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## TEEING OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Disc golf tourney to benefit BMCC rodeo team

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**BOARDMAN** — The Blue Mountain Community College rodeo team is looking to lasso a few dollars Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1-2, when it hosts the Battle at the Beach 2 Disc Golf Tournament at Sailboard Beach Disc Golf Course in Boardman.

The Professional Disc Golf Association sanctioned event will have divisions for pros, advanced, advanced 40-plus, intermediate and women. Each participant will get four rounds over the course of two days.

Rebecca Manning, president of the BMCC Rodeo Booster Club, proposed the idea, and knew the perfect person to help her put the event together — her husband Ryan Manning, who is a professional disc golf player.

“This is her baby,” Ryan Manning said. “I’m just helping to put it together.”

Manning may be a pro player, but he’s also a professional bull-fighter, which makes this event near and dear to him.

“It’s kind of funny how it works out like that,” he said. “Two pretty different worlds, but two things I am passionate about.”

This is not the first time Blue Mountain has hosted a disc golf event to benefit the rodeo team.

“Last time we raised about \$4,000, but this time we are up against other tournaments, and it wasn’t a registered PDGA tournament last time,” Manning



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Ryan Manning tees off Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, on the Pendleton Rotary Disc Golf Course at Community Park.

said. “Once you register with the PDGA, you have to provide a prize value of 85% of their entry fee. Pros play for cash, amateurs play for discs and other prizes. If they get the value for what they entered, they will come again.”

To meet that percentage, sponsors are key.

“Academy Mortgage is the title sponsor, the River Lodge is doing 40% off your room if you stay,” Manning said. “Midway Bar & Grill (Hermiston) is bring food. Players also are getting rated rounds, which is important to them.”

The pro rating system ranges from 0-1,000. Manning’s rating is 961.

“There are a few players rated higher than me in the tournament,” Manning said. “I think I will play since Matt (Winter) is not going to play. I don’t want Rebecca to be overwhelmed.”

Manning and Winter will set up the course in Boardman. It’s a relatively open space, so they are creating boundaries to add a little difficulty in some places.

“You need a lot of trees to be a good disc golf course,” Manning said. “We need to do course preparation to make it more fun.

The best courses, you want to be manipulating discs around trees and uphill. The more trees and the more elevation, that’s when the true skills come out.”

Torrie Griggs, with the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, was instrumental in getting the course designed, according to Manning.

“It has nice tee pads and baskets, which is good,” Manning said.

At present, there are 40 or so players registered for the event, but Manning believes they will have about 60 players.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Mac-Hi football team has 2 games canceled because of COVID-19

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**MILTON-FREEWATER** — McLoughlin High’s football game at Burns was canceled Friday, Sept. 17, after a positive COVID-19 case on the Pioneers team was reported.

The team has been in quarantine since, causing the cancellation of Mac-Hi’s game against Baker on Sept. 24, according to Pioneers coach Jorge Estrada.

Players vaccinated for COVID-19 are allowed to use the weight room with a coach who also has been vaccinated, but all other practices are on hold, Estrada said.

The game against Santiam Christian, scheduled for Oct. 2, at Shockman Field, also has been called off.

The next scheduled game for the Pioneers is Oct. 8 when Mac-Hi is set to play at Ontario.

The Pioneers are 0-3 on the season with losses to College Place and La Grande, and the forfeit to Burns.

### EOU adds Johnson to men’s basketball coaching staff

**LA GRANDE** — Eastern Oregon University Men’s Basketball and Interim Head Coach Chris Kemp announced the hiring of Que Johnson as an assistant coach for the Mountaineers.

“I couldn’t be more excited to add Que to our staff here at EOU. He is an elite level player with international experience that wants to coach and have a positive impact on these players’ lives,” Kemp said. “His expertise in skill development and high level basketball will have an immediate impact on our program.”

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## Lunch is On Us! October 5 & 6

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