



Western Oregon University/Contributed Photo

Blake Davis (85), a 2019 Pendleton graduate, has transferred from Western Oregon University to Eastern Oregon University to continue his football career. He will have three years of eligibility with the Mountaineers.

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“I haven’t played receiver since the semifinals my senior year,” Davis said. “I still remember how to play the position. Don’t you worry about that.”

Camp said his plans for Davis include wide receiver, but also would like to use him on special teams.

“The situation here is you have to prove yourself,” Camp said. “He will play wideout and we will use him to bolster the special teams game. I want to get him stronger before the spring. You have to block or you will not catch the rock.”

Camp also made it clear

that everyone tows the line — at all times.

“Here, you are going to get held accountable daily and carry the standard daily in the classroom, in the community and as a Mountie,” Camp said. “That’s good for him. The first couple of weeks I was on him daily.”

Davis, who is majoring in business and marketing, said he is ready to get the season started, and seeing his family more often.

“I’m really enjoying it and looking forward to putting the pads on and getting going,” he said. “We have begun lifting and conditioning, and learning the playbook. And, I will get to see dad (Erik) all the time, whether he likes it or not.”

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tered and scurried through the evergreens as the pink halo of dusk settled across the ridgetops. Every other angler had vacated the lake an hour before, yet Chas and I remained until it was black as the night would get, landing fish, telling jokes and enjoying the peace of the mountains, broken only by the occasional singing of the ice.

Although the fish were small, I seized my one opportunity of the year for perch tacos, icing down about a dozen, as well as a few of the better rainbows.

Arriving home the next afternoon, I filleted the little perch, rolled them in cornmeal and pan-fried them crunchy before placing them on a flour tortilla, sprinkling them with Cajun seasoning, a little cayenne, and topping them with cheese, cabbage and a dab of salsa. My wife and I savored every bite, and just like that, our bounty was gone. Like Christmas Day, we must wait another year to put more yellow perch on ice.

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SPORTS SHOTS



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Hermiston students rush the court Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, after the Bulldogs defeated the Ferris Saxons 50-46 at Hermiston High School.



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Ione/Arlington’s Oliver Giefing (12) goes up for a shot Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, against the Echo Cougars in Ione. The Cardinals won 61-60.



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Ione/Arlinton’s Grace Claughton (22) puts up a shot Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, during the Ione/Arlington Cardinals’ 42-41 win over South Wasco County in Arlington.



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