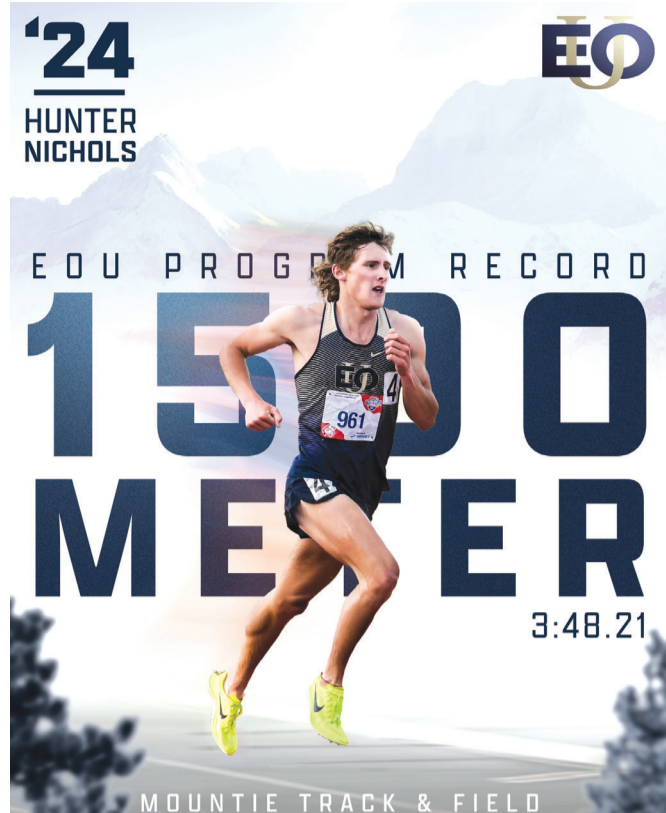


Hunter Nichols posted a career-best and school record



Hunter Nichols achieved a career-best and school record in the 1,500-meter run at the Portland Track Festival this past weekend. This remarkable accomplishment marks the end of Hunter's time representing EOU, leaving him as one of the most renowned athletes in the program's history. Let's highlight a few noteworthy

achievements from his outstanding Mountie career:

- 3x NAIA All-American
- EOU 1,500 Meter record holder (outdoor)
- EOU 3,000 Meter record holder (indoor)

Ranks inside the program top-10 in 9 different events (indoor & outdoor)

From the Eastern Oregon Cross Country/Track & Field Facebook page.

State set 2024 Columbia River summer/fall salmon and steelhead seasons

May 31, 2024

C L A C K A M A S, Ore.—Oregon and Washington fishery managers have finalized preseason planning for 2024 Columbia River summer and fall recreational salmon and steelhead fisheries.

Forecasts for summer and fall Chinook, sockeye, and coho will allow opportunity for anglers to target these fish. The planned 2024 fall-season fisheries are primarily limited by the expected harvest of upriver bright fall Chinook which is subject to catch-sharing agreements with the Columbia River treaty tribes under the U.S. v. OR Management Agreement. As has been the case in recent years, added protections are also necessary for ESA-listed Lower Columbia River (LCR) fall Chinook and summer steelhead.

For the summer season, retention of adult hatchery Chinook, hatchery steelhead, and sockeye will open June 16 from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA. Due to the summer Chinook forecast of 52,600 adults (similar to last year's actual return) and allocation guidance, adult Chinook retention will only be open from June 16–19 in the area downstream of Bonneville Dam and from June 16–30 upstream of Bonneville Dam. However, the sockeye return is forecast to be 401,700 (about 20 percent higher than last year's actual return) and the retention of sockeye and hatchery steelhead is expected to remain open through the end of July. The daily adult bag limit during the summer season is two adult salmon/steelhead, but only one may be a hatchery steelhead, and all sockeye are considered adults.

This year's adult fall Chinook forecast of 551,800 fish and the Columbia River coho forecast of 279,900 adults are both lower than their returns last year. Chinook and coho retention seasons start Aug. 1 and vary by river section, please see Columbia River regulation updates for specific details. This year's regulations include additional measures, such as mark-selective (adipose fin-clipped only) retention rules for Chinook in the

Buoy 10 and lower river fisheries and salmon/steelhead angling closures upstream of west Puget Island when Chinook retention is prohibited. These are intended to help manage fishery impacts to ESA-listed stocks and to increase the stability of the planned season structure.

"While fall salmon forecasts are down a little this year, we have been able to work with our co-managers and the public to craft some excellent fishing opportunities for this fall season. If an in-season review of the upriver bright Chinook stock indicates a return higher than the pre-season forecast, we may be able to provide Chinook opportunity beyond the preseason plans," said Jeff Whisler, ODFW's Columbia River Fisheries Manager.

The preseason forecast of 126,200 upriver summer steelhead is slightly higher than last year's return but still represents a poor return relative to historic levels. In recognition of the expected low abundance, anglers will see conservative retention regulations again in 2024, similar to recent years. Hatchery steelhead retention will be allowed June 16 to July 31 from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to The Dalles Dam and June 16 through Aug. 31 from The Dalles Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA with a reduced bag limit of one fish. After retention of summer steelhead closes in each area, it is expected to remain closed through the end of the year; however, winter steelhead retention will open under permanent regulations beginning Nov. 1 downstream of The Dalles Dam.

Protective regulations will also include Thermal Angling Sanctuaries in Eagle Creek, Herman Creek, and the Deschutes River as well as in the Columbia River near the mouths of these tributaries (see the website for maps and detailed descriptions of these sanctuary areas). The John Day Arm (lower John Day River, downstream of Tumwater Falls) will also be closed to angling for salmon and steelhead from September 1 through the end of the year.

Morrow County recall

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 plex issues is a big part of the job. Whenever I've had to make these hard choices, I've always prioritized the well-being of the county above all else. My actions have consistently been transparent, lawful, and honest. The charges outlined in this recall petition are completely false and are the result of this Commission's willingness to deal with tough problems left over from the previous board.

It is crucial for voters to understand that a successful recall would give Governor Tina Kotek the authority to appoint replacements for Morrow County's commissioners. Handing over control of our county government to state-level officials in Salem isn't the answer. Local governance should remain

in local hands, and it's our responsibility to shape the direction and future of our county.

I urge you to vote no on this misguided and unnecessary recall so we can all move forward with the important work ahead. Despite the looming threat of recall, my commitment to the county's welfare remains steadfast. If you wish to discuss any of the issues in the recall, or other county business, please contact me at 541-256-0379 or dsykes@co.morrow.or.us.

Jeff Wenzel said, "I am not going to resign, and will let the people decide."

The Gazette attempted to contact Commissioner Drago for a comment before the publishing deadline, but unfortunately, he did not respond. In a previous statement, Drago indicated that he would not resign.

Vacation Bible school June 17th-20th

On Monday through Thursday, June 17th-20th, St. Patrick's Catholic Church along with St. William's is hosting our annual Vacation Bible School. Activities will include faith, snacks, games, crafts, and music. Start time is 9 am until 12:30 pm. All students entering kindergarten through those completing sixth grade are welcome. Regis-

tration forms are located at Murray's front counter, free of charge. Please register by June 15th. Please contact Debbie Wryn at wryndebborah@gmail.com with any questions. The location is at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. We ask all parents to check in on Monday at 9 am with their children. All children are welcome.

Notice of board meeting of Ione School District

Notice is hereby given that the Ione School District Board of Directors will meet for a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the

Ione School District cafeteria. A Work Session will be held at 5:00 pm. Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 224 510 658 044 Passcode: vPKhk7

City of Boardman garbage rate increase

On May 7th Sanitary Disposal representative, Kevin Miracle, presented to the council the necessity for a rate increase for solid waste disposal services in all their service areas, including Boardman. The Council held a public hearing on this topic, on June 4th, at City Hall. After deliberation and having exhausted all available op-

tions, the council voted to implement the garbage rate increase, effective July 1, 2024. An example of the fee increase is service for a 90-gallon residential cart, at the curb, which will go from \$14.94 to \$20.54 per month. For a full list of updated garbage fees, please visit the City of Boardman's webpage at www.cityof-boardman.com.

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2024

WILLOW CREEK WATER PARK

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July 8 - 18
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SESSION 2

July 29 - Aug 8
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HHA to meet June 18th

The next meeting of the Heppner Housing Authority for the Heppner senior center will be Tuesday, June 18th, at 4:00 p.m. in the St.

Patrick's Senior Center dining room. For more information, contact KayRene Qualls at 541-980-2836

Sheriff's Report

MCSO Feb 9th Theft Complaint

Occurred at Sinclair Station on Main St N, in Boardman, OR. RP states a man came up and stole her keys and phone she will wait at the Sinclair. BPD responded; the female was taken to Hermiston. Disposition: COMPLETED.

EMS

Occurred at Gar Swanson Rd/Internet Parkway, in Boardman, OR. 26 yo male, unable to walk and losing feeling in his leg. RP is outside a data facility on Gar Swanson. IRRR and BFD responded; patient transported. Disposition: TRANSPORTED.

Suspicious Activity

Occurred at Se Division St/E Highway 730, in Irrigon, OR. There is a couple fighting, gray Toyota car with blacked out windows, parked on tenth, male tried to coach female back to car, female did get in the car and was screaming, driving towards division and hwy 730. female was slim built, carrying a backpack. MCSO responded, UTL. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon, OR. RP states that a dark grey Volkswagen SUV sped on Utah heading towards Tenth. Disposition: ADVISED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon, OR. Silver Toyota Highlander sped down Utah, lives at Tenth and Utah. Disposition: ADVISED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on Highway 730, in Irrigon, OR. RP

reports that there is a vehicle in front of her going about 25mph. The vehicle is a gray Dodge Durango, OR/552HRB and every time she tries to pass him he speeds up, then flips RP off and brake checks her. Headed EB on Hwy 730. MCSO out of position, OSP and UPD advised. Disposition: REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCY.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon, OR. Gray Dodge diesel just sped down Utah and pulled into the residence next to 550 SE Utah and the vehicle had black exhaust spewing out from the rig "rolling coal". Disposition: COMPLETED.

Noise Complaint

Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon, OR. Rp advised there is a black f150 parked at the residence with music playing loud. Disposition: ADVISED.

Trespass

Occurred at Marion Taylor (Residence) on Brace Rd, in Irrigon, OR. RP advised there are people driving cars in his backyard and ran over his sprinklers. MCSO responded; all parties have been separated. Disposition: COMPLETED.

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