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Sports shorts

Blue Mountain names Athletes of the Year

PENDLETON — Blue Mountain Community College has named Savannah Heugly and Nolan Weber as its 2015-2016 recipients of the Wally McCrae Student Athletes of the Year.



Heugly maintained a 3.5 GPA at BMCC while dominating the basketball court for the Timberwolves, averaging 21.2 points and 11.3 rebounds per game. She recently signed with Western Oregon University to continue her basketball career.

Weber, a shortstop on the Timberwolves baseball team, hit .212 with three home runs in 104 at-bats in 2016, and maintained a 3.33 GPA in the classroom. Weber plans to attend Washington State University and walk on to the baseball team starting in the fall.

Pendleton senior finalist for Oregon Sports Award

PENDLETON — Pendleton Buckaroos senior outfielder Alexis Morrison is one of three finalists for the Prep Softball Player of the Year in the state of Oregon.

The award will be handed out at the 64th annual Oregon Sports Awards hosted by Nike on Monday evening at the Nike World Headquarters in Beaverton. Morrison is up against Marist's Lauren Burke and Westview's Abby Greer for the award.

Morrison led the Buckaroos to a 25-5 overall record in 2016, a CRC championship and a trip to the Class 5A semifinals, hitting .561 with nine home runs, 30 RBI and 44 runs scored.

The ceremony will take place at 8 p.m. and will be livestreamed at OregonSportsAwards.com.

"We have to have a no-tolerance policy right now with bad behavior. Winning is very important, being good students is very important, but nothing is more important than character."

— Jim Grobe

The newly-hired interim football coach of Baylor University addressing the media at his introductory press conference on Friday afternoon as he looks to steady the Bears program following the firing of longtime coach Art Briles and sexual assault crisis.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1927 — The United States wins the first Ryder Cup golf tournament by beating Britain 9½-2½.

1998 — Harut Karapetyan of the LA Galaxy scores three goals in five minutes for the fastest hat-trick in MLS history in an 8-1 rout of the Dallas Burn. The seven-goal margin sets an MLS record.

2008 — The Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup for the fourth time in 11 seasons with a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the finals.

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PILOT ROCK

Rockets go back-to-back



The Pilot Rock Rockets celebrate after winning the state 2A/1A championship softball game 9-2 over Union on Friday in Corvallis.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pilot Rock takes down Union to claim 2A/1A championship

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

CORVALLIS — The Rockets didn't just want to be champions. No offense intended, but they'd been there, done that.

Should the Pilot Rock softball team wanted a place in history with its 2016 season.

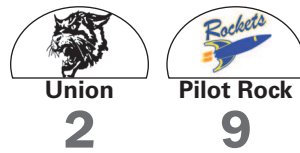
On Friday at OSU Softball Complex, the Rockets wrote a fitting end to their impressive

chapter in the Pilot Rock record books with a 9-2 win over Union.

It was the school's first back-to-back title in any sport, and also the first time the Rockets have finished the season as league, district and state champions.

Tehya Ostrom pitched a complete game with seven strikeouts, and

2A/1A Championship



Madison Dave batted 3 for 4 with three RBIs and two runs. The Rockets scored four runs in the first inning and made big defensive plays late in the

game to keep Union from building any momentum for a comeback.

Rockets coach Darin Fitzpatrick said the team put a lot on itself from the outset.

"Oh, this is huge. I can't believe the feeling right now. It's a little emotional," he said. "We've challenged these girls all year. They had such a tough schedule, they've been playing playoff softball all year long."

"We've put so much pressure on them. Since the start of the season we told them they were the state champs, they just had to play like it."

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STANFIELD

Tigers claim 3A title in extras



Stanfield's Dylan Grogan (20) and Brody Woods embrace at home plate after Grogan scored the go-ahead run in the top of the tenth inning of the Tigers' 5-4 win against Santiam Christian in the state 3A championship baseball game on Friday in Keizer.

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Stanfield holds off No. 1 seed Santiam Christian in 10 innings

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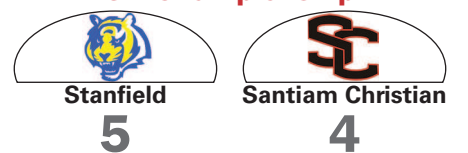
KEIZER — The Stanfield Tigers stopped Santiam Christian's comeback bid cold with a play at the plate, and when the game went into extra innings scored the go-ahead runs on hits by Ryan Bailey and Brody Woods to beat the Eagles 5-4 in 10 innings Friday in the OSAA 3A state championship.

Dylan Grogan pitched eight innings for the Tigers, and Woods came off short rest to throw the final two for his third win of the postseason.

It was the second state title for the Tigers under head coach Bryan Johnson, who coached his final game for the Tigers on Friday, and got one last ice shower as the team celebrated on the field.

"It couldn't have ended any better.

3A Championship



"I'm just so happy we were able to get one for these kids," said Johnson, who also coach the Tigers to the 2A/1A title in 2011. "Both teams, you've got to give them credit. We fought, they fought, that's what great teams do."

"It's nice to beat the private school, too. No offense to the private school but it means something for Oregon public schools. They have a great program."

Stanfield scored two runs in the first and one in the third, but Santiam Chris-

See TIGERS/2B



Stanfield catcher Thyler Monks pumps his fist in the air as home plate umpire Mark Coursey calls Santiam Christian runner Tanner Macal out in the Tigers' 5-4 win against the Eagles in the state 3A championship baseball game Friday in Keizer.

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