Sports shorts

EOU places third in All-Sport Race

LA GRANDE - With the Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) spring championships in the books, Eastern Oregon University emerged as the No. 3 institution in the league's

2015-16 All-Sport Trophy rankings. Southern Oregon captured first place in the standings with 196.56 points, while College of Idaho earned second place with a tally of 185.18. EOU (177.24) edged Oregon Tech

(173.27) for third place. The Mountaineers earned first place points after the EOU volleyball team snagged its first outright CCC regular season title. The EOU women's hoops team finished tied for second in the league, while the men's and women's track & field (second), men's cross country (fourth) and softball (second in CCC West) teams posted strong finishes.

Harvick signs longterm extension

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Stewart-Haas Racing has signed Kevin Harvick to a long-term contract extension, ending speculation that the 2014 Sprint Cup



champion wanted to leave. The team announced the signing on Thursday,

two days

after Harvick sniped on social media about the gossip suggesting he was planning to exit the organization.

'It was a big decision to join Stewart-Haas Racing and it has turned out to be my best decision," said Harvick. "I came to Stewart-Haas Racing to win championships. We have one, but that only made us hungry for more. I'm very happy to have my future secure with a team so dedicated to winning."

Harvick joined SHR in 2014 and immediately won his first Cup championship.

"This decision was not easy to make, but I took it to ensure I could play the remainder of the season and help to extend the rest of my career."

- Roger Federer The 34-year-old tennis annouced on Thursday via a statement on his website that he would

miss the French Open due to a back injury. The absence will end a streak of 65 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments dating back to 2000.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1919 — Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox wins a game on the mound and at the plate as he hits his first career grand slam to beat the St. Louis Browns 6-4. 1999 — Robin Ventura

becomes the first major leaguer to hit grand slams in both games of a doubleheader, leading the New York Mets to a sweep over Milwaukee, 11-10 and 10-1.

2005 — Nextel Cup rookie Kyle Busch becomes the youngest winner in Craftsman Truck Series history, holding off Terry Cook and Ted Musgrave in a three-lap closing sprint at the Quaker Steak & Lube 200.

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State Track & Field Championships

Cardenas replaces distance record

Vikings senior breaks own state mark to win third straight title in 3,000 meters

East Oregonian

EUGENE — In his four years as a Umatilla Viking, Fabian Cardenas has earned numerous trophies, medals, and accolades in both cross country and track and field.

On Thursday afternoon, Cardenas added to that collection by winning a 3A state championship in the 3000 meter run for the third consecutive year. In doing so, Cardenas also broke his state meet record — set in 2015 — with an incredible time of 8:30.23, which was more than 30 seconds ahead of the second place finisher.

to add yet another medal to his collection today when he looks



Cardenas

to repeat his title in the 1500 meter run. Behind Cardenas' performance, the Umatilla boys team sits in sixth place in the team standings with five events finished, trailing first place La Pine with 24 points.

Also making headlines on Thursday was the Helix Grizzlies girls team, as

The senior runner has a chance they sit atop the Class 1A standings through five events with 38 points and hold a 24 point lead over second

place North Lake.

The Grizzlies showed their dominance in the discus throw by sweeping the top three spots in the finals on Thursday. MaKenzie Mize earned the title of state champion with a throw of 122-03 — a good 19 feet ahead of second place throw by teammate Tegan Jackson's 103-01. Paden Flerchinger took third with a throw of 102-04.

Helix also grabbed two of the top three spots in the girls 3000 meter run, as Lucy Case finished second

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Bucks, Pios put power on display



ton's Kalan McGlothan connects for a two-run **RBI** home run in the Bucks' nonleague game against Mac-Hi on Thursday in Pendleton. Also shown is Mac-Hi catcher

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Pendleton and Mac-Hi combine to hit seven home runs

By MATT ENTRUP East Oregonian

The Pendleton and Mac-Hi softball teams put an exclamation

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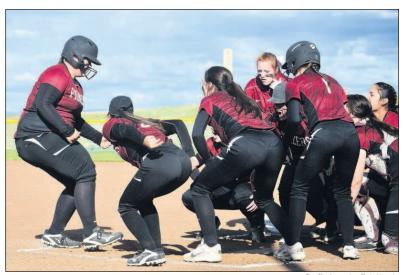
Pendleton

point at the end the 2016 regular season by combining to hit seven home runs on Thursday at

Steve Cary Field. Two of those came off the bat of Mac-Hi's Abi Biggs, the others came from five different Buckaroos to give Pendleton the 13-3 win

in five innings. Kalan McGlothan, Morrison, Lauren Richards, Tatum Fell and Kiersten Murphy all went long for the Bucks on Pendleton's Senior Night.

"This was probably one of the most exciting games I've ever played," said Morrison, a senior. "Our chemistry is there, and everyone's starting to kind of get in the



Mac-Hi's Abi Biggs, left, is greeted at home plate after hitting a two-run RBI home run in the Pioneers' non-league game against the Bucks on Thursday in Pendleton.

rhythm and hitting well at the same time. We just have such good chemistry and we're all so close to each other, it just makes it easier to click and have those games like that."

Richards struck out the top of Mac-Hi's order to open the game. Then with Morrison standing on third, McGlothan cleared the centerfield fence to give the Bucks a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

She threw me two outside pitches and got two strikes on me, so it was kind of a battle thing," McGlothan said. "As soon as I hit it I knew. ... I struggle really hard on

the outside and I've been working

Biggs answered with a two-run shot in the top of the second, but the Pioneers gave the runs right back in the bottom of the inning when an error on routine grounder, a dropped tag at first, and another error allowed Pendleton to score the only runs in the game not attributed

to the long ball for a 4-2 lead.
With Rylee Gentner on base in the third, Richards hit her home run to make it 6-2. Then in the fourth following a double by Feather Dick, Morrison roped her 10th shot of the season over the left-field fence to make it 8-2.

Four batters later with two outs and two on, Murphy cleared the bases with a drive to center that brought out the hook for Mac-Hi starting pitcher Mallory Copeland.

"It felt pretty good," said Murphy, a senior. "(Copeland) was still throwing pretty good, it was

just the pitch I like to hit.
"We're hitting the ball well, ready for playoffs for sure."

Madison Parker singled to See SOFTBALL/2B

UMATILLA

Dohman puts military career on hold for college basketball

Vikings forward signs to continue career with Blue Mountain

> By ERIC SINGER East Oregonian

For her entire high school career, Umatilla's Courtney Dohman has had one plan in

Once she would get the braces taken off of her teeth, she would enlist in the United States Air Force and make a career out of the military. However, that plan has now been moved to the back

signed her recently National Letter of Intent to play basketball at the next level with Blue Mountain Community College.

"As a little kid I always thought it'd be so cool to play in college, and then you seen college athletes and you

look up to them," Dohman said. "But I never thought I'd go play college ball in a million years, so it's awesome and really cool."

Dohman's mother, Trish, said the decision between college basketball or military was one



on the Air Force ... coaches were telling her to put her college applications in but she was always like 'no,

featured much

discussion from the

family, but she is happy

to be able to watch her

daughter continue her

"She was really set

no, I'm going Air Force,' but the opportunity came up and a lot of thought went into this with a lot of different people," she said. "But she absolutely loves (basketball) so do it while she can and mom's

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5A State Tennis

Hermiston splits matches in first round

East Oregonian

PORTLAND — The opening round of the 5A state tennis tournament had mixed results for the Hermiston Bulldogs as the team dropped its singles match and won the doubles match at the Portland Tennis Center on Thursday afternoon.

The team started off the day with singles competitor Jake Snell fell to Parkrose's Gio Chang in straight sets 6-2 and 6-2. Coach Shann West said that even with the loss he was proud of the way Snell fought through the

"He played against a guy with a lot See TENNIS/2B