



STATE SOFTBALL

# LAST OUT



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Wallowa Valley third baseman Madison Plew leaps for the high throw as Rainier's Kyla Howell slides safely into third during the Columbians' 9-0 victory over the Cubs in the opening round of the 3A state tournament Wednesday in Rainier.

## CUBS' SEASON ENDS WITH STATE TOURNAMENT LOSS AT RAINIER

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Wallowa Valley Cubs were brought to their knees and out of the opening round of the Class 3A state softball playoffs with a 9-0 loss at No. 3 Rainier on Wednesday. The Cubs

managed just one hit against Columbians pitchers Sarah Probasco and Haley Schimmel.

The Cubs managed to hold Rainier scoreless for the first two innings, but the Columbians unleashed 10 hits over the rest of the game, half of which were doubles.

Enterprise freshman lead-off hitter Shelby Moncrief offered

a brief flash of hope when she ended the Cubs' hitless drought with a one-out single against Schimmel in the sixth inning, but it was all Wallowa Valley could manage at the plate.

The Cubs were the No. 14 seed heading into Wednesday's game. They end the year with a 10-6 Wapiti League record and 12-12 overall.

## New rules, fees for state parks

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As state wildfire officials prepare for the summer after three severe wildfire seasons, ODF recreation staff are working nonstop to ensure the increasingly-popular parks remain enjoyable.

Demand for recreation opportunities has outpaced capacity — often resulting in conflicts between user groups and creating major issues for sanitation and the environment, safety and vandalism.

As a result, ODF has revised their camping fees for the first time in 20 years.

Camping rule changes include:

- Revised fees: drive-in sites are \$15 per night; walk-in sites are \$10 per night; group sites are \$50 per night. Extra vehicles will be charged \$5 per night, per vehicle.
- A campsite may not be occupied by more than eight people and two motor vehicles, unless otherwise post-

ed.

- Registered campers must physically occupy campsites each night during the entire length of their stay. Sites cannot be reserved in advance except for group campsites at select campgrounds.

Other revisions include:

- All large commercial events of more than 50 people, scheduled for longer than four hours, held on state forestland will require organizers to submit an application for a permit, which can be obtained through a local ODF district office. Office locations can be found at [www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov).
- All forage or feed used on state forestlands for horses or other animals must be certified weed-free, primarily to avoid introducing invasive species to the area.
- ODF will assume custody and remove all abandoned property found after 48 hours in designated recreation areas.

## New scoreboard installed at Joseph

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Anyone who has seen the Bill McCadden Memorial Track at Joseph Charter School is bound to have noticed the addition of a new scoreboard to the grounds. But not just any scoreboard. The new state-of-the-art board is a gift from Les Schwab Tire Center.

Tim Kiesecker, the school's maintenance supervisor, installed the new equipment about a month ago.

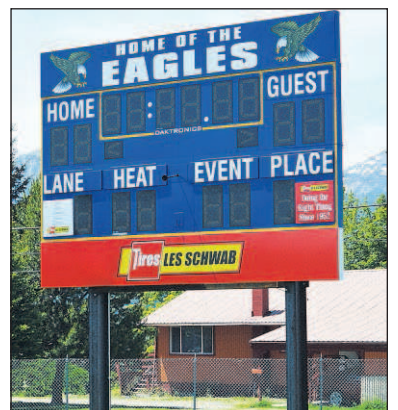
The board is capable of keeping track of nearly any type of sporting event, and it came with an application that automatically posts game statistics to the Oregon School Activities Association website. It also is connected to the finish-line photo eye for track events to post immediate times and has a built-in horn to mark the beginning and end of sporting events. Kiesecker said the staff is still learning about all the scoreboard's functions.

"I can't remember how many things it does — it's crazy," Kiesecker said.

The old scoreboard is probably headed for the scrap heap as it would cost more money to fix than it's worth.

Kiesecker spent a lot of time researching the project and had both the sign and signposts specifically engineered to withstand the strongest wind gusts Wallowa Valley has to offer. The scoreboard is mounted on two 33-foot I-beams planted into the ground and a crossbeam. The board is mounted 10 feet off the ground and is 13-14 feet tall and 18 feet wide.

Kiesecker said the gift from Les



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The new scoreboard at Bill McCadden Memorial Track at Joseph Charter School is a gift from Les Schwab Tire Center in Enterprise.

Schwab is greatly appreciated, and that the school is covering some of the installation costs. While the school donated the time and installation equipment, he said the board's crossbeam and I-beam posts and some of the electrical work have yet to be paid for.

"We're looking at five grand or more besides the sign," he said. Kiesecker added that Pepsi-Cola has offered to foot at least part of the remaining bill.

Enterprise Les Schwab Manager Fred Ruetsch said he heard some time ago of a joint effort to fund the \$15,000 board.

"When I got wind of it, I felt like we might want to pitch in and make it happen, so we took the leap to show the company's commitment to the area. We try to put money where we can and help out where we can."

## 8 stages of aging on the golf course

Let's talk ladies this week. Tuesday has been Ladies Day at Alpine Meadows for as long as I remember. Throughout the years many women golfers have passed through AMGC portals. Each and every one has had to learn to play golf either by hook or by crook, from a husband's ever-loving advice, from a mutual friend or, as a last resort, via lessons from a pro.

From Day One gals are reminded of tricks of the trade: Keep your head down. Slow your swing. Follow

### tee time

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through. Shift your weight ... open the door, close the door. Keep your elbow straight. Bend those knees. Get those hips into it. Didn't I tell you to use an 8 iron? Now, relax and swing.

Love it, hate it, all women struggle with the game throughout stages of their golfing career. Some go graceful-

ly, others go out swinging.

Stage 1: In the beginning, swing club like no tomorrow. Swish little white ball. Laugh. Try again. Go home. Apply ice packs to shoulder. Remember to swing slow.

Stage 2: Hit ball 100 yards. Hit ball 10 feet. Hit ball 150 yards ... got hips into that one. Putter performs like driver. Go home. Read tips in golf magazine. Make another tee time for tomorrow.

Stage 3: Golfing every day — sometimes until dark. Energy plus.

Practice pitching wedge in back yard. Hit neighbor's garage. Head down, eye on ball, not neighbor.

Stage 4: Play every Tuesday. Eighteen holes of bogeys, double bogeys. Shake head, laugh, forge on. Par hole. Ignite spark in bloodstream.

Stage 5: Long drive, power hitter, got game figured out. Lower handicap. Feel like a tiger. Sign up for tournaments.

Stage 6: Don't have game figured out. Ball in creek, ball in bunker. Deep divots. Back aches. Go to hospital. Doc-

tor says no spark left in bloodstream.

Stage 7: Play nine holes, tucked out. No desire to beat up self with another nine. Maybe tomorrow. Buy new clubs. Practice range? Been there!

Stage 8: Tripped over 9 iron. Slight bruise on ankle bone. Call Doc again. Tells me to limp home. Read "Fifty Shades of Golf."

After all these years ... ladies still golfing, still laughing.

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