

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Chainbreaker race set for Saturday

The Cascade Chainbreaker mountain bike race will return to trails west of Bend on Saturday for the 26th edition of the longtime event, which was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Registration is available until Wednesday at 3 p.m. at obra.org. Day-of-race registration will not be offered per OBRA guidelines.

Masks will be required at the event, except when racers are in motion. Spectators are not allowed. Due to fire risk, there is a camping ban on Skyline Forest property and the Chainbreaker venue.

Youth, beginner, advanced and elite categories are available for mountain bike racers.

Location, directions, and course maps will be posted Tuesday at obra.org.

Packet pick-up will be Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Webcyclery in Bend. Day-of-race packet pick-up is also available one hour prior to start time.

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—Bulletin staff report

MOTOR SPORTS

3-time Indy 500 winner Unser dies

Bobby Unser, a three-time Indianapolis 500 winner and part of the only pair of brothers to win "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" has died. He was 87.

He died Sunday at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico of natural causes, Indianapolis Motor Speedway said Monday. Unser won the Indy 500 in 1968, 1975 and 1981.

His younger brother, Al, is one of only three four-time Indy 500 winners in race history. Al Unser won the race in 1970, 1971, 1978 and 1987. The Unser family tradition stretched to Al Unser's son, Al Unser Jr., who won the Indy 500 in 1992 and 1994.

"Bobby was a ferocious competitor on the track, and his larger-than-life personality made him one of the most beloved and unique racers we have ever seen," said Roger Penske, the current owner of Indianapolis Motor Speedway but the team owner for Unser's 1981 Indy 500 winning car.

"Beyond his many wins and accomplishments, Bobby was a true racer that raised the performance of everyone around him. He was also one of the most colorful characters in motorsports."

Bobby Unser was born Feb. 20, 1934, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and moved with his family as a child to New Mexico. His father owned a garage along Route 66 and he and his brother grew up tooling around in old jalopies before he began his racing career in 1949 at Roswell New Mexico Speedway. After two years in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1955 — a stint for which he was always proud — Unser.

He was one of just 10 drivers to win the 500 at least three times and Unser and Rick Mears are the only drivers to win the 500 in three different decades. Unser was one of six members of the Unser family to race in the Indianapolis 500.

—Associated Press

Outdoors

A tenderfoot's guide to wild turkey hunting



I knew better than to get up and move. I'd only been in place at the base of the oak tree for 30 minutes. But I moved.

West of Roseburg the valley gives way to foothills. Stands of tall firs and hillsides studded with oak trees provide roost cover for turkeys. Berry patches and small meadows offer feed and, on warm spring days, insects to catch in tall grass.

A turkey had gobbled back to me and then gone silent. I suspected a hen had caught its attention.

I gathered up the decoys.



GARY LEWIS

If the gobblers didn't want to come down the hill then they might work out into the meadow to the west.

I decided to try to get there ahead of them. Halfway through my move, I saw the birds where I least expected them.

Instead of down in the creek bottom, the turkeys were on the slope

above the old stagecoach road, now spread out in a ragged line, headed right toward me.

Four gobblers and a hen. On the move. Four shiny ones and a buff-colored female. Three were jakes while the one at the back had a longer beard.

Below the turkeys on the hill, there was only tall grass to hide me, but it was enough. Now the last Jake cleared the bigger tom. With the gun at my shoulder, I had to raise up out of the cover to make the shot.

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On a solo hunt in the Melrose Unit, the author surprised this 15-pound gobbler traveling with three jakes and a hen.

Gary Lewis/For The Bulletin

NFL | DRAFT

QB Wilson looms over Seahawks' selections

BY GEOFFREY C. ARNOLD
The Oregonian

The Seattle Seahawks say they made the most of their three picks in the 2021 NFL draft.

The Seahawks' three picks were the fewest for any team in the league and their selections were the second-fewest players in the common draft era that began in 1967. Even with the paltry number of selections, the Seahawks addressed holes on offense and the continuing echo of quarterback Russell Wilson's complaints about the unit.

"We feel really excited about what we did," Seattle general manager John Schneider told reporters Saturday. "It was a very productive draft."

The Seahawks selected wide receiver D'Wayne Eskridge in the second round, cornerback Tre Brown in the fourth round and offensive line Stone Forsythe in the sixth round.

The Seahawks used their second-round pick (No. 56 overall) to select Eskridge out of Western Michigan. Eskridge is the favorite to be the team's third wide receiver behind Tyler Lockett and DK Metcalf after David Moore signed a free agent deal with the Carolina Panthers.

Eskridge posted 25 catches for 660 yards and seven touchdowns in just five games, averaging 26.4 yards a catch in 2020. Eskridge averaged at least 20 yards a catch during each of his final three seasons and averaged 18.5 yards a catch during his career with the Broncos.

Eskridge is small (5-foot-9, 180 pounds), but very fast (4.38 seconds in the 40) with the ability to take the top off defenses. Eskridge is also a kick-return specialist, he averaged 27.5 yards a return in 2020.

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► Russell Wilson
AP file

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

There's plenty of changes for Beavers during this offseason

BY STEVE GRESS
Corvallis Gazette-Times

So much has changed for the Oregon State women's basketball program in the five-plus weeks since the Beavers ended the season with a 59-42 loss to No. 1 seed South Carolina in the NCAA tournament.

Aleah Goodman chose to forgo a possible extra season to declare for the WNBA draft — she was drafted No. 30 overall by the Connecticut Sun.

Jasmine Simmons, after three seasons in the program, decided to return home to Australia.

Then freshmen Sasha Goforth and Savannah Samuel put their names in the transfer portal and found new schools closer to home at Arkansas and West Virginia, respectively.

On top of that, two members of the coaching staff — Brian Holsinger and Katie Faulkner — took jobs elsewhere.

All of a sudden, head coach Scott Rueck had a plethora of holes to fill.

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