

Mustang softball finishes season strong

Three players receive all-league recognition



Ava Gerry

The Mustang Softball team has completed its season with a bang. On May 12, the girls played their final game against the Adrian Antelopes and won both matches. The Heppner/Ione/Condon combined team finished sixth in 2A/1A Special District 6 with a league record of 8-10 and an overall record of 11-12. Despite the ups and downs, the Mustangs have had a great season with many highlights.

The Mustangs have had some standout players this



Hadlie Nation

season. Hadlie Nation and Ava Gerry have received 2nd team all-league honors for their excellent performance on the field. Madison Orem has also received honorable mention for her contribution to the team. These players have been instrumental in the Mustangs' success this season.

Throughout the season, the Mustangs have shown great sportsmanship and teamwork. They have competed well against some tough opponents and have come out victorious in



Madison Orem

many matches. The team's determination and hard work have paid off, and they have made their school proud.

As the season comes to an end, coach Petra Payne says the Mustangs are already looking forward to next year. They are determined to improve their game and come back stronger than ever. The team has a bright future ahead of them, and they are excited to see what the next season has in store.



The 2023 Mustang softball team. Back (L-R): Sarah Munkers, Keeley Nairns, Ava Gerry, Hailey Wenberg, Morgan Cutsforth, Kadie Henrichs, Katie Spivey, Zandra Masterson. Front (L-R): Madison Orem, Hadlie Nation and Delaney Stefani. -Contributed photo

Madelyn Nichols earns All-American at EOU



Madelyn Nichols

Heppner's Madelyn Nichols has been named one of only 10 Eastern Oregon University All-Americans in track for the 2023 season. Madelyn, the daughter of Russ and Toni Nichols of Heppner, was a 2021 graduate of Heppner High School.

Madelyn earned her All-American status as a member of EOU's 4x800 relay team, which came in eighth at the 2023 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Marion, IN. The relay team's time of 9:18.06 also broke a program record for EOU track. Other members of the relay team were Katie Jo

Gebhardt, Michelle Herbes and Lauryn Mitchell.

"Four school records is just an indication of how well our team performed. I am extremely proud of how they represented Mountie Nation," head track and field coach Ben Welch said.

Madelyn is a sophomore at EOU and is majoring in nursing.

Also burning up the track in Indiana was older brother Hunter Nichols. He didn't make All-American this year, but he came close when he placed 10th in the



Hunter Nichols

1,500 Meters race. His time of 3:55.63 put him just shy of All-American status. Hunter is a senior at EOU, majoring in biology.

BMCC men's and women's golf program coming in 2024

Blue Mountain Community College has announced it is bringing both men's and women's golf programs to the athletics department in 2024.

It has been 45 years since BMCC has had a golf program, which only offered a men's team up until 1978. Applications for the coaching position will be posted this coming July with the intent for the coach to have a year to recruit full teams, which consist of 5-15 golfers per team.

Teams will begin practicing at both the Wildhorse Resort Golf Course and Birch Creek course in August of 2024. Collegiate golf plays a split season from Aug. 1 to Nov. 15 and then resumes Jan. 15 and continues through the Championship Tournament mid-May. The process of bringing on a collegiate golf program has been a coordinated effort between Wildhorse Resort and Casino and BMCC with the goal of bringing a competitive, collegiate team to the area.

"I'm excited for BMCC!" said Blue Moun-

Mustang players receive all-league, all-state honors



Tucker Ashbeck

-Continued from PAGE ONE to All-League first team for catchers. He also received All-State honorable mention as a catcher.

Heppner junior Caden George received All-League first team recognition as an outfielder, as well as being named to All-State third team as an outfielder.

Ione's Carson Eynetich,



Carson Eynetich

playing on the Heppner combined team, was named to All-League second team. Eynetich, also a graduating senior, is the son of Jeff and Dawn Eynetich of Ione.

In the north end of the county, several Irrigon players were also recognized for their hard work on the diamond. Irrigon senior Boyd Davis was



Caden George

named to All-League first team for pitchers, as well as All-State third team pitcher.

Irrigon senior Spencer Stewart received All-League first team recognition as outfielder, as well as being named to All-State second team.

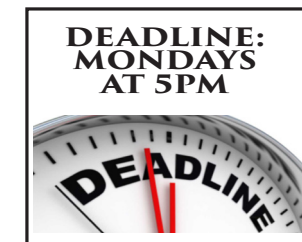
Irrigon senior Braden Atkins received All-League second team honors.

Over the Tee Cup

Thirteen women participated in a scramble and enjoyed lunch at Willow Creek Country Club on May 30. The weather for the day's play was sunny and breezy.

Tiffany Clement, Shirley Martin and Karen Smith-Griffith emerged as the winning team.

The WCCC ladies' play tee time for June will be 9 a.m.



Greenup qualifies for national rodeo



Heppner girl Savanna Greenup is an up-and-comer in the rodeo world. She qualified for the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo in Perry, GA in barrel racing. She also qualified for the Silver State International Rodeo in Winnemucca, NV in pole bending, goat tying and breakaway roping. -Contributed photo

Heppner Housing Authority to meet

The next meeting of the Heppner Housing Authority for the Heppner senior center will be Tuesday, June 13, at 4 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. For more information, contact Kay Rene Qualls at 541-980-2836.

1-Free Dump

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The voucher entitles 1 free 6x6 pickup load with racks @ S. Morrow County Transfer Station.

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