



YOUR CABOOSE IS LOOSE - The railroad town of Dunsmuir, Calif. has as one of its tourist attractions the Railroad Park. Patrons are able to sleep in refurbished cabooses, many of them the older style with cupolas. There also are newer bay-window models which were used until railroads phased out cabooses entirely. A recent visitor to the Railroad Park enjoyed the visit. (Photo by Bob Rodriguez)

Cougar athletes honored for their achievements

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Most Inspirational Player: Trevor Murphy-Mannix.

Equestrian:

Most Valuable Rider: Kaylah Arnett.

Most Improved Rider: Angel Cavallo

Most Inspirational Rider: Echo Reagan.

Horsemanship: Kelsey Arnett.

Sportsmanship: Nicole Farr.

JV Baseball:

Most Inspirational Player: Toni Derda.

Most Improved Player: Steve Knoetsch.

Girls Golf:

Most Valuable Player: Katrina Manzone.

Most Improved Player: Leilani Tausaga.

Girls Softball: Most Valuable Player: Ricci Coultas. Most Valuable Player: Erika Riley.

Most Improved Player: Shannon Look.

Most Inspirational Player: Erika Riley.

Rock Solid: Meghan Jackson.

Big Girls Don't Cry: Jessica Ragsdale.

Offensive Most Valuable Player: Jessica Ragsdale.

Track:

Most Valuable Player: Caleb Renno.

Most Valuable: Jessa Fairbanks.

Most Improved: Dalton Reagan.

Most Improved: Michelle LaPierre.

Most Inspirational: Patrick DeCelles.

Most Inspirational: Raesha Wanstrath-Yeoman.

Girls Varsity Golf:

Beckie Bodeving, Samantha Heller, Kami Culver, Lisa McLean, Natasha Kirk, Rose Ballard, Katrina Manzone, Leilani Tausaga.

Coach: Michael Durrant.

Most Valuable Player: Katrina Manzone.

Most Improved Player: Leilani Tausaga.

Softball Varsity:

Ricci Coultas, Serena Barry, Erika Riley, Samantha Hoskins, Emily Dudley, Meghan Jackson, Jessica Ragsdale, Shannon Look,

Tiffannee Griffin.

Varsity Participation:

Becky Boatman, Jessica Pittman, Victoria Prince, Kelcie Yeoman, Sarah Pittman, Michelle Trinity.

Coach: Justine Johnson.

Skyline Conference Second Team-Catcher: Ricci Coultas.

Skyline Conference Second Team-Infield: Jessica Ragsdale.

Skyline Conference Honorable Mention-Infield: Erika Riley.

Skyline Conference Honorable Mention-Infield: Meghan Jackson.

Skyline Conference Second Team-First Base: Shannon Look.

Skyline Conference Honorable Mention-Outfield: Emily Dudley.

Skyline Conference Second Team-Pitcher: Serena Barry.

Skyline Conference Honorable Mention: Samantha Hoskins.

Boys Varsity Baseball:

Doug Hoskins, Josh Coronado, Graham Baker, Kevin LaPierre, Anthony Thomas, Adam Jackson, Alex Bergman, Austin Hocker, Joel Dirkes, Jacob Murphy, Joesph Escalona, Robert Bell.

Varsity Participation:

Anthony Bell, Jordan Pace

Coaches: Scott Carnes, and Derek Brimhall

Offensive Player of the year: Doug Hoskins.

Defensive Player of the year: Austin Hocker.

Coaches Award: Anthony Thomas.

JV Baseball:

Vincent Becker, Ryan Burgess, Garret Fisher, Steve Knoetsch, Xavier Medina, Roman Riggins, Bobby Kells, Jon Bradbury, Tony Derda, Jesse Fullerton, Patrick Lindhe,

Coach: Michael Durrant.

Most Valuable Player: Katrina Manzone.

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Jordan Pace, Ben White.

Most Inspirational Player: Toni Derda.

Most Improved Player: Steve Knoetsch.

Coach: Tim Norman

Boys Varsity Golf:

Nick Greener, Trevor Murphy-Mannix, Mark McLean, DJ Zissen, Shawn Guilbert, Lefi Tausaga.

Varsity Participation:

Casey Taylor.

Coach: Kevin Soon.

Most Valuable Player: Katrina Manzone.

Most Improved Player: Leilani Tausaga.

Most Inspirational Player: Trevor Murphy-Mannix.

Equestrian Team:

Kaylah Arnett, Angel Cavallo, Nicole Farr, Echo Reagan, Tiffany Thom, Kelsey Arnett, Tony Cavallo, Abram Mahoney, Brent Rollins, Sarah Arnold.

Coaches: Alicia Rollins, Sherry Lamb, Trinalynn Davis.

Most Valuable Rider: Kaylah Arnett.

Most Improved Rider: Angel Cavallo.

Most Inspirational Rider: Echo Reagan.

Horsemanship: Kelsey Arnett.

Sportsmanship: Nicole Farr.

Mountain Bike Team:

Adam Brooks, William Crawl, Max Hoffman, Kaleb Culver, Lex Johnson, Jesse Mutch, Garrett Crawl, Ian Barker-Cortrecht, Nikko Fujita, Shane Stiles, Spencer Kendall.

Varsity Participation:

Breanna Allen, Lisa Lawrence, Jon Paul, Spencer Rugg.

Coaches: Jim Heern, and Wayne McHugh.

Track Team:

Caleb Renno, Graham Baker, Ben Green, Bill Haskins, Jerrad Miller, Steven Paul, Dalton Reagan, Nathan

ODF outlines wildfire challenges

By OREGON DEPT. OF FORESTRY

A string of severe fire seasons in recent years put a strain on the motto, "Prepare for the worst and hope for the best."

Fire managers held up their end, but from the late 1990s on the weather seldom cooperated. The break finally came in 2004, according to John Boro, ODF's fire operations manager.

"We had lightning storms come through as we always do," Boro said. "However, most storms had at least some moisture with them. What that did was buy us time to find and suppress the fires early."

The statistics tell the tale: During 2004, fewer than 400 acres burned in lightning-caused fires. In 2003 the figure was approximately 3,300 acres.

And that was a significant improvement from 2002, a season marked by

large-scale dry-lightning events in which more than 92,000 acres burned on state land protected by ODF. (The Biscuit Fire on national forestland is not included.)

While Nature afforded the state a respite from lightning fires, Oregonians also contributed to the below-average season by practicing fire safety in the woods. Amid hot, dry conditions, fewer than 6,000 acres burned due to human-caused wildfires.

Mary Ellen Holly, president of Keep Oregon Green Association, cited this and other 2004 statistics as a

positive sign.

"The number of human-caused wildfires averaged 640 this year, still way below the 10-year average of 762," Holly said. "I think this tells us a lot about the job we've done in prevention awareness and education."

Recent severe fire seasons, coupled with public education programs, have raised awareness of the hazards, she noted. Recreationists overall were more conscientious about campfires, smoking, off-road driving and other common causes of forest fires during 2004.

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