

Correa drafted by EOU softball team



Makenzie Correa (center) with (left to right) assistant coach Kevin Payne, head coach Petra Payne, assistant coaches Shelley McCabe and Madison Rosenbalm. Not pictured are assistant coaches Janelle Ellis and Marissa Turner. —Photo by April Sykes

By April Sykes

Makenzie Correa is now officially a member of the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers. The 19-year-old Heppner High School graduate signed to play for the EOU softball team at a celebration at the HHS softball field Monday.

Makenzie said she picked EOU primarily because of the coach's philosophy, which was much the same as the philosophy of her high school coach, Petra Payne, which is basically "work hard and have a good attitude."

"She is a really hard worker and we're all very proud of her," said Payne.

Makenzie, the daughter of Mike and Christy Correa of Heppner, just barely made her signing ceremony, arriving with sooty hands, having been pulled off a fire crew at Forest Service Rd.

about an hour away.

"There are fires everywhere," said Makenzie, who worked this summer for the U.S. Forest Service and got the phone call about her recruitment while she was on the job at the John Day fire.

Makenzie played softball all four years of her high school career. One thing Makenzie will not have to change this fall, however, is her school colors, which, like HHS, are blue and gold.

EOU is in the Cascade Conference and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics league.

Her first pre-season game is a scrimmage on Oct. 17 at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton; her next game will be in Yakima.

She plans to major in psychology at EOU.

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to this task force, which provides the opportunity to utilize my expertise in this area and help identify important capital construction projects important to the economy and communities of Eastern Oregon," said Smith.

This appointment is in addition to an appointment to the Task Force on University Governance and Operations (SB 270) and five other re-appointments to interim joint committees including: Joint Ways & Means Committee, Ranking House Member; Joint Ways

& Means Subcommittee on General Government, Co-Chair; Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction; Joint Legislative Administration Committee; and House Consumer Protection & Government Efficiency Committee.

Interim Committee appointments are made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to ORS 171.640. A complete list of the House committee assignments for the 2013 Interim can be found at: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/comm/>.

Collins wins big at state fair



Heppner graduate Maggie Collins shows off the grand champion ribbon she won at the Oregon State Fair in the Ready to Wear contest. —Contributed photo

Maggie Collins traveled to Salem to participate at the Oregon State Fair last weekend to compete in two 4-H modeling competitions.

Collins, a recently-graduated senior from Heppner High School, won champion ribbons during the Morrow County Fair in Fashion Review and Ready to Wear. These awards qualified Maggie for participation at the state fair Aug. 24 and 25.

In Fashion Revue, participants modeled something that they had made in their 4-H clubs. Collins modeled a pleather, white, fringed vest she

made.

For the Ready to Wear contest, each contestant could purchase one or two items of clothing that had to cost under \$25. These items then had to be put together with previously owned items to create an outfit that the participant could wear on various occasions.

Collins received a blue ribbon for both entries, but was awarded a grand champion ribbon for the Ready to Wear Contest.

This win is especially poignant for Collins, because this is Maggie's last year to participate in 4-H.

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believed that the district may run into the same situation next year.

Board Chair Joe McElligott remarked that he would not like to see the kids in those classes exposed to the crowded conditions two years in a row.

Mulvihill said that the current class sizes could be an impetus for the board to begin having conversations about the board's vision and added that budgetary concerns ultimately influence the decision to add additional teachers.

"\$90,000 (which is about what each teacher costs to employ per year) is a blast to the budget," he remarked.

"Usually if the numbers are there, they bring in the money," said McElligott.

Mulvihill also remarked about the reason for the district's growth, which basically boils down to excellence in teaching and the number of classes available.

"I don't know of any districts this size that offer

this number of offerings." He told the board that the district will offer four additional college classes this year through the Eastern Promise plan. "It's not easy to offer that many class offerings in a small school," he said.

The board also discussed a proposed plan to install video surveillance at the school; however, the district's fund to pay for that is not sufficient. The district received two quotes to install the surveillance equipment, one for \$10,000 and one for \$20,000. As of now, the district has \$3,000 left out of \$15,000 earmarked for security.

Board member Bill Jepsen commented on the recent "increase in shenanigans" at the school, specifically a particular incident in which people had climbed on the roof.

"I think it's (video surveillance) the wave of the future," said board member Ann Morter. "I think we have to have it. I think that people should get used to the idea that they are being watched at all times."

The board discussed

several funding options to pay for the surveillance, including donations from ICABO (Ione Community Agri-Business Organization).

The Ione School building was in the process of being re-keyed, to prevent random people entering the building from various doors, as a part of the security plan.

In other business, the board:

—received the following financial update: the general fund collected \$264,370, which was two months' basic school support; \$1,324 in property taxes; and \$7,380 from the Common School Fund.

—heard that the most recent Oregon Department of Education basic school support estimate for the district was \$57,000 less for the district than the May estimate. This occurred because the state budget came in at \$6.55 billion, rather than the \$6.75 billion estimated in May. The district, however, had already built its budget on \$6.55 billion "hard cash," so the budget was not

detrimentally affected by the change.

—briefly discussed Kitzhaber's inclusion of pre-kindergarten children, even to the extent of children's pre-natal experience, through grade 20, in his academic vision for the state.

—heard that the district's English Language Learner program was accepted by the state.

—heard from Mulvihill that the Oregon School Board Association is "doing some powerful work on PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) reform."

—heard the following announcements: the September retreat and board meeting are planned for Sept. 24 at the Ione Community Church with the retreat to get underway at noon and the board meeting at 3:30 p.m.; the OSBA fall regional meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Blue Mountain Community College Student Union Building, Pendleton; the OSBA annual conference is planned for Nov. 14-17 in Portland.

Local youth make good showing in golf tournament

The Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association held a tournament at Willow Creek Country Club on Aug. 12. A total of 22 golfers, with nine being from the Heppner area and others from as far away as Lewiston, ID, enjoyed a fun tournament and beautiful weather. An exciting day of golf ended with ties for first in three of the age divisions; all three divisions had to go to a playoff system to determine the winners.

One of the playoff participants was local golfer Kellen Grant. He shot a score of 40 for nine holes and tied for first. A playoff on hole number one ended when Kellen missed a putt to send it to a second playoff hole. Kellen finished second in the Pee Wee boys division. Hunter Greenup shot a 55 to finish third and Landon Mitchell finished fifth in this group.

Reno Ferguson played well and finished fifth in the intermediate boys division.

Nicole Propheter continued her winning ways in the Pee Wee girls group. She has won every tournament so far this season and shot a 53 to win this one. Sage Ferguson finished fourth in a competitive field of girls. In the intermediate girls division, Sophie Grant won again. She shot a 77 for the day on her 18 holes of golf. Sophie has been on quite a roll lately, as she has won the last five tournaments.

Logan Grieb beat the rest of the field in the boys division. His 67 for the day topped a strong group of challengers led by Reilly Hegarty, who is a Pendleton High School varsity golfer and the son of a Wildhorse Golf Course pro. John Propheter continued his good season shooting a 76,



Participants of the Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association tournament at Willow Creek Country Club on Aug. 12. Local participants included (interspersed in front row) Sage Ferguson, Hunter Greenup, Kellen Grant, Reno Ferguson, Landon Mitchell (interspersed in back row) Logan Grieb, John Propheter, Nicole Propheter and Sophie Grant. —Photo by Peggy Wallace

which was good enough for a third place finish in the junior division.

This tournament is the seventh of eight for the NEOJGA season and would not have been possible if it were not for Willow Creek Country Club and its staff, Carri Grieb with the lunch, and local sponsors.

Morrow County Grain

Growers and the Bank of Eastern Oregon both provided tee prizes to all of the participants. Wheatland Insurance sponsored the medals that were awarded to the first three finishers in each of the seven divisions.

Plans are already being made to make this an even bigger and better tournament next year.

Morrow County spellers to compete at state fair

Saturday, Aug. 31.

Oregon Spellers is an all-volunteer group funded solely by donations. The group was formed in 2009 in response to the Oregon Department of Education's budget-driven decision to eliminate their state-level spelling contest after 33 years.

The Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship is a written test in which students from all over Oregon have earned the opportunity to come to the Oregon State Fair to spell against each other. These

spellers have won their classroom, school, district and county written spelling competitions.

The championship will take place at The Hart of the Garden, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, and is divided into three divisions: elementary (10 a.m.), middle school (11:15 a.m.), and high school (12:30 p.m.). They will be given 25 words to spell and up to two tie-breakers. The top three winners in each division will win monetary prizes.

Debra Gil, from KPTV's Good Day Oregon, will be emceeding the Spelling Championship for her second year. Debra will also be the pronouncer for The Bee at the Fair. The Junior Division Verbal Bee for those 12 and under will start at 2 p.m. and the teen/adult division bee will begin at 3 p.m. at the Artisan Village Stage.

For more information, contact us at oregonspellers@kaynor.net or check out our website at <http://oregonspellers.org>.

School underway for HHS

Article submitted by Ryan Smith, ASB Publicity Director

School is underway for the students and staff at Heppner schools. Classes began Monday, Aug. 26. The Associated Student Body members say they are excited to help in any way possible. These representative members of

the ASB are J.C Putman as president, Joe Schmidt as vice president, Maddie Lindsay as secretary, Jeremiah Petzoldt as treasurer, Blake Greenup as business manager, Ryan Smith as publicity director and Jasmine Garcia as assistant treasurer.

Mustang sports will kick off the season at home

this year with a Friday night football game against Gervais on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. The next day, Sept. 7, the Lady Mustangs will take the court for their home volleyball tournament at Heppner High School at 9 a.m.

Then September 16-19 is homecoming week. The ASB officers are working

hard to organize fun activities during the week.

HHS is in the process of planning an open house for the beginning of September, more information to follow. Student pictures are in September. Red Ribbon week will be recognized at the end of October.

We look forward to another great year at HHS.

Chamber Chatter

Relay for Life CoSaturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. 5K Walk/Run in Boardman: Domestic Violence Services, Inc. presents the first annual Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Walk/Run. The event starts

at the Marina in Boardman with registration starting at 8 a.m. and the walk to start at 9 a.m. You can sign up at www.eventbrite.com. All proceeds to benefit Umatilla/Morrow County Domestic Violence

Services, Inc. Questions, call 541-676-5665 or 541-561-3337.

October 15-29 - Domestic Violence Services of Umatilla & Morrow County Volunteer Training: This training is for those interested in answering calls

on the 24 hour crisis line; serve as an advocate for victims of domestic/sexual violence. To reserve a spot or get more information on the training schedule, call 541-276-3322. Classes will be held at the Hermiston DVS Office.