

Get ready to mush!

Schedule of events for the week-long race

Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County's premier winter event, the Eagle Cap Extreme Dog Sled race will begin this year with more entrants than ever.

Twelve mushers will compete in the 200 mile, 12-dog race, ten will run the 100 mile 8-dog race, four are entered in the 62 mile Mid Distance Pot Race and two dog sledders are registered for the newly added 20 mile junior race.

The growing event not only qualifies racers to enter the Alaskan Iditarod and the Yukon Quest, but also brings

entertainment for spectators. The race wouldn't be possible, without the 200 volunteers who help keep things on schedule.

Here is a preview of this year's schedule:

ECX Race Central & Kids' Corner

Wed-Sat Jan. 21-24

Joseph Community Center Race Central will have the latest race information, treats and hot drinks, information on sled dogs and mushing, DVDs, and kids' corner with activities, books, and scheduled kids' events. Kids' Corner is open anytime with self guided activities.

Vet Checks

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Main Street Joseph - 9:00 a.m.

Main Street Enterprise 1:00 p.m.

Meet the mushers and their teams in both Joseph and Enterprise. The ECX veterinary team will answer questions when not examining dogs and talking to mushers.

Musher Potluck & Program

Wednesday, Jan. 21. 6:30 p.m.

Joseph Community Center Potluck and musher meet and greet. Mushers will draw for their bib numbers. Bring a dish to share with everyone. Paper goods, plastic-ware, and drinks provided.

Eagle Cap Extreme Race start

Thursday, Jan. 22, Noon

Ferguson Ridge Ski Area 1st Stage of 62 mile pot race, 100 milers and 200 milers.

Friday, Jan. 23, Noon

Juniors Race and 2nd Stage of 62 mile pot race.

Shuttle Starts at 9:45 a.m.

Come early to ride the shuttles from the parking area to race start.

Salt Creek Summit Crossing

Thursday, Jan. 22, 1-3 p.m. (estimation)

An alternative vantage point to see the racers up close on the trail. Snow Park Pass required to park here (passes available for purchase at Joseph Hardware, Sports Corral, Outlaw Motor Sports, or Enterprise DMV).

Finish At Fergi Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-25

Junior's Race - Friday afternoon to evening

62 Mile Race - Thursday and Friday late afternoon to evening

100 Mile Race - Friday morning

200 Mile Race Saturday - early morning through early evening

Awards Banquet and Dinner

Saturday, Jan. 24. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Joseph Community Center.

Tickets may be purchased at Race Central (Joseph Community Center) from Wednesday through Saturday or at the door. Advanced tickets recommended, limited seating.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Enterprise Outlaw Carsen Sajonia files past a Prospector in Jan. 17 game at Grant Union.

Lady Outlaws lose two on road

By Rich Rautenstrauch
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Enterprise Lady Outlaws not only battled two top teams, but bad weather and icy roads this past weekend, adding to the travel time with the squad arriving home early Sunday morning.

The ladies left Enterprise Friday morning and traveled to Burns first, losing to the Highlanders 43-73. The next day the ladies moved on to John Day and lost to Grant Union 32-76.

"We were out gunned. The girls kept up in the first half but after that all we could do was watch the score separate. The Clemens girl (Catherine) just went off on us, she scored 35. In the fourth quarter I put four freshman on the court," said Coach Crawford.

In the first quarter Burns scored 21 to Enterprises 13. In the second quarter Enterprise outscored Burns 15-12. Enterprise was down by five going into the half. The Highlanders scored 18 to Enterprise's 10 in the third, and in the final stanza all five of Enterprise's points while Burns scored 22.

Emma Hall was the leading scorer for Enterprise with eight; she also had two rebounds and three steals. Carsen Sajonia scored seven with four assists and two rebounds. Freshman Reece Christman scored six with nine total rebounds and two assists. Darby Gasset scored five with two assists and a rebound. Tiffanie George and Sarah Aschenbrenner each scored four, Tiffanie had seven rebounds, Sarah six. Freshman Riley Gray and Sophomore Reagan Bedard also contributed.

Coach Crawford said by the time the girls got to the Grant Union game their energy level was way down. "On these road trips the team is sitting down for eighty-five percent of the time. They don't eat well and it affected our play."

There were no stats for the Grant Union game, but the coach said senior Carsen Sajonia had a good game scoring eleven.

The Outlaws are halfway through their season with a 2-4 league record. The girls have a bye Friday but will be back at it Saturday when the Elgin Huskies come to town. "We have a day off, we'll regain our energy and try and turn the tide." Crawford said. With the second half of the season coming up, four out of six games will be held at home. "This should help," Crawford added.

LOSS: Cougar girls win, despite turnovers

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Offensively, the Cougars featured balanced scoring, with three players in double figures and seven players contributing points. In addition to Miller, Laren Makin scored 13 points, Taylor Harshfield 12, Claire Wellens 5, Savanna Nobles 3, Macey Frei 3, and Cheyenne Hall 2.

The Cougars have won four straight games and go on the road this weekend where they will play Powder Valley (3-2 league and 7-7 overall) Friday and Nixyaawii (3-1 league and 10-4 overall) Saturday.

To date, the Wallowa girls have posted a 2-5 record on the road.

"We will have to make a better effort this weekend," says Coach Oveson.

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Eighth Annual Wallowa County Digital PHOTO Contest



Who can enter?

All amateur photographers who live in Wallowa County either full-time or part-time, or who have ever vacationed in Wallowa County, are eligible. Exceptions: Members of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club, the staff of the Chieftain, and their immediate families may not submit entries. "Immediate family" includes only spouses, parents, and children.

Public display of photos: All submitted photos will be displayed on the Chieftain's web site as they are received. After judging, winning photos will be featured on the Chieftain's web site, and as many winning and non-winning photos as space allows will be featured in the Chieftain's print edition. Selected winning and non-winning photos may also appear in a single issue of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club's monthly newsletter and on the Photo Club's web site in the context of informing members of the Photo Club about the contest.

Awards: There will be two categories of awards.

1. The People's Choice awards for the most popular submitted photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division. Everyone can vote by browsing to the Chieftain's contest web page and choosing their favorite Student Division photo and their favorite Adult Division photo. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates.

2. Overall best photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each of the two divisions as determined by the judges. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates. Honorable Mentions may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Prizes for honorable mentions will be certificates.

The Wallowa Valley Photo Club is solely responsible for all awards.

Deadline: Submissions to the contest may be made beginning Thursday, January 1, 2015 and will be accepted through **Monday January 26, 2015**. Voting for the People's Choice award is from Tuesday, January 27, 2015 through Tuesday, February 10, 2015. Winners will be announced in the Wednesday, February 18, 2015 issue of the Chieftain.

Submissions: All submissions must be digital - prints and slides are not accepted. However, prints and slides may be scanned and digital copies submitted. Digital photos may be submitted via the Chieftain's online submission form or emailed to **PhotoWallowa@gmail.com**. CDs may also be dropped off at the Chieftain (209 NW 1st, Enterprise, Oregon).

Complete List of Rules: Please see the website for a complete list of the contest rules at **www.wallowa.com/photocontest**

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CARSEN SAJONIA

Carsen Sajonia is senior at Enterprise High School (EHS) and has been named Athlete of the Week for her leadership on and off the court and academic success in school.

Carsen is the EHS girls' basketball team captain and plays guard. Carsen's basketball coach Mike Crawford said, "Carsen is a definite leader on her team. She works hard, she knows her position, she's a good shooter and solid defender." She was recently selected as one of the Enterprise Elk Lodge 2015 Most Valuable Student Scholars. Carsen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to use next fall for college. She plans to attend the University of Oregon. Carsen is also involved in volleyball and golf. Along with sports, she loves to read and write. Her parents are Teresa Sajonia of Joseph and Brian Sajonia of Arizona.

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