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LOCAL ATHLETES DOMINATE JO-HI INVITE

By Steve Tool Wallowa County Chieftain

Both Enterprise/Wallowa and Joseph track teams put on strong performances at the Jo-Hi Invite on Saturday — a day marked by wind, rain and hail. Both the boys and girls Enterprise/Wallowa teams racked up first-place team performances, while Joseph girls placed second and the boys fifth. Six schools participated in the meet, including Elgin, Neah-Kah-Nie, Pine Eagle and Weston-McEwen.

Enterprise/Wallowa came out on top of both ends of the meet, winning both the boys and girls divisions with scores of 171.5 for the boys and 157 for the girls. Joseph boys placed fifth with 22 points, and the girls placed second with 126 points.

Enterprise coach Dan Moody was pleased with his team's performance in light of the inclement weather.

"It was a miserable day, especially for the runners," Moody said. "But we had two throwers, Blaze Lepper and Chandler Burns, who recorded personal bests in the discus and shot put on the day. It's always nice to see people getting better and better this time of year."

For now, Moody is concentrating on the team's immediate future.

"We're only two weeks away from districts, so we're working on getting everything fine-tuned in order to get as many of the kids as we can qualified into the state meet."

Joseph coach John Roberts didn't let his girls compete in as many events as usual, but liked his team's performance nonetheless.

"We didn't load the girls up because of the weather," Roberts said. He added that Tyler Homan's performance in the 800 meters stood out for the boys and that Homan could qualify for state in the event.

The next meet for both Joseph and Enterprise/Wallowa is the Baker Invitational starting at 11:30 a.m. Friday in Baker City.



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Joseph's Ally Cooney on her way to the winning 31-02.5 triple jump at the Jo-Hi Invite.

Eagles baseball steamrolls Riverside



The Eagles' dugout during Game 1 of a doubleheader Friday against Riverside.

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The Wallowa Valley Eagles baseball team had an easy time of it at home against Riverside on Friday, sweeping a doubleheader by scores of 11-1 and

The opener saw the Eagles easily prevailing, led by the stellar one-hit pitching of Justin Exon, who walked six and struck out seven while going the distance. The 10-run rule was applied after the bottom of the sixth in-

While no player had multiple hits, the team collected eight in the contest. Tate Olsen drove in three runs while Will McCadden contributed two for the Eagles. Riverside contributed to their own demise with five errors. Wallowa Valley had one miscue.

The second game saw more of the same except the game ended on the 10run rule after the top of the fifth inning. Winning pitcher was Chris Bathke, who pitched 2 1/3 innings before being relieved by Olsen. Both pitchers gave up one hit each.

Wallowa Valley scattered seven hits through the game. Kobe Frye had the lone RBI with a double. No player had multiple hits.

Once again, Riverside helped the Eagles' cause with nine miscues as well as nine walks and one hit batsman over the course of the game.

The Eagles (3-5, 6-12) were scheduled to play a doubleheader Tuesday afternoon at Elgin/Imbler, as The Chieftain was going to press.

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SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 Baseball

Wallowa Valley 11, Riverside 1 Wallowa Valley 17, Riverside 3

Softball Riverside 6, Wallowa Valley 5 Wallowa Valley 14, Riverside 13

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Baseball Wallowa Valley at Elgin/Imbler, 1 p.m.

Softball Wallowa Valley at Elgin/Imbler, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Joseph and Enterprise/Wallowa at Baker Invitational, Baker City, 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Enterprise at Four for Fore Fundraiser Tournament, TBD

MONDAY, MAY 9

Joseph/Wallowa and Enterprise at District Tournament, Pendleton, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 10 Golf

Joseph/Wallowa and Enterprise at District Tournament, Pendleton, 8 a.m.

ODFW sets summer, fall salmon seasons on Columbia

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Fisheries managers in Oregon and Washington have announced summer and fall salmon fishing seasons on the Columbia River.

Summer Chinook fishing will begin June 16, with a daily bag limit of two hatchery-born fish. The season should remain open through July 31.

Anglers will also be able to keep sockeye and hatchery steelhead on the Columbia from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to the Oregon-Washington border. The season is closed for coho.

Fall chinook season is based on a strong anticipated return of 960,000 salmon. About 93,000 fish are expected to reach the upper Columbia — a strong return, but not as strong as last year's record 127,000 upriver fish. Anglers will be allowed to keep chinook, coho and hatchery steelhead from Aug. 1 — Dec. 31 from Warrior Rock to the state border, with a daily bag limit of two adults and five jacks.

Regulations could be subject to in-season modifications. For more information, visit the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife website at www.dfw.state.

Alpine Meadows Bomber Tournament on the horizon

f you're teeing up your ball from the forward No. 3 tee box at Alpine Meadows, you're standing approximately where the B-24 bomber set down in an emergency landing in 1944. And if you're playing down the No. 2 fairway you're walking the path of the make-shift runway built by Walla Walla Corp of Engineers in getting plane back in the air.

As the story goes, on a dark and stormy night the Liberator, a four-motored giant with a crew of 10 circled the unfamiliar Wallowa County upper valley. With its radio conked out the

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crew was in dire straits. The town of Enterprise quickly responded to their plight with hundreds of car owners parking vehicles on the golf course with headlights and spotlights ablaze. On the third attempt, the plane came down the narrow gorge from the north, touched the ground and continued down the field coming to a stop past what is now the No. 7 fairway. If the landing had happened today, the plane would have skimmed the pond and tore out a fence, but at that time the bomber had plenty of open space to travel. All crew members survived.

After all these years the Alpine Meadows board has decided to name a tournament after the dramatic event. The "Bomber Tournament" has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 14. If you want to feel a little history under vour feet come on out and enter the one-day event, Best Ball, Sole Survivor, Horse Race.

On Saturday, May 7 — a week before the Bomber — the 14th annual four-person scramble that benefits the EHS golf teams will be held. That event starts at 10 a.m., and the entry fee is \$45 per person.

The Chieftain's Out of the Past column recently featured two 1960's golf photos. It's fun figuring who's who. The April 13 photo is mystifying: Grace Thompson, plaid shorts; Madge Craig, plaid blouse; Gilda Davidson; and possibly Bethal Wade and Barbara Gates ... five out of 12

isn't bad. The April 27 photo of a junior golf tournament features Bob Clegg, Dave Morgan, Jim Clegg, Mike Ritterott, Debbie Clegg Kellerman, Mike and Scott Noland, Jerry Rahn and Mike Kline. Boys in straw hats with feathers, unknown.

Don't forget Mother's Day Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Alpine Meadows. Eggs Benedict. Cost is \$15.95 per person, and eggs Benedict will be served.

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