

Spring hunter safety courses offered

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

As spring rolls in, so do hunting opportunities. Instructors Keith Newburn and Stephen Bartlow plan to teach two separate hunter safety classes — one held in Wallowa in the Oregon Department of Forestry classroom located at 802 W. Hwy 82, the other in Joseph at the Baptist Church located at 107 N. Main St.

Newburn said if the Wallowa class exceeds 25 per-

sons it would move to the Wallowa Gun Club located at 75044 Lower Diamond Lane in Wallowa. He stressed that each class has fewer than a dozen openings left.

Hunter safety classes are offered in both spring and fall in anticipation of hunting seasons. "This spring class is designed to be done right before the special youth turkey hunt," Newburn said.

The classes offered at each site run on alternating days over a two-week period to give the students time

to study material. The classes consist of combination classroom and field days. Field days include both live fire and possibly compass and map reading along with other safety exercises, depending on the availability of qualified instructors.

Newburn said he is often asked if people who take the test online can attend the field day to finish their certification. The answer is no, although they can attend the second class, which is hands-on, attend the field day, then

take the test on the last day. The classes require a minimum of 14 hours instruction, but local classes range from 16-20 hours.

Oregon law mandates that everyone under the age of 18 attend hunter education classes in order to obtain a hunting license. Newburn suggested that adults planning to hunt out of state should consider attending the class because some states require a hunter education card to hunt.

Newburn said he welcomes parents to stay and ob-

serve classes but also urges them to volunteer their time as instructors. This involves filling out applications at the ODFW website as well as submitting to a background check before receiving instructor training.

Wallowa classes are offered on March 30 and April 1, 3, 7, and 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with an April 4 field day at the Wallowa Gun Club from 9 a.m. to noon. Joseph classes are offered March 31, April 2, 6, 8, 10 with April 4 field day at the Eagle Cap

Shooters range slated to start at 1 p.m. The range is located seven miles north of Enterprise on Ant Flat Road off of Highway 3.

To guarantee a space, interested persons can sign up for the classes either on the ODFW website or at any Point of Sale, which is anyplace that sells hunting or fishing licenses. "If you wait for walk-in, you're gambling," Newburn said.

For more information, call Newburn at 541-410-3180 or Bartlow at 541-432-0519.

Joseph rounding up new kindergartners

Joseph Charter School will host a "kindergarten round-up" on Wednesday, April 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. — an opportunity to learn about the all-day kindergarten program sponsored by the Joseph School District.

Parents are invited to meet the teachers, Alyse Shetler and Courtney Lyman. Immunization records and a copy of the child's birth certificate are required to complete registration for kindergarten students.

Cubs drop first preseason game

By Rich Rautenstrauch
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Cubs softball team traveled to La Grande last Thursday, March 19, for a game with the Tigers JV team — the Cubs' first game action of the season. With spring break beginning, the Cubs were missing a few players and coach Cliff Conrad said most of his team that played were JV players also.

The Cubs lost the game, with five hits and four errors, 12-9.

Conrad said, "Being the first game out we did have a few mental errors, but the girls did play a nice back-and-forth game."

Freshman Madison Plew was the starting pitcher for the Cubs. She pitched four innings with junior Natalie

Williams finishing the game. Conrad said he started Plew just to see how she would do. "They did get a few base hits off of her but mostly she did OK. With Natalie, the Tigers were putting the ball in play but they were easier outs. Natalie shut them out in the last inning."

No single player stood out for the Cubs. Almost everybody made good contact with the ball and they ran the bags well. Conrad said after the game the girls talked about how much work they have to put in. The coach also remarked, "They learned a lot."

The Cubs are hoping for more preseason games before league play starts April 4 against Nyssa, but it remains to be seen how many can be scheduled.

MEET OUR NEXT DECATHLETE



Rob Ruth/Chieftain

Kaden Lathrop takes a short breather between practice jumps Thursday evening, March 19, at the long jump pit at Enterprise High School's track. The senior Outlaw hurdler, jumper and sprinter is further expanding his track and field repertoire this week as EHS Coach Dan Moody takes him to Bend on Friday for the Summit Decathlon/Heptathlon. Lathrop is signed up for the decathlon, which includes the 100 meters, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400 meters, 110m hurdles, discus throw, pole vault, javelin throw, and 1500 meters. Among those events, said Moody, Lathrop is least experienced in the pole vault, so at least one practice session in that was planned during spring break at Joseph's track and field facility.

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2nd Grade: Enterprise 5, Joseph 5, Wallowa 5 (3-way tie).

3rd Grade: Wallowa 8, Joseph 6, Enterprise 2.

4th Grade: Joseph 10, Enterprise 5, Wallowa 2.

5th Grade: Wallowa 10, Enterprise 6, Joseph 3.

6th Grade: Wallowa 12, Joseph 6, Enterprise 1.

Submitted by Marcie Sheehy

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



KARI ZOLLMAN

Participating in her first track meet ever, Joseph senior Kari Zollman threw the javelin 100 feet and claimed first at a 12-team event in Harper last weekend, thus earning Athlete of

the Week honors. Tutoring Zollman in the event is sister Grace Zollman, a former scholarship javelin thrower for St. John's University. The 17-year-old Zollman also plays basketball and softball at JHS. She enjoys playing multiple sports. Zollman is an experienced elk, deer, and antelope hunter who enjoys fishing and snowboarding as well. An individual who's strong both mentally and physically, Zollman exudes a positive attitude that's evident in her willingness to try new things. After graduation, Zollman is considering attending either Boise State University or the University of Idaho.

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BASEBALL: Eagles, Heppner win one each

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Heppner scored on a walk in the bottom of the seventh, sealing the victory.

The Eagles had 10 hits, with none for extra bases in the contest. Justin Exon collected three hits while Tate Olsen collected two, as did Dillon Thompson. Exon was losing pitcher with Cody Stone throwing two innings in relief. The bottom end of the

twinbill showed the Eagles faring better although Word said the game ended closer than the score indicated. "They had runners on second and third with two outs and the number nine hitter up. If he'd gotten on base it might have been a different story. As it was, he grounded out to the mound and that was that," Word said.

Tate Olsen again bagged two hits as did Chris Bathke and Dillon Thompson. Sam Beckman of Joseph chalked up the win as pitcher with Olsen hurling three innings in relief.

"We played very well, and I'm really excited about the season. We had some really good things going on. Overall we pitched really well and ran the bases decently," Word said.

Overall, Word said he was pleased with the team's hitting in the doubleheader. "We had 17 hits in our first two games. There were some kids I expected to get hits but didn't, and some kids I expected not to hit that did. It was really encouraging to see everything that was going on."

The Eagles' next games are on March 26, 27 and 28 in John Day for the Les Schwab Icebreaker Tournament. The team's first home game is April 4.

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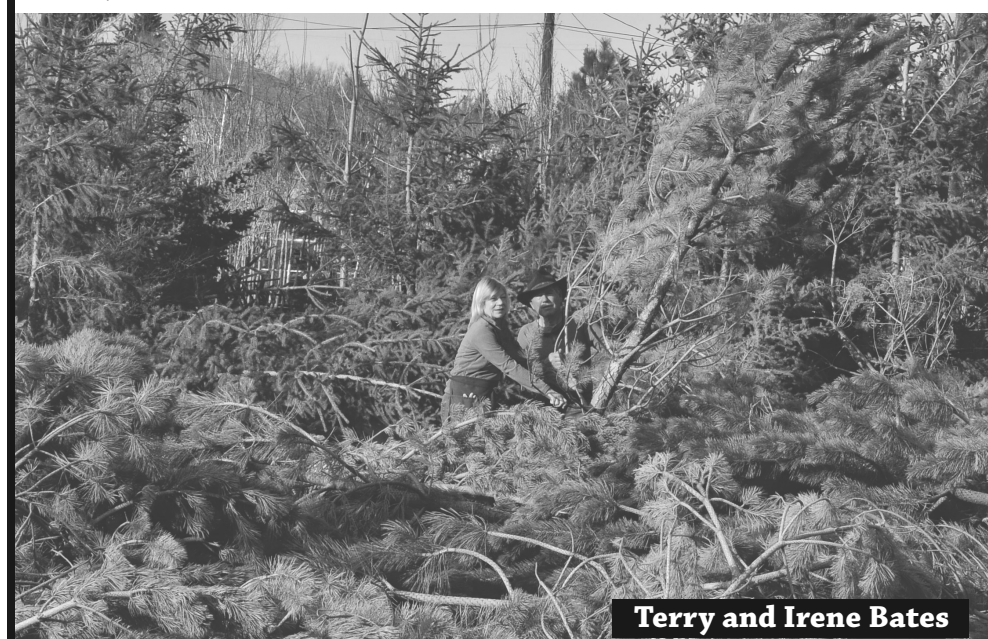
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