



Courtesy of Sarah Weston

The Hayes Brothers car undergoing overhaul over the past winter. The black pebbly material inside of the door and on the garage floor is rubber picked up from the car's tires as well as from the various tracks the group raced on last year.

# START YOUR ENGINES

## Hayes Brothers Racing hyped for new season

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County's Hayes Brothers Racing Team is set for its third season, which starts May 21 in Meridian, Idaho. New developments for the 2016 season include an affiliation with the Tri-Track Challenge circuit in addition to the Northwest Pro

4 Alliance the team previously raced under. As a bonus, Tri-Track is using the Hayes car in its logo.

The team consists of brothers Jerry and James Hayes as well as mechanic Brian Finch, who drives to Enterprise from Walla Walla when the car needs work.

"You look at pictures with the three of us in it, but there's so many other people who help

out, we couldn't do it without them," Finch said.

As last season saw the team replacing a blown engine as well as a header, the off-season this year featured relatively minor work such as replacing the windows and worn-out parts. The car's hood also was replaced after the old one was given to a fan who is a veteran.

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### SCOREBOARD

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

**Baseball**  
Umatilla 5, Wallowa Valley 2  
Wallowa Valley 8, Umatilla 6

**Softball**  
Wallowa Valley 29, Umatilla 7  
Wallowa Valley 25, Umatilla 2

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

**Baseball**  
Baker/Powder Valley JV 14, Wallowa Valley 13  
Wallowa Valley 9, Baker/Powder Valley JV 6

**Softball**  
Weston-McEwen/Griswold 18, Wallowa Valley 0  
Weston-McEwen/Griswold 11, Wallowa Valley 0

### SPORTS CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 29

**Baseball**  
Wallowa Valley vs. Riverside, 1 p.m.

**Softball**  
Wallowa Valley vs. Riverside/Arlington, 1 p.m.

**Golf:**  
Enterprise and Joseph/Wallowa at Enterprise Invitational, 11 a.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 30

**Track**  
Joseph and Enterprise/Wallowa at Jo-High Invite, 11 a.m.

## Kinney Lake opens to float watercraft

Wallowa County Chieftain

Kinney Lake, about 8 miles east of Joseph, is now open to non-motorized watercraft and year-round fishing under rules adopted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in collaboration with the surrounding landowners, Triple Creek Ranch and Wallowa Valley Improvement District No. 1.

"The use of float tubes, canoes and small rowboats will allow anglers to spread out and find more fish," said Kyle Bratcher, assistant district fish biologist in Enterprise. "Our goal is to put more fish in the hands of anglers and improve the experience."

For this reason, Kinney Lake will now also be open to angling all year.

Bratcher said ODFW's new stocking plan for Kinney Lake will add fall releases to provide trout for an ice fishery during the winter. In addition, the later releases will grow through the winter and be available for early spring fishing.

ODFW has been working with local landowners for the last year to improve the quality of the fishing at Kinney Lake, which is located on privately owned land.

Last fall, ODFW treated the lake with rotenone to remove brown bullhead catfish, which were over-abundant and negatively affecting the stocked trout fishery, Bratcher said.

"Based on the results of other chemical treatments in Oregon, removing bullhead will result in better growth of stocked rainbow trout and better winter survival which means larger fish for the angler," he said.

The lake has not been stocked with fish since it was treated last fall. The first catchable rainbow trout will be released first week of May.

Access to Kinney Lake is provided by and agreement between private landowners and ODFW. To maintain this access, ODFW asks anglers to be respectful of private land and follow all rules and regulations posted at the lake. Anglers can maintain their access privileges by packing out trash and maintaining desirable conditions.

## Time to get into the swing of golf season

By Rochelle Danielson  
For The Chieftain

As they say at the Masters in Augusta, Ga.: "The year begins right here."

So goes it at Alpine Meadows in Enterprise. "The AMGC golf season is well underway with an already active ladies' and men's day, a schedule of tournaments, and lessons available," said Board of Directors President Dan Cornett. "Return memberships are solid and we have several new singles and families who've signed up."

Alpine Meadows loves the steadies — those who join every year, come out often, play lots of golf and make use of clubhouse amenities — but the club also is energized by seeing new faces. That's why this year's board is offering an added incentive of \$100 off new memberships to people who haven't been members before.

For those interested in learning golf, Heather Bruce is available for individual and group lessons, from beginners to those who want to improve their game.

Heather has been golfing since she was a kid. She was a member of the Enterprise golf team, graduated from Lewis-Clark College, and has worked with professional golf teachers. She loves teaching and is very patient.

You often hear a person new to the game claim they're not ready to be on the course, thinking they'd be nervous or embarrassed. All golfers, at one time or another, experience those thoughts, but the best advice is to have patience, practice and play to build confidence. Even the best golfers agree it's not an easy game. It can be described as challenging, frustrating, thrilling, discouraging — all those adjectives wrapped in one big bundle of fun. So brave it and join in.

Clubhouse Manager Jimmy Bivens wants to thank volunteers Michelle Bivens, Cheryl Kooch, Josh Kissinger, Will Wynger, Cheri Lamb, Nancy Huff, Ernestine Kilgore and Judy Ables, who helped with the recent clubhouse renovation.

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### PREP ROUNDUP

## Joseph girls tops at Union meet

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Joseph girls track team finished on top at the 25-team Pepsi Invitational in Union on Saturday. The girls scored 82 points, beating out Union by four points and Ontario by 6.67 points.

Haley Miller and Isabelle Tingelstad placed one and two in the 1500 meters (5:09.54; 5:12.48), and Annie Duncan placed third in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles (17.78; 49.89) and first in the long jump (14-09). The 4x400 team of Jonelle Suto, Duncan, Miller and Tingelstad took third (4:27.53), while Ally Cooney took the third spot in the javelin (104-02) and the high jump (4-10.00) and first in the triple jump (32-02.50).

For the boys, Aaron Borg-erding placed 11th in the high jump (5-00) and TJ Grote placed seventh in the pole vault (7-06).

Joseph coach John Roberts said the meet was a good showing for his team.

"We're a team and they all did well. That's their job and that's what they did," he said.

#### Outlaws compete at two meets

Enterprise/Wallowa competed in two Union County meets last week — Friday at the Husky Invite in Elgin and Saturday at the Pepsi Invitational in Union. The Elgin



Courtesy of Jenny Reinhardt

Riley Gray of Enterprise soars toward the sand during the long jump competition at the Husky Invite in Elgin on Friday.

meet was called after the girls 800 meters because of lighting concerns.

Despite the shortened meet, coach Dan Moody saw plenty of bright spots with his team's performance.

"Karly Bedard went 5-03.5 in the high jump; it's leading the 2A division," Moody said. "Nathan Perren's 11.16 in the 100 meters is one of the top times in the state."

He said several other athletes achieved personal bests at the meet.

The Enterprise/Wallowa girls placed first in the six-team meet with 98.5 points, well ahead of Cove's 84 points. The

boys placed second, scoring 101 points to Elgin's 130.

The Union meet saw the Outlaws still recovering from the meet the day before. Still, Bedard managed to capture the high jump crown (5-00) and Riley Gray took second in the long jump (14-07). Eliza Irish set a meet record with a time of 2:27.52 in the 800 meters, and the 4x100 team of Hero Peters, Reagan Bedard, Gray and Stacy Douglass took second (53.32). The girls placed fourth at the meet with 64 points, while the boys placed fifth with 62 points.

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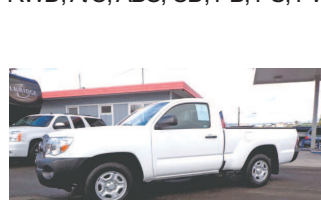
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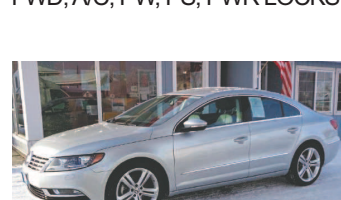
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