

# EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

FOLLOW US ON  TWITTER @EOSPORTS |  FACEBOOK.COM/EOSPORTS

A10

## STIHL TIMBERSPORTS SERIES

# TIMBER!



Kate Page/Contributed Photo

STIHL Timbersports Series competitor Kate Page chops through a white pine log with her racing ax during an underhand chop event at a competition in this undated photo. Page works on a fire crew in the Heppner Ranger District on the Umatilla National Forest.

## Oregon native Kate Page hopes to make the cut

By ANNIE FOWLER  
East Oregonian

**H**EPPNER — Kate Page is no Paul Bunyan, but the Oregon woman can swing an ax and use a saw with the best of them.

A native of John Day, Page has been competing in lumberjack sports since 2014, and competed in the West Coast qualifier June 6 in Centralia, Washington, ahead of the STIHL Timbersports Series July 23-25 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

"This year was different because of COVID," Page said. "We have to apply to get into the STIHL series. Normally, the women have three qualifiers and one wild card that qualifies. On paper, they created pools. We compete at our nearest qualifier. There were five at our qualifier."

With four qualifier competitions throughout the country, Page still is waiting to hear if her time gets her to the U.S. Championships in Arkansas. She should know by the end of the month.

"The anticipation is killing me," Page said. "I set a personal record in one of my events (single buck, with a cross-cut saw), so that was a positive."

The first year women were included in the Timbersports Series was 2017, and they went to Cherry Valley, New York. In 2018, the qualifier for the women was in Cherry Valley, and those who advanced competed alongside the men in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Page finished eighth that year.

In 2019, Page finished seventh at the U.S. Championships.

"This year, I want to be in the top five," Page said.

See Timber, Page A11



STIHL Timbersports Series competitor Kate Page finished seventh at the U.S. Championships in 2019. Page is a native of John Day now living in Heppner and is looking for a top-five finish in 2021.

Kate Page/Contributed Photo

## SPORTS SHORT

### Union to host Oregon Junior Amateur golf tournament

Tournament returns to Eastern Oregon for first time in 15 years

By CARLOS FUENTES  
The Observer

UNION — Union will host the Bob Norquist Oregon Junior Amateur tournament from June 28 to July 2 at Buffalo Peak Golf Course.

More than 100 of the best youth golfers in Oregon will be at the tournament, which has not taken place in Eastern Oregon in 15

years, according to Oregon Junior Golf Director Shanda Imlay.

"We cover all of Oregon, so when we were looking for this year's location, we tried to think about some of the places we haven't been to in a while," Imlay said. "We're really excited to go out to Eastern Oregon and see the beautiful courses out there."

The tournament will begin at 7 a.m. on June 28 and finish by 9 p.m. on July 2.

The Oregon Junior Amateur is the most elite youth golf competition in Oregon, and its location changes every year. According to

Dana Londin, general manager at Buffalo Peak Golf Course, this will be a good opportunity to showcase golf courses in Eastern Oregon.

"It's a great golf course, the facilities are great, and the tour has never been to Union," Londin said. "The event is open to the public, so we encourage people to come out and watch some golf."

Golfers will range between 8 and 18 years old, and will play within three age divisions. The majority will come from larger cities, such as the Portland metro area, Eugene and Salem.

"It's a big deal for events like



City of Union/Contributed Photo

Union will host the Bob Norquist Oregon Junior Amateur tournament from June 28 to July 2, 2021, at Buffalo Peak Golf Course.