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Grant County wrestles strong at home tourney and dual meet

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Nine teams competed at the Grant County Invitational, Grant County Wrestling Club's first home tournament of the season on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day.

Wrestlers competing included athletes from Grant County, Baker, La Grande, Pendleton, Elgin, Union, Burns, Weiser (Idaho) and Nampa (Idaho).

This was Grant County's second tournament of the season for their club, which includes 54 athletes ages 4 to 15. Their first meet of the season was in Baker City the previous week.

Head coach Tye Parsons said he's amazed at the growth of the program, which has added more than 10 participants to last year's numbers.

"The goal is to keep them wrestling and keep them having fun," he said, adding they'd like to see the athletes move on to the high school level.

"We still have a lot of older kids sticking with it," he said. "We're getting off to a good start."

Parsons said having 50 kids in one room requires a lot of assistants.

Volunteers include Trevor Knowles, Justin Clarry, Zane Rookstool, Andrew Copenhaver, Casey Adam and Michael Gast.

Parsons said their group also includes several girls who are wrestling well, too.

During the split between the younger and older wrestlers competing at Saturday's tournament, Grant County and Baker athletes competed in a dual meet.

Grant County won 18-12.

Although the dual was unofficial, Parsons said it was a positive experience.

The two teams lined up, facing each other and cheered loudly for their teammates.

"Duals bring the team aspect and teaches them that each match is important," Parsons said.

Zeke Rookstool, 11, won his bracket and said he enjoyed competing.

"It's a fun tournament," he said. "The little kids are really improving. Wrestling is hard, and even though you're down, you still have to fight hard."

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Grant County Wrestling Club member Wyatt Lieuallen, age 4, right, has his Baker Wrestling opponent in a bind and moves on to win the match in Duals at the Saturday, Nov. 9, Grant County Wrestling Tournament at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day.

Grant County Wrestling Club athlete Jack Knowles wins his match in the dual meet against Baker Wrestling during the Saturday, Nov. 9, Grant County Invitational in John Day.

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Grant County Wrestling Club member Taylor Parsons, 11, wrestles a Baker's Nolan Briels, in Duals at Saturday's tournament in John Day. Ref Trinity Hutchison looks on.

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Grant County Wrestling head coach Tye Parsons, left, instructs his team before the start of the dual meet with Baker Wrestling midway through the Grant County Invitational at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day.

Grant County Invitational results

Grant County Wrestling Club

Conley Colson..... first
Levi Hueckman..... third
Ginny Clarry..... second
Connor McLeod..... fourth
Miles Ballou..... fourth
Camas Adams..... third
Weston Lieuallen..... first
Coyle Van Cleave..... first
Kale Tremblay..... second
Brogan Dingman..... third
Mason Rigney..... third
Blake Kimball..... second
Hank Giffin..... first
Zander Lambeth..... second
Cody Knowles..... second
Collonnie Clement..... second
Porter Adams..... third
Kainan Kenyon..... second
Blake Sandor..... fourth
Wyatt Lieuallen..... third
Gabe Gangler..... fourth
Mitchell McKrola..... fourth
Lane Bailey..... third
Jase Whatley..... first
Tracker McLeod..... fourth
Leo Dedmore..... second
Carter Wyant..... fourth
Samuel Stout..... fourth
Dawson Clement..... fourth
Jeritt Gast..... first
Kaleb Rogers..... third
Beau Van Cleave..... second
Timber Winegar..... second
Noah Kenyon..... first
Owen Parsons..... second
Jerett Waddel..... first
Jack Knowles..... first
Taylor Parsons..... second
Natalee Clarry..... third
Zeke Rookstool..... first
Anongba Ayeliya..... second
Tristan Clarry..... first
Mason Benge..... second

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The Dayville/Monument Tigers celebrate a successful rally earlier in the season. From left, Katie Barker, Miranda Cook, Aubrey Bowlus, Denali Twehues, Aubreianna Osborne and Brooklyn Near.

DAYVILLE/MONUMENT 1A HIGH DESERT LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL ALL-LEAGUE HONORS

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First Team

Denali Twehues, senior, setter

Honorable Mention

Brooklyn Near, senior, outside hitter

Aubrey Bowlus, senior, outside hitter

The Prairie City Panthers, also in the High Desert League, had All-League honors listed in a previous article "Prairie City volleyball team ends season at state first round in Joseph."

SIX-MAN FOOTBALL EAST DIVISION ALL-LEAGUE HONORS

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First Team

Jake McHatton, Prairie City, senior, defense, nose tackle

JT Hand, Dayville/Monument, junior, running back, defensive back

Sebastian Hodge, Dayville/Monument, freshman, long snapper

Second Team

Tell Cox, Dayville/Monument, sophomore, tight end

Jayden Winegar, Prairie City, junior, defensive back

Declan Zweygardt, Prairie City, junior, running back

Honorable mention

Marcus Judd, Prairie City, sophomore, offense

Opie McDaniel, Prairie City, senior, offense and defense

DJ Howell, Dayville/Monument, junior, defensive lineman

Mark Thomas, Dayville/Monument, junior, defensive back

Jordan Hull, Dayville/Monument, sophomore, linebacker

Wesley Adams, Dayville/Monument, senior, kicker/punter, center/offensive lineman

Donovan Schafer, Dayville/Monument, junior, quarterback

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Dayville/Monument Tiger JT Hand makes the carry with Wesley Adams (64), Tell Cox (42) and Donovan Schafer (20) in a game earlier in the season against the Wheeler County Rattlers.

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Prairie City/Burnt River Panther Jake McHatton takes down Triangle Lake Laker quarterback Zach Pennel during the Nov. 9 Six-Man Crossover battle for third and fourth in state in Madras.