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## PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL

# Naughton to lead cross-country team

Former Pendleton graduate has been a long-time assistant

By ANNIE FOWLER  
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — A one-time Pendleton High School track and field record holder has taken the reins of the Bucks' cross-country program.

Maddy Naughton, a longtime assistant coach for the program, stepped into the position after Ben Bradley stepped down earlier this month.

"I think we made it pretty easy on Mike (Somnis, the athletic director)," Naughton said. "I heard a measure of relief in his voice when he asked if I wanted the job, and I told him yes."

Naughton graduated from Pendleton High in 1981, and held the 800-meter record until Nicole (Osborne) Stewart came along and broke it in 1990 (2:17.90).

"I had always wanted to meet her," Naughton said after Stewart broke her record. "She said she was sorry. She still has the record."

After graduating from Pendleton, Naughton went to college at University of Oregon, and lived in Eugene and the Portland area before returning to Pendleton in 1999.

"I wish I would have run in college," she said. "Had I not gone to University of Oregon, I probably would have. I came back in 1999 and married the hardware guy (Jim Naughton)."

In 2004, Naughton began as an assistant for Stewart, then for Bradley. Now, Stewart is her assistant coach, along with Chris Thatcher.

"I honestly don't mind the extra stuff," Naughton said of the paperwork that comes with being in charge. "I'm a good team player and I have a good support system. Nicole is very outgoing and I am more reserved. It's good for me to step out of my comfort zone."

And with Stewart comes her parents Margaret and Jake Osborne. "Her parents have been so supportive of the program," Naughton said. "They are service-oriented people."

Naughton, who works at the Pendleton Early Learning Center, has a young team on her hands this year. While the boys team features some up-and-coming freshmen, the girls team returns its top runner from last season in sophomore Melissa Tune, and sisters Tori and Bella Estrada. Tori is a junior, and Bella is a sophomore.

"We are pretty darn young," Naughton said of the boys team.



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**Pendleton High School cross-country coach Maddy Naughton hits the track for an early morning run with her team Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, at the school. This is Naughton's first year as the head coach for the Bucks.**

"We lost quite a few seniors last year. Our varsity team was made up mostly of seniors. We are in a rebuilding phase."

Freshman Jack Reynolds has shown promise early, and former soccer player Atticus Tesch, a sophomore, who ran distances in track last year, joins the group, as does freshman Maliki Adams.

"Maliki is trying to keep up with Jack at practice," Naughton said. "He has a little moxie and is getting after it. We also have freshman Khoda Brown and Owen Burt. Owen hasn't done cross-country before, but I think he will be a very nice addition to our squad."

Returning to the team are seniors Mekhi Spencer and Jobe Moffett-Wallahee, juniors Nathan Burcham and Desmond Minthorn, and sophomore Eric Baisley.

Juniors Aubrey Harrison and Persephone Bearchum also return for the girls' team, which also has a newcomer in senior Kennedy Deem, a transfer from Cove.

New to the Bucks are freshmen Evie Christiansen, Janae Minthorn, Adreonna Hayes, Brielle Bonzani and sophomore Maddy Lieuallen.

"They are great kids," Naughton said. "They just helped bring 1,000 boxes of books from the basement to the parking lot for the Friends of the Library book sale," she said. "If their work ethic yesterday (Aug. 22) is any indication of the season, I'm really excited."

### Bradley moves on

Bradley, 32, accepted a job as the assistant track and field/cross-country coach at College of Idaho. Bradley is a 2008 graduate of Pendleton High School.

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## ARCHERY HUNTING SEASON



Gary Lewis/Contributed Photo, File

Archery hunting for elk starts Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, in Northeastern Oregon. For the first time, hunting in most units is controlled, meaning hunters must have applied for and drawn a tag.

# Big change for hunters

## Delayed switch to controlled archery hunts for elk starts

By JAYSON JACOBY  
Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — The archery hunting season will start as usual on the last Saturday in August, but this year is anything but ordinary in one respect.

For most of Northeastern Oregon, the archery season for elk is a controlled hunt for the first time.

In August 2021 the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission decided to change archery hunting for elk in 13 units and parts of three others from a general hunt — meaning there's no limit on the number of

tags sold — to a controlled hunt, with a limited number of tags that hunters have to apply for through the state's lottery system.

The general hunt system had been in place in Eastern Oregon since 1979 for both elk and deer.

Since 1983 the archery season for both species has lasted about a month, from late August to late September. This year the season runs from Aug. 27 through Sept. 25.

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# Bailey, past royalty highlight 100th Morrow County Fair & Rodeo

## 1946 queen Darlene Hoskins was Grand Marshal

By ANNIE FOWLER  
East Oregonian

HEPPNER — The Morrow County Fair & Rodeo always delivers a good time.

This year, in its 100th edition, everything from the parade to the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo celebrated the past to the present.

In the midst of all the hoopla was Heppner's Ken Bailey, who captured his first Morrow County Rodeo amateur calf roping title at the tender

age of 61 on Sunday, Aug. 21.

"It has been a work in progress," said Bailey, who owns Bailey Heavy Equipment Repair in Lexington. "I have been trying to win it off and on since high school. We only had a couple of entries so I said, 'why not.' We ended up having six or seven guys and a girl. We had a good time. My time was pretty long, but shorter than the next guy in front of me."

Bailey also took home the amateur calf roping champion saddle that has been given out since 1950.

"It's getting a little tougher to get people to enter," Bailey said. "Times have changed. So far, we

have been able to pull it together. It's a fun part of the weekend, then you fold it up and wait again until next year."

Bailey's win was celebrated by those who know him.

"He had been on our rodeo board for years," rodeo secretary Judy Healy said of Bailey. "That was exciting for those of us on the rodeo board. It was the highlight of the weekend."

Bailey spent 20 years as the OPR president, stepping aside in 2020. Tanner Britt took over the duties that year, and is still in office.

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## ON THE SLATE

### SATURDAY, AUG. 27

**Prep football**  
Pendleton at Hermiston jamboree, 11 a.m.

**Prep volleyball**  
Pendleton at Lewiston (Idaho) Tournament, TBD  
McLoughlin at La Grande Tournament, TBD  
Heppner at Grant Union Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Weston-McEwen at Lowell, noon  
Weston-McEwen vs. North Douglas, at Lowell, 1:30 p.m.

**Prep cross-country**  
Heppner, Nixyaawii, Pendleton, Pilot Rock at John Hascall Memorial, Pilot Rock, TBD

### SUNDAY, AUG. 28

**College men's soccer**  
South Puget Sound at Blue Mountain, 5 p.m.

**College women's soccer**  
South Puget Sound at Blue Mountain, 3 p.m.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 30**  
**Prep girls soccer**  
McLoughlin at Pendleton, 4 p.m.  
Riversldahoe at Catlin Gabel, 4 p.m.

**Prep boys soccer**  
Pendleton at McLoughlin, 4 p.m.  
Catlin Gabel at Riversldahoe, 4 p.m.

**Prep volleyball**  
Enterprise at Griswold, 4 p.m.  
Ione/Arlington at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.  
Stanfield at Riversldahoe, 6 p.m.  
Irrigon at Griswold, 7 p.m.

**College volleyball**  
Bellevue at Blue Mountain, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

**Prep football**  
Irrigon at Baker JV, 7 p.m.

**Prep volleyball**  
Heppner vs. St. Paul, at Dufur, 1 p.m.  
Heppner at Dufur, 3 p.m.  
Pendleton at Redmond, 3 p.m.  
Weston-McEwen at South Wasco County, 4 p.m.  
Pendleton vs. Mountain View, at Redmond, 4:30 p.m.  
Umatilla at Griswold, 5 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 5 p.m.

**Prep girls soccer**  
Pendleton at The Dalles, 4 p.m.  
La Grande JV at Irrigon, 4 p.m.  
Riversldahoe at McLoughlin, 4 p.m.

### Prep boys soccer

The Dalles at Pendleton, 4 p.m.  
Irrigon at La Grande JV, 4 p.m.  
Riversldahoe at McLoughlin, 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

**Prep football**  
Ione/Arlington at Dufur Classic, TBD  
Toledo at Heppner, 7 p.m.  
Hanford at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
Pendleton at Caldera, 7 p.m.  
Umatilla at Tri-Cities Prep, 7 p.m.  
Pilot Rock vs. Imbler at EOU, 7 p.m.  
Joseph at Echo, 7 p.m.  
Weston-McEwen at Culver, 7 p.m.  
Stanfield at Kennedy, 7 p.m.  
College Place at McLoughlin, 7p.m.

### Prep volleyball

Echo, Irrigon, McLoughlin, Stanfield, Umatilla at Baker Tournament, TBD  
Pilot Rock vs. TBD at Dufur, TBD

**Prep girls soccer**  
Trout Lake at Umatilla, TBD

**Prep cross-country**  
Hermiston, Pendleton at Hanford Jamboree, 4 p.m.

**College men's soccer**  
Blue Mountain at College of Idahoaho, 5 p.m.

**College volleyball**  
Umpqua at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.  
South Puget Sound at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.

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