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## Bulldogs earn All-CRC nods

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HERMISTON HERALD

Nine Hermiston baseball players and three Hermiston softball players were named to various Columbia River Conference All-League teams this week.

For the baseball team, Cole Smith was the lone first-teamer as one of four outfielders. Junior left-hander RJ Robles was named a second-team pitcher, and battery-mate Landon Gammell was named to the second team, as well. Chase Root and Kyler Mikami were both tagged as second-team infielders. Michael Gossler was named a second-team

outfielder, and Dylan Caldwell was named second-team first baseman. Freshman Daniel Gossler was a second-team utility player, and freshman Kaden Caldwell was named the second-team designated hitter.

For the softball team, junior Mikayla Kopacz was dubbed a first-team utility player, and catcher Jamie Hinkley and pitcher Taylor Betz received second-team nods.

League-champ Pendleton's Tim Cary was named Coach of the Year, while Darian Lindsey received Player of the Year, and Kiersten Murphy was named Pitcher of the Year.

## Lacrosse coach Hammond named co-Coach of Year

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The Hermiston lacrosse team's improvement this season was recognized by the Oregon High School Lacrosse Association with the coach and players being honored.

Head coach Scott Hammond was named co-Coach of the Year of the High Desert Conference with Bend's Joe Kerwin, and four Bulldogs made the all-league team.

"I'm just trying to do the best I can to move our program in the right direction," Hammond said.

Senior AJ Schoonover was dubbed a sec-

ond-team attack. Brady Christensen garnered a second-team midfielder spot, and, despite missing a few games late in the season, Jesse Rodelo was named a second-team defender. Tucker Salinas was named an honorable mention midfielder.

After winning three straight games to push its record above .500, the Bulldogs lost four of five to finish 8-10 (4-3 league), good for fourth in the High Desert Conference and is seeded 10th in the Cascade Cup playoff. Hermiston travels to Canby on Tuesday for a 5 p.m. showdown.

## Lemus-Cisneros grabs second 200 meter title

BY SAM BARBEE  
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Andrea Lemus-Cisneros captured her second straight state title in the girls 200 meters, edging teammate Amie Zitterkob by fractions of a second Friday at the 3A state track meet.

The Umatilla senior, who had been dealing with a leg injury for most of the season, finished the 200 in 25.80 seconds, barely edging Zitterkob's 26.02. The pair also helped the girls 4x100 team, anchored by Lemus-Cisneros, to a state title with a 50.66 finish. Lemus-Cisneros's final leg proved to be the distance. Zitterkob and Lemus-Cisneros

also finished second and fourth, respectively, in the girls 100 meters. Zitterkob finished in 12.81 and Lemus-Cisneros in 12.87.

Also earning a second title was Fabian Cardenas, who expectedly blew away the field in the 1,500 meters. His time of 4:07.85 seconds was just .14 off his personal best and more than six seconds ahead of the runner-up.

Also placing were a couple of Stanfield Tigers. Carlos Flores finished seventh in the boys 1,500, posting a time of 4:25.09, and Elvis Lockwood was eighth in the discus with a toss of 122 feet, 9 inches.

The Echo girls still lead in points after two days of action.

## Stanfield clinches district title with win over Vale

Tigers secure home state playoff game

BY SAM BARBEE  
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In its opening district game, the Vale Vikings hung 20 runs on the Nysa Bulldogs, setting up a potential shootout with the host Stanfield Tigers, but Klay Jenson had other ideas.

The sophomore lefty threw six innings of one-run ball, allowing just five hits and fanning seven in a 3-1 win over Vale Friday afternoon. The win clinches Stanfield's second Eastern Oregon League district crown in as many years. With the win the Tigers have a state playoff game at home next week locked up. Stanfield (20-7, 9-1 EOL) will likely grab the No. 7 seed.

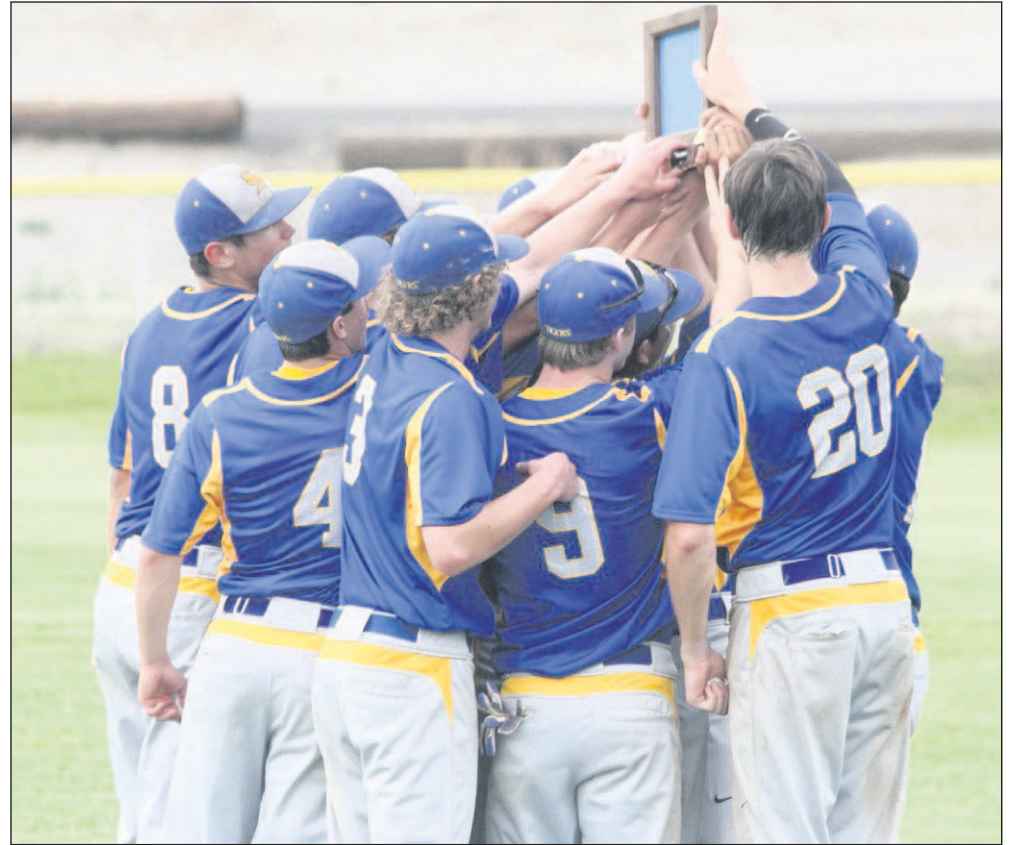
Tony Flores, who went 2-for-3, Ryan Bailey, who was 1-for-4, and Dylan Grogan, who hit 2-for-3, also scored RBIs for the Tigers Friday, and Flores, Thyler Monkus and Hunter Barnes each scored runs. Jenson earned the win on the mound, and Bailey entered in the seventh and shut the door to earn the save.

"We're really excited," Jenson said of the district title. "(A) Young team, doing what we're doing right now is exciting."

Head coach Bryan Johnson said his team was excited for Friday's game.

"They deserve it," he said of the district title. "They put in a lot of time."

The win gives Stanfield



SAM BARBEE PHOTO

The Stanfield Tigers baseball team lifts the 3A Eastern Oregon League District Championship trophy after beating Vale 3-1 Friday in Stanfield.

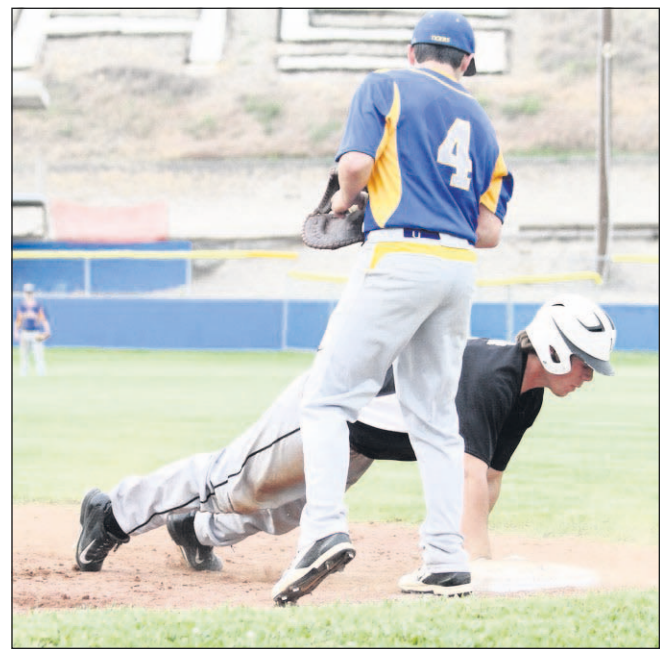
a chance to make up for last year when the Tigers claimed the league title and district championship but lost Harrisburg in a home playoff game.

Jenson said that's not on the Tigers' minds, however. Instead, they're thinking about how they want this

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SAM BARBEE PHOTO

Stanfield first baseman Klay Jenson checks on Vale's Andrew Weber after a pick-off attempt in the seventh inning of Stanfield's 3-1 win. The victory earned the Tigers their second district title in as many years.



## Echo softball splits at district tournament

Errors plague loss, Gonzales wins opener

BY SAM BARBEE  
HERMISTON HERALD

The Echo softball team's final tune-up before the state tournament went sideways.

The Cougar's committed six errors and mustered just five hits in an 11-3 loss to Vale Friday afternoon in Vale. Vale claimed the 3A Eastern Oregon League district title, and Echo grabs the No. 2 seed.

The loss snaps Echo's eight-game winning streak. It is the Cougars' first loss in May.

As of Friday evening, Echo (17-10, 10-4 EOL) is ranked ninth in the state. They face eighth-seeded Glide next week on the road.

Monique Montoya led the Cougars offensively, going 1-for-2 with a two-RBI double, and Hannah McCarty had an RBI dou-

ble. Mackenzie Gonzales got the tough-luck loss, tossing three innings and allowing six runs, though just one was earned. She struck out five and walked one before yielding to Alyssa Ray, who allowed six runs, four earned, herself.

Echo opened the scoring in the top of the first when McCarty lashed her double to deep center, driving in Jamie Christopher. Vale came right back, however, plating one in the first and second. Only one run was earned.

Echo took a 3-2 lead in the third when Montoya doubled home Kenzie Blankenship and Bailey Srofe, but it would be short-lived. Vale plated two of its own in the home third and five in the home fourth to take a commanding 9-3 lead.

Of Vale's five fourth-inning runs, just four were earned.

VALE 11, ECHO 3

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VHS	112	520
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M. Gonzales, A. Ray and E. Parks; K. Hawley and Z. Mulvaney.

2B: M. Montoya (EHS), H. McCarty (EHS), H. Mizuta (VHS), C. Perry (VHS). 3B: G. Reeve (VHS).

ECHO 8, ELGIN/IMBLER 5

In Echo's first-round district game Friday, late scoring was the name of the game.

Echo scored seven runs in the final two innings to slip past the Elgin/Imbler Huskies 8-5 Friday afternoon in Vale on a three-run walk-off home run by Mackenzie Gonzales to send the Cougars to the district title game against the Vale Vikings.

Gonzalez singled home Hannah McCarty in the sixth for a 2-1 lead, and lofted one over the center field fence to give her Cougars the win. She was 2-for-4 on the day, with four RBIs and a run scored, while tossing seven innings of seven-hit ball, allowing five unearned runs and striking out eight. Monique Montoya pitched in with two hits, two runs and two RBIs, and Samantha McQuown added an RBI.

Elgin scored in the first

on an error, but Gonzales clamped down afterward. Elgin kept getting baserunners aboard, but Gonzales kept stranding them. In all, Elgin stranded eight baserunners on the day.

Then, in the fifth, Echo's bats began to jingle. Srofe walked then Montoya singled her home to tie things at one. Echo then loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth and got singles from Montoya, Gonzales and McQuown to take a 5-1 lead. But Elgin got four of its own on a couple doubles to tie things at five.

Then Srofe walked with two outs, Montoya walked behind her and Gonzales parked a 1-2 pitch in center to walk-off the Huskies and send the Cougars to play for a district championship.

ECHO 8, ELGIN/IMBLER 5

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M. Slater, K. Wilhelm, W. Wilber; M. Gonzales and E. Parks.  
2B: M. Slater (E/I), S. Mularky (E/I), 3B: S. Mularky (E/I). HR: M. Gonzales (EHS).

## Neal places twice in first day of state meet

Lincoln, Beherendt qualify for finals

BY ERIK SKOPIEL  
EO MEDIA GROUP

Competing in wet conditions, Hermiston thrower Trey Neal earned a couple of placings at the OSAA Class 5A State Track and Field Championships at Heyward Field in Eugene Friday.

The first-year thrower placed sixth in the damp morning's discus competition behind district rival Sebastian Barajas of Hood River with a personal best throw of 148 feet, 2 inches.

Neal followed the sixth-place toss with a seventh-place performance in the afternoon's shotput. Neal came up short of last week's mark, throwing 49-0.75.

Bulldog teammate Tyler McCabe placed eighth in the long jump with a leap of 19-10.5 in his final prep track meet.

The majority of the big school state track meet will wrap up Saturday.

Audrey Lincoln of Hermiston qualified for both 100- and 200-meter sprint finals through Friday's preliminary heats. Chris Beherendt was the lone Bulldog boy to advance, missing out in the 200, but running just fast enough to qualify in the 400.

The 1,500- and 800-meter races and several field events did not have preliminary heats, with state qualifiers moving directly into today's finals.

## Viking tennis players drop from title hunt

EO MEDIA GROUP

Both of Umatilla's state tennis participants had their seasons end Friday at the OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A State Tennis Championships at Oregon State University in

Corvallis on Friday.

Sidney Webb, a singles-playing junior, and boys doubles pair Alejandro Madrigal and Ramiro Rubio were both ousted on the first day of the tournament.

Webb beat Molalla's Mollie Lewandowski 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) in the first round Friday, but lost in the quarterfinals to Lily Inthian of Klamath Union 6-2, 6-2.

In boys doubles action, Madrigal and Rubio

dropped their close opening match 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to Nils Hachmann and Jacob Gage from North Bend and dropped the consolation match 8-4 to Hayden Lam and Dosek of Klamath Union.

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#### Saturday, May 23

##### Track and Field

Hermiston @ State @ University of Oregon, 8 a.m.  
Umatilla @ State @ University of Oregon, 8 a.m.  
Stanfield @ State @ University of Oregon, 8 a.m.  
Echo @ State @ University of Oregon, 8 a.m.

#### Sunday, May 24

No events scheduled

#### Monday, May 25

No events scheduled

#### Tuesday, May 26

##### Lacrosse

Hermiston @ Canby, 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 27

##### Baseball

Stanfield vs. TBD, TBD