

## Faaeteete, Smith chosen as new Hermiston High School football, volleyball coaches

### Rodriguez, Bergstrom named tennis, assistant baseball heads

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Beginning next year, four Hermiston teams will receive new coaches at the helm after the Hermiston School Board signed off on their recommendations Monday night. David Faaeteete, Dorothy Smith, Ryan Bergstrom and Juan Rodriguez were each approved for extra

responsibility contracts for the 2015 school year. Faaeteete will take over the football program for retiring Mark Hodges. Smith will head up the volleyball program in place of retiring Becky Wadepfänger. Bergstrom was approved as an assistant baseball coach for HHS paid for by the Booster Club, and Juan Rodriguez was named tennis coach at Armand Larive Middle School.

Hermiston Athletic Director Blaine Ganvoa said each of the candidates was the right fit for their respective teams. "I love the fact that they're passionate about sports, but I love the fact that they're passionate about kids more," he said. "For me, I love the fact that it shows that they're passionate about kids, passionate about sports and passionate about

their community." Faaeteete takes over a program that is coming off its best season in program history. Hodges, who is retiring due to chronic hip pain, led the Bulldogs to their most wins ever with 12, fewest losses ever — one — and the program's first state championship. Faaeteete arrived in Hermiston seven years ago with Hodges, and in their second year working together

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Pictured here working with discus throwers Tuesday afternoon, David Faaeteete (left) was approved by the Hermiston School Board on Monday as the next head football coach of the Hermiston Bulldogs. He replaces Mark Hodges, who led the Bulldogs to their one and only state championship in 2014.

## Stanfield gets one hit, last laugh

### Tigers plate three runs, Irrigon knocks four hits

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Last month, the Irrigon baseball team snapped Stanfield's nine-game winning streak with a 12-5 win in a game in which Stanfield committed seven errors. Tuesday, the Tigers got another shot at the Knights and didn't spoil it. Behind another solid performance from Tony Flores on the mound, Stanfield did just enough offensively to eke out an expeditious 3-0 win over Irrigon in Stanfield Tuesday evening.

Stanfield (15-7, 7-1 EOL) has already claimed the Eastern Oregon League title and is preparing for the district tournament. Irrigon (12-10, 4-6), meanwhile, sits in fourth in 2A/1A Special District 6. The Tigers have now won five of six. Irrigon is 2-2 in its last four.

"You never want to lose to a team twice in a season," Tiger head coach Bryan Johnson said. "They have a good club. I think they're well-coached, and they're going in the right direction."

Flores went all seven innings, shutting out the Knights

on four scattered hits while striking out 11. It was the second quality start in a row for Flores and also the second consecutive in which he's struck out 10 or more batters.

Flores said he was locating his fastball the way he wanted to and threw his curveball for a strike and as an out pitch. With the exception of one hard hit ball, Irrigon struggled to square anything up on the hard-throwing sophomore right-hander. "I was feeling really good at the beginning," Flores said. "I got my fastball going, got my little curveball going. I lost it for a while, but I brought it back. I felt really confident throwing. My defense helped me."

Flores only got into any real trouble in the top of the first when he walked AJ Timpy and beamed Ryan Reynolds to give the Knights runners at first and second and two away, but a called third strike ended the threat. Irrigon would only get a runner to second base on two more occasions, and both times the players were stranded there.

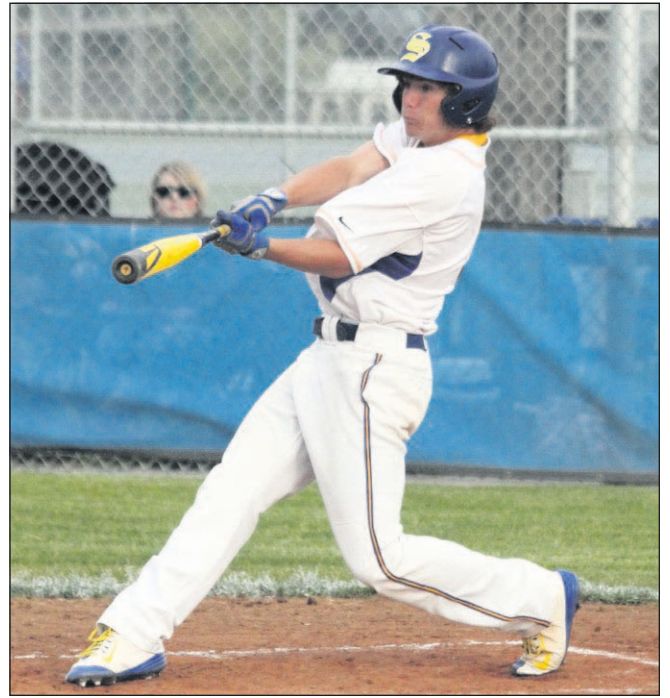
Despite the low hit numbers for Stanfield — just one — it didn't have a poor offensive day. Klay Jensen hit two rockets that met some Knight leather. In the fifth, he stung one to shortstop Nate Gum-



bert, but Gumbert speared it and flung one to first to nab Jensen. In the sixth, Jensen again hit one on the screws, but it had too much carry and fell into the awaiting left hand of left fielder Darin Chapman. Johnson said though Jensen went 0-for-3, his day at the plate was a good start. "Klay Jensen hit two

misses, but he was 0-for-3. That's a good day at the plate," he said. "That's what you have to tell yourself as a hitter."

The Tigers got all the runs they needed when Dylan Grogan's sharp grounder got past Irrigon shortstop Nate Gumbert, allowing Flores to scamper home. Stanfield got its insurance runs in the fifth



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ABOVE: Stanfield sophomore first baseman Ryan Bailey swings a pitch Tuesday evening during a 2-0 win over Irrigon. On the play, Bailey lifted a lazy fly ball to left field, providing ample time for Makiah Blankenship to score Stanfield's third and final run. LEFT: Stanfield sophomore Tony Flores comes home with a delivery Tuesday evening during a 3-0 win over Irrigon. Flores struck out 11 batters on the day, giving him 21 in his last two starts.

without a hit. Jason Fitzpatrick, Makiah Blankenship and Thyler Monkus each walked with one out to load the bases, and Flores was hit by a pitch to drive in Fitzpatrick from third. A batter later, Ryan Bailey skied one to left, giving Blankenship time to tag and score.

Stanfield's final non-

league contest pits the Tigers against McLoughlin at 5 p.m. Thursday.

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The 16th Annual Butte Challenge sets off in Hermiston Saturday morning at Butte Park.

## Butte Challenge goes off without a hitch

### About \$3,000 raised for Hermiston cross country

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With the temperature rising on a sunny Saturday morning, more than 100 runners and walkers filled Northwest Seventh Street between Funland Park and the Hermiston softball field. Hermiston cross country coach

Troy Blackburn held a megaphone as he gave the Butte Challenge contestants their final briefing before sending them on their way around the Hermiston Butte.

In all, about 120 people participated in the 16th Annual Butte Challenge, generating about \$3,000 for the Hermiston cross country team. Eventually, Rosa Bautista posted the quickest 10-kilometer time, finishing in 41 minutes, 10.6 seconds, almost two minutes faster than second-place Anthony Eisenbarth.

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## ROUND UP: Dawgs boys golfers headed to state

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The Hermiston boys golf team clinched a spot at the state tournament Tuesday.

Playing the par-72 Eagle Crest Ridge course in Redmond, Hermiston shot 644 over Monday and Tuesday to put the Bulldogs in third place and send them to state. They edged Pendleton by just one stroke.

Keegan Crafton was the lowest scoring Bulldog, carding a 158, good for 10th. Zac Adams was next lowest, firing 158, and Paden La Coursiere shot the next lowest for Hermiston, turning in a 160 for the week. Jared Thacker rounded out the boys card with a 175.

Crafton shot 76 Monday and 80 Tuesday but still held on for a top-10 finish. Adams shot a disappointing 81 Monday but rebounded with a solid 77 Tuesday to salvage the week. After

carding a 77 Monday, La Coursiere turned in an 81 Tuesday.

Hermiston heads to the state tournament at Emerald Valley in Creswell, Oregon Monday and Tuesday.

### SOFTBALL

Despite a five-run sixth inning, the Hermiston softball team couldn't hold down the pesky Hood River squad, eventually dropping its fifth-straight Columbia River Conference game 10-7 Tuesday night at Rocky Heights Elementary.

Katelyn Wheeler scored two runs. Ashley Moser had two hits and scored a run. Bobi Hofbauer had two hits and scored a run, and Jamie Hinkley notched a hit and scored once.

Maddie Ledbetter threw all seven innings but was let down by Hermiston's four errors, especially two

in the seventh that extended the game.

After scoring those five runs to tie things up at seven, Hood River used two errors, a double and a single to push three runs across.

Hermiston's two first-inning runs came on back-to-back-to-back singles from Wheeler, Moser and Mikayla Kopacz to take a quick 2-0 lead. HRV slowly chipped away, however, getting two in the fourth, three in the fifth and two more in the sixth for a 7-2 lead before Hermiston tied it in the sixth.

Hermiston got its fifth-inning runs with singles and errors. Ellery Jones reached on an error to start the frame, and then Abi Drotzmann singled to plate Jones to push the count to 7-3. Two outs later, Hofbauer and Hinkley had

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### GO SEE IT

#### Wednesday, May 13

**Track and Field**  
Hermiston @ Districts @ The Dalles, 4 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 14

**Baseball**  
Stanfield vs. McLoughlin, 5 p.m.

#### Friday, May 15

**Girls Tennis**  
Hermiston @ Districts @ Hermiston, 8 a.m.  
Umatilla @ Regionals @ Tri-Cities Court Club (Kenne-  
wick), 9 a.m.  
**Boys Tennis**  
Hermiston @ Districts @ Bend (Sunriver), 8 a.m.  
Umatilla @ Regionals @ Tri-Cities Court Club (Kenne-  
wick), 9 a.m.  
**Track and Field**

Hermiston @ Districts @ The Dalles, 4 p.m.  
Stanfield @ Districts @ Stanfield, 10 a.m.

**Baseball**  
Hermiston @ Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.  
Umatilla vs. Stanfield (DH), 1 p.m.

**Softball**  
Hermiston @ Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.  
Umatilla vs. Stanfield (DH), 1 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 16

**Girls Tennis**  
Hermiston @ Districts @ Hermiston, 8 a.m.  
Umatilla @ Districts @ Tri-Cities Court Club (Kenne-  
wick), 9 a.m.  
**Boys Tennis**  
Hermiston @ Districts @ Bend (Sunriver), 8 a.m.  
Umatilla @ Districts @ Tri-Cities Court Club (Kenne-  
wick), 9 a.m.  
**Track and Field**  
Umatilla @ Districts @ Nyssa, 10 a.m.  
Echo @ Districts @ Sherman County, 10:30 a.m.

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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