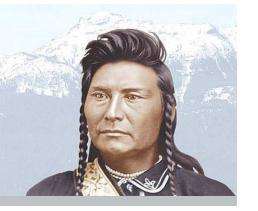


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Eagles' Hite named Old Oregon Coach of the Year



1 Wallowa, 3 Joseph players make all-league list

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Joseph and Wallowa combined to place four players on the final Old Oregon all-league team, and Joseph's Jill Hite was named Coach of the Year fol-

By Steve Tool

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The 2015-16 basketball season is

upon us with many of the county's

embarking on a "building" season. Some storylines we'll be following:

How will the Joseph boys and Wallowa girls capitalize on a trip to

the first round of state playoffs last

Eagles coach Olan Fulfer has

his team spending more time in the

edge it might provide. Will his focus

Wallowa coach Greg Oveson served double duty last season,

coaching both boys and girls varsity. He took the girls team to state. This season he's guiding just the boys.

A woeful initial turnout already has forced a forfeit. Can the Cougars

Almost to a person, each coach emphasized that a large portion of

Coach: Ron Lathrop; first year as Enterprise head coach, 25 years

Projected starters: Still up in the

Last year: 6-11 overall, 2-8 (6th)

Since last season: Four senior starters graduated. Returning start-

League opener: Jan. 2 at Grant

Circle the calendar: "Every

game's a challenge this year," Lath-

Burning question: "Whether we

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can play defense and rebound. If we

don't do those things it'll be a long

a team's success depends on fan support, so get out and support your

classroom, banking on the mental

on Xs and Os pay off?

boys bounce back?

favorite schools.

Enterprise Boys

in 2A Wapiti League

ers: Senior Justin Exon.

rop said.

season."

year?

teams sporting young rosters and

lowing balloting by the league's

coaches. Eagles senior Satori Albee was the lone first-team honoree. She also was named to the all-tournament team at districts in La Grande in late October.

SEASON PREVIEW

Basketball Tip-off:

WHO WILL RISE TO THE TOP?

Albee's teammates, freshman Emma Hite and senior Natalie Williams, received second-team honors.

Wallowa junior Beth Johnston was listed among the league's honorable mentions.

Joseph finished fourth in the league with an 8-4 confer-

ence record, 12-9 overall. The Eagles' season came to an end with a five-set loss to Powder Valley in the opening round of districts, followed by a threeset loss to Echo later the same

The Cougars went 1-11 in league play and 1-21 overall.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

Basketball

Joseph Girls @ Cove, 5 p.m. Enterprise Girls @ Wallowa, 5:30 p.m. Joseph Boys @ Cove, 6:30 p.m. Enterprise Boys @ Wallowa, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Basketball

Wallowa Girls vs. Imbler, 3 p.m. (JEF Invitational, Joseph) Wallowa Boys vs. Imbler, 4:30 p.m. (JEF Invitational, Joseph)

Joseph Girls vs. Wilder (ID), 5:30 p.m. (JEF Invitational, Joseph) Enterprise Girls vs. lone, 6 p.m. (lone

Basketball Bonanza) Joseph Boys vs. Wilder (ID), 7 p.m. (JEF Invitational, Joseph) Enterprise Boys vs. Ione, 7:30 p.m. (Ione Basketball Bonanza)

Wrestling

Enterprise High School Kickoff Visitors: Wallowa, Joseph and TBD

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Basketball

Wallowa Girls vs. Wilder, 1 p.m. (ID) (JEF Invitational, Joseph)

Wallowa Boys vs. Wilder (ID), 2:30 p.m. (JEF Invitational, Joseph) Joseph Girls vs. Imbler, 4 p.m. (JEF Invitational, Joseph)

Joseph Boys vs. Imbler, 5:30 p.m. (JEF Invitational, Joseph) Enterprise Boys vs. TBD, 7 p.m. (Ione

Basketball Bonanza) Enterprise Girls vs. TBD, 7 p.m. (Ione

MONDAY, DEC. 7

Basketball

Wallowa Girls @ La Grande JV, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Basketball

Joseph Girls @ Elgin, 5 p.m. Joseph Boys @ Elgin, 6:30 p.m.

Annual ski gear swap slated for Saturday in

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The annual Ski, Snowboard & Ice Skate Swap is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Odd Fellows Hall in Enterprise.

boards, ski/snowboard clothing, ice skates and hockey gear will be available.

To sell gear, drop it off from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the Odd Fellows Hall, 107 NE 1st St. Pick up unsold equipment by 2 p.m. Items not picked up will be donated to Soroptimist Thrift Shop.

The swap is a fundraiser, with 50 percent of proceeds going to Eagle Cap Ski Club and Wallowa

Enterprise

Skis, boots, poles, snow-

Valley Community Ice Rink.

Salmon come home for the holidays

The Outlaws are looking to rebuild after losing four starters from last season.

Returns break record at McNary Dam

> By George Plaven East Oregonian

A record number of fall chinook salmon returned up the Columbia River past McNary Dam in 2015, continuing on to spawning grounds at Hanford Reach, the Snake River and Yakima Basin.

More than 456,000 of the fish were counted at McNary Dam, breaking the facility's previous record of 454,991 set in 2013. An estimated 200,000 fall chinook made it back to Hanford Reach, the most since hydroelectric dams were first built on the Columbia nearly 80 years ago.

Both federal and tribal leaders hailed the impressive run as a positive sign of their efforts to improve both

fish habitat and passage at the dams. The Bonneville Power Administration is especially pleased with recent projects at McNary Dam, re-routing its juvenile fish bypass channel to provide better protection from predators. Crews also installed weirs at two of the dam's spillway gates, which lets certain species of fish pass through closer to the surface.

Overall, 2.3 million adult salmon passed through Bonneville Dam near Portland, making it the second-strongest year on record for the entire Columbia Basin.

When you look at how well salmon did overall is this year, it's clear the approach of restoring critical fish habitat and improving dam passage is working," said Lorri Bodi, vice president of environment, fish and wildlife at BPA.

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