



Wallowa golf finishes second

Wallowa golf coach Marvin Gibbs instructs team member Caevan Murray at the driving range in Enterprise on Monday.



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The Wallowa golf team traveled to the Pendleton Country Club to play in the Small Schools Tournament on Friday, April 3. The team took second place with individuals also placing well.

Cougars Karl Wellens and Alex Coutant each shot an 89 with Wellens coming in third place and Coutant fourth. The tie-breaker was decided through the boys' performance on the course's back nine with Wellens getting the nod.

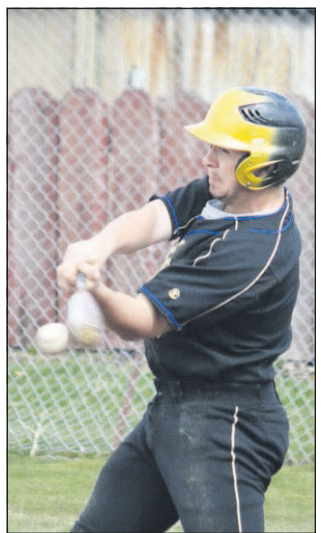
Wallowa's Kai Oliver and Thomas Jamerson both came in around the middle of the pack and only one

stroke apart, Oliver carding a 101 and Jamerson 102. Jamerson posted his best round ever in the tournament. Caevan Murray, the fifth boy for the Wallowa team, finished in 117 strokes.

Claire Wellens, the only girl on the Wallowa team, shot well with a score of 103, good for seventh place.

Wallowa coach Marvin Gibbs said, "The kids are playing good and they hope to keep it up. This is what we are looking forward to."

This week the team plays in the Wildhorse Invitational near Pendleton.



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Eagles player Sam Beckman gets some steel on the ball during the first game of Joseph's home-opening doubleheader against the Baker JV squad. Joseph lost both games, 6-3 and 31-9.

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The three top finishers at Friday's Carnival of Speed 1500 meter race — from left, Delaney Clem, Pendleton; Isabelle Tingelstad, Joseph; and Dawn Mist Movich-Fields, Enterprise — round a corner in a tight race eventually won by Clem. Movich-Fields placed second and Tingelstad third.



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Alexis Sykora, a freshman at Joseph High School, did not place last Friday in either the 100-meter or 200-meter sprints while competing at the Carnival of Speed, which attracted competitors from 26 schools.

LATHROP DOMINATES OPENER

Senior wins three events at Carnival of Speed

By Rocky Wilson
Wallowa County Chieftain

Competing at the season-opening Carnival of Speed track meet last Friday at MacHi, in Milton Freewater, Enterprise senior Kaden Lathrop bested anywhere between 21 and 31 competitors in each event to earn first place honors in the 110 meter high hurdles, triple jump, and high jump. Twenty-six schools, including seven from Washington, fielded boys' and girls' teams at the annual competition easily won among both genders by the largest participating

school, 5A Pendleton High School.

In both the high hurdles and triple jump, Lathrop won at the expense of second-place finisher Owen Lanning of Waitsburg-Prescott, Wash. In the 110-meter high hurdles, Lathrop hit the tape at 16.72 compared to Lanning's 16.87, and in the triple jump Lathrop hopped, skipped, and jumped 41'5", eight inches farther than Lanning.

Lathrop cleared the high jump bar at 6'1" to win that event, one inch higher than his nearest competitor from Pendleton.

A sterling effort in the girls' division was put forth by freshman Eliza Irish of Enterprise who placed

third among 31 runners at the 800-meter distance.

As a team, the Enterprise boys scored 61 points and placed fourth behind Pendleton, Walla Walla, and Waitsburg-Prescott, while the co-op Enterprise/Wallowa girls' team tied for eighth with 32 points.

The Joseph boys, on the strength of a seventh-place pole vault effort of 10' by Raymond Seal, a junior, scored a total of 2 points, while JoHi's sophomore distance runner Isabelle Tingelstad placed third in both the 1500 and 3000 meter runs to tally 12 of her team's 13.33 points.

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The Joseph Eagles baseball team lost both ends of their home-opening twinbill against the Baker JV Bulldogs by scores of 6-3 and the football score of 31-9 on Saturday, April 4. The Eagles played well in the first game, keeping the score tied at three until Baker broke free in the final innings.

The Eagles had four hits with Will McCadden going 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs.

The second game saw the Joseph team fall apart under a virtual onslaught by the Bulldog bats. The Bulldogs scored nine in the second inning and 17 in third, mainly behind the hitting of Baker catcher Marcus Plumley, who homered in all three at-bats, including two grand slams and a three-run shot.

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Golfers await better weather



By Rochelle Danielson
For the Chieftain

The first few days of its official April 1st opening, Alpine Meadows took on a rather lonely and gloomy appearance, all because a little bit of snow and a little bit of rain mixed with a whole lot of cold air kept even the heartiest golfers away.

It wasn't that way the last few days of March. While the clubhouse bustled in preparation for the opening with Ted Pithoud, the new clubhouse manager, acquainting himself with his duties, Sherri Currie and Julie Sears readying the restaurant, and lady golfers washing windows and shampooing carpets, golfers



Rob Ruth/Chieftain

Three young golfers make their way along the course's edge at Alpine Meadows Golf Course late Monday afternoon.

were coming in droves to take advantage of the warm, windless and wonderful weather.

"We took in more green fees before

we opened," Pithoud says, "than on opening day."

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Cubs look promising

By Rich Rautenstrauch
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Wallowa County Cubs softball team opened up its season with four games last weekend. First the girls traveled to Nyssa Friday for opening day and won two league games decisively over the Bulldogs, 15-5 and 14-2. On Saturday the Cubs traveled to La Grande and lost a 1-11 game before turning things around to win the second game, 14-8. The Cubs faced a team of purely JV players in that second game.

Cubs coach Cliff Conrad was understandably pleased about his team's play in the Friday opener. "The girls came out slugging and our defense was solid. They got out on top and kept the other team down," Conrad said.

He noted that Macey Frei and Darby Gasset were big hitters for the Cubs with Frei going 4-for-5 in Friday's first game with five RBIs. Gasset was 2-for-5 in the first game with four RBIs, Gasset also had four RBIs in the second game.

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Wallowa County sunrise and sunset April 9 - April 15 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thursday, April 9	Friday, April 10	Saturday, April 11	Sunday, April 12	Monday, April 13	Tuesday, April 14	Wednesday, April 15
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