.

"I love this group," Springer said.

The golfers enjoyed hamburgers and cookies after the tournament outside the clubhouse, and Lenz was recognized as a senior this year.

On Saturday, Lenz headed up an 18-hole scramble at the John Day Golf Club for his senior project with 12 teams competing.



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**Grant Union Prospector Devon Stokes drives the ball at the start of Friday's Grant Union Invitational held at the John Day Golf Club. Behind Stokes is Cason Mitchell of Heppner, and far right is Grant Union head coach Ron Lundbom.**

The Ugly Truth Bar & Grill hosted a taco feed. The event, which is a

Grant Union golf fundraiser, was Lenz's senior project, and most of the proceeds

were donated to the Stuart Mosier kidney transplant fund.

## Roundup

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For the Prairie City girls, Mikiah Kimble set personal records in both the 100 and 200.

Barber said Kimble has been working hard with teammate Abbey Pfefferkorn as a training partner. Pfefferkorn set a season record in the 100.

Rilee set a personal record in javelin, adding nearly 8 feet to her throw for a mark of 74-06.

"We've had a few injuries, and hopefully, they'll be healed up in time for Nyssa," Barber said.

Grant Union, Prairie City and Long Creek will compete at the Don Walker track meet which begins at 1 p.m. (MT) Friday in Nyssa.

It is one of the biggest track meets of the season for the Grant County teams, drawing athletes from Oregon and Idaho.

Grant Union was scheduled to hold their small school meet on Tuesday, past press time, with Grant Union, Prairie City, Long Creek and Dayville competing.

### Dayville, Long Creek, Monument compete at C-W Invitational

Three 1A Grant County track teams enjoyed good weather conditions at Friday's C-W Invitational at Condon High School.

The Dayville, Monument and Long Creek teams competed with seven other schools at the event.

"It was a beautiful day for a track meet over in Condon," said Dayville head coach Josh Williams.

Dayville freshman Zach Ferguson said, "It was a lot of fun."

Williams said he's happy with the improvements all the athletes have made.

"We were missing Austin Walker for our (4x100) relay team, but his younger brother Ethan stepped in and did super well," the coach said. "Our handoffs are improving, and I would like to see the boys try the

4x400 relay at least once this year."

The 4x100 boys team of Ethan Walker, Zach Ferguson, Jaydon Hoffman and Gabe Walker-Hopkins placed fifth with a time of 53.54.

Hoffman set three personal records in the 100-meter dash, shot put and discus, and Walker-Hopkins set season records in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles.

Haylee Collins and Hal-lee Rhoda each set two personal records. Both girls improved on their shot put. Collins shaved time off her 100, and Rhoda added 4 feet to her discus throw.

Williams said, although the sun was shining when they left, their bus encountered a significant thunderstorm on the way home.

The Monument team, led by head coach Jeff Schafer, had a stellar performance.

The boys team, with three athletes, placed fifth out of 10 teams.

Four out of five of the Monument athletes set personal records for the day.

Mark Thomas shaved time off his 800 and 1,500, placing second in both events behind runners from 2A Heppner.

Donovan Schafer improved his javelin throw for third place and triple jump for sixth place. He also placed second in discus.

For the girls, Fayette Schafer set a personal record in the 100, and Aubreianna Osborne improved her mark in javelin.

Linda Studtmann, head coach for Long Creek, said the team performed well Friday in Condon, and Thursday at the Husky Twilight Invitational in Moro.

She said her athletes set several personal and season records.

"Cherie Lee had a phe-

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nomenal PR in the discus at Moro," Studtmann said, improving her throw by over 8 feet.

Henry Grannis set a personal record in discus at the Condon-Wheeler event, adding over 6 feet to his throw with a mark of 92-5.

"It's the same as always. They are all working on learning or improving in their events," Studtmann said.

Long Creek and Dayville were scheduled to compete at the Grant Union Small School Meet Tuesday, past press time.

Long Creek will compete at the Don Walker meet at 1 p.m. (MT) Friday in Nyssa.

Dayville and Monument will compete at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Sherman Invitational in Moro.

### Prospector baseball plays sharp for 15-1 win in Heppner

The Grant Union/Prairie City Prospector baseball team had a 15-1 rout over the Heppner/Lone Mustangs April 16 in Heppner.

Prospector junior Warner Robertson pitched four innings with junior Logan McCluskey closing out the game.

Grant Union head coach Doug Sharp said, since the team had a bye last weekend, it was important to give McCluskey some game experience, "even though Warner was cruising."

Sharp said it was simply a well-played game.

"All the way through the line up, the kids hit the ball hard," he said. "Their base running was exceptional as well. The kids took extra bases all game on Heppner mistakes."

"Defensively, they were very sharp," he said. "It's nice when they do the little things right."

He said he spoke with the team about "respect 90," which he heard from another coach in the past.

"The length of the bases is 90 feet," Sharp said. "It means when you are on the field, you respect all aspects of the game."

The Prospectors now prepare to host Sherman/Arlington/Condon at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday at Malone Field.

"It seems like they always have the athletes, though we can only worry about ourselves," Sharp said. "Our plan is to limit our mistakes and take advantage of theirs."

## SHOOTING THE BREEZE

# Myth of the brushbuster

We have all heard it in one iteration or another, that is the legend of the indelectable bullet. Usually, said fertilizer is accompanied with a yarn of greater than or equal to proportions. It likely goes something to the effect of: "Uncle Joe had chased that buck for a week, night and day. When he jumped him it was a 200 yard shot through a pole patch at a dead run. That bullet had to travel through a dozen trees before it hit that old buck. Good thing he was shooting his .30-30 that day, it won't glance off like those new guns do."

I suppose this fable has been around since nearly the beginning of time or at least with the advent of muzzleloading firearms.

The funny thing about projectiles is they all can be deflected by obstacles encountered on their flight plan. Traditionally, the heavier and slower-moving bullets were thought to have done better at busting brush than lighter ones flying at much higher velocity.

Even in today's hunting camps, it's surprising to see just how many hunters still buy into this theory as fact. The truth is, any bullet of any caliber at any velocity stands the chance of deflection in any brush. Everything from the diminutive rimfires all the way up through the cavern-esque Elephant rifles are subject to the laws of physics. There are rare occasions where your bullet can go through brush without glancing too far off target. This has more to do with the relative distance between the obstacle and your intended target than bullet's size, speed or construction. These exceptions can give the impression that one's bullet could as a rule penetrate the brush successfully when in fact the bullet (which had been deflected) made contact with its intended target before it could veer too far off course. The other

95 percent of the time, a deflected bullet results in a clean miss or a wounded animal. Nobody wants that.

Years ago, I drew a Sumpter Unit buck tag. The area I hunted in was quite thick in brush and trees. After hunting a couple of days, I came across a younger whitetail buck standing not 50 yards away through some pine saplings. Obscured as his body was, it was to be a headshot or nothing. Taking a standing rest, I squeezed off a shot.



Dale Valade

I could've sworn I had hit him, as he appeared to drop at the shot. As I neared his location, it was apparent to me that my bullet had missed its mark. A green branch I had not seen midway between myself and the buck was shot right in half, barely hanging by a thread. Luckily the buck had only ran a short way down hill, and taking a much better shot through a clear alley in the trees, I got my venison. The buck had been completely unscathed by my first shot.

The real reason the old timers preferred large-caliber, slow-moving bullets was for their penetration and knockdown, of course. When jacketed bullets were a rather new notion, the controlled expansion science we enjoy today had not yet been conceived. In short, the best way to keep from having to track wounded animals in the brush was to put them down right there, something larger calibers have always excelled at. That's still a good idea today, if you ask me.

Whatever size of gun you shoot, take the time to pick a clear shot. Your freezer will fill up much faster that way. We appreciate it when you write in! Email us at shootingthebreezeme@gmail.com!

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