



SICKLY SHEEP

Tech studies local Bighorns' pneumonia



Courtesy photo
A Lostine ram and ewe on the winter range.

Eagles climb to 2nd

By Rich Rautenstrauch
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After their Friday game against Wallowa was canceled, the Joseph boys put themselves in second place in their league (only behind Nixyaawii) when they handled Pine Eagle, 64-54, Saturday, Feb. 6, at Sather Court.

Friday's contest against the Cougars, canceled after high winds overnight on Thursday broke windows and damaged classrooms in the high school, was rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Joseph coach Olan Fulfer was pleased with his team's performance Saturday against the Spartans. "We're playing well and almost put together a full game of good play," Fulfer said. "The boys are passing well and trusting their teammates, the teamwork is shining through. We're also getting low on defense and chasing down loose balls. The bench played a lot of meaningful minutes," he added.

"The team is coming to practice and not wanting to leave. As a coach, I couldn't ask for more."

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By Rocky Wilson
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The Enterprise office of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, led by the efforts of one passionate animal-loving technician named Holly Lance, is trying to learn what can be done to protect the futures of more than 500 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep living in Wallowa County, most of which are infected

with a pneumonia-like disease. The source of the disease is a known factor, no cure for the wild sheep population has yet been discovered, and yet Lance, local compatriots, and even a Bighorn Sheep research facility in South Dakota where five local sheep have been shipped, are working cooperatively to gather information and compute data in search of answers.

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ODFW employee Mike Lance (left) takes a throat swab on a Lostine ewe to test for the bacteria that causes pneumonia. At right is ODFW Bighorn sheep technician Holly Lance.



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Lindsay Kemp looks for two of her team-high 12 points.

Joseph girls soar over Pine Eagle

By Stephen Tool
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JOSEPH — The E-gals won big, 44-31, over Pine Eagle at a Feb. 7 home game, and have now won five games, eclipsing last year's total of four. The lady cagers started out strong in the first half, jumping out to a 19-7 lead before Pine Eagle mounted a slow but steady counter-attack, eventually tying the game early in the third quarter.

Rather than their usual sec-

ond-half collapse, the E-Gals tightened their belts, playing stingy defense while taking measured and careful shots on offense. Lindsay Kemp caught fire, scoring all of her 12 points in the fourth quarter. Kemp shared high-point honors with teammate Satori Albee.

Joseph coach Travis Huffman said his team played well under pressure. "They played pretty well through the whole game."

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EHS girls gain weekend split

By Rich Rautenstrauch
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ENTERPRISE — The Outlaw girls split a pair of games last weekend, keeping themselves in contention for a spot in district play. The ladies beat Cove in a thriller Friday night, Feb. 6, at Quinn Court, 46-41, and then lost to the formidable Burns Hilanders on Saturday, 63-38.

With the win over Cove, the Enterprise girls guaranteed themselves a spot in post-season play to try to get into district. And with one weekend yet remaining in the season, the girls could still make it to the district tournament outright.

The importance (for both teams) of the Friday night game with Cove gave the packed house about more than they could handle with a seesaw game that wasn't decided until the last minutes of play.

Enterprise came out a little stronger than Cove in the first quarter, scoring 13 to the Leopards' nine. Enterprise kept the



Rich Rautenstrauch/Chieftain

Enterprise senior Emma Hall drives to the hoop Friday night against Cove at Quinn Court.

heat on in the second and went into the half ahead, 21-14. It was in the third when things went awry for the Outlaws. Cove erased an 11-point deficit, scoring 17 in the quarter to Enterprise's nine. At the end of three Cove was up by one. Halfway into the fourth, Cove extended

its lead to 37-34, but the Outlaws rallied again to win the game.

Enterprise coach Mike Crawford said, "The girls came out with a lot of energy and we rallied early. It was a great crowd and everything was set up for a win. Cove came back

and showed their mettle — they had to — being down by 11 and going up by one. Our girls dug in and did everything they had to. They were making their free throws and we scored 16 points in the fourth. That was good."

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Mat teams struggle in Heppner

By Rocky Wilson
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A total of one dozen wrestlers from Joseph, Enterprise, and Wallowa high schools competed at the Heppner Invitational Wrestling Tournament last Saturday and,

collectively, registered very little success.

Fortunately, wrestling is an individual sport, and although teams from Wallowa County did not fare well, a senior from Wallowa and a freshman from Enterprise made the finals in

their weight classes, while four other grapplers from the county grabbed place ribbons in the 16-team tourney.

Wrestling in a weight classification shy on competitors and seeded No. 1, Wallowa senior Micah Fuller was awarded two byes and

recorded two first-round pins to claim the individual title in the 195-pound weight class. The transfer from La Grande made short work of Culver's Mackyle Little in the title match.

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Wallowa County sunrise and sunset February 12 - February 18 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thursday, Feb. 12	Friday, Feb. 13	Saturday, Feb. 14	Sunday, Feb. 15	Monday, Feb. 16	Tuesday, Feb. 17	Wednesday, Feb. 18
Rise 6:55 Set 5:12	Rise 6:54 Set 5:13	Rise 6:52 Set 5:15	Rise 6:51 Set 5:16	Rise 6:49 Set 5:18	Rise 6:48 Set 5:19	Rise 6:46 Set 5:20

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