

Joseph Eagles journey to west side games

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

Both the girls and boys basketball teams of Joseph traveled the Oregon Trail to the west side of the state to take on two Christian schools, Country Christian and Horizon Christian Dec. 29 and 30, respectively.

The lady Eagles lost to top-ranked Country Christian,

45-35, in a hard-fought battle.

Coach Lance Homan called it a great game. The Eagles led at halftime and at the end of the third quarter before the size of their opponents wore them down in the final quarter.

"Our kids played hard and left it all out on the court. Our legs aren't where they need to be yet, but we will get there," Homan said.

Sabrina Albee led the scor-

ing with 15 points.

The girls made short work of Horizon Christian with a 64-34 victory on the following day.

"This was a good win after a really tough game the night before, and we were able to get everyone quality time," Homan said.

He added that the defense is shaping up and the girls play with a lot of heart.

Alexis Sykora and Albee both finished with 27 points.

The weekend left the girls with a 1-1 league record and 7-2 overall. They are ranked seventh in the state.

The boys also defeated Country Christian, 58-39.

Coach Olan Fulfer said the bench saw lots of playing time. Chase Murray led the charge with 13 through the net while Jean Luc Palma and Tyler

Homan each scored 10 and post Caevan Murray had nine.

Horizon Christian, the seventh-ranked team in the state, defeated the Eagles, 53-39.

Fulfer said the game was much closer than it appeared with the Eagles down only by three near the end when their opponents sank two quick three-pointers.

This forced the Eagles to start fouling and Horizon

Christian converted well.

"They had a lot of height and speed and could really shoot," Fulfer said.

The two Murrays each scored nine points while Palma adding seven and Homan and Tray Wandschneider each scoring six.

The weekend left the boys with a league record and 5-3 overall. The eagles have a 24 state ranking.

Eleventh Annual Wallowa County

Digital

PHOTO

Contest



Who can enter?

All amateur photographers who live in Wallowa County either full-time or part-time, or who have ever vacationed in Wallowa County, are eligible. Exceptions: Members of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club, the staff of the Chieftain, and their immediate families may not submit entries. "Immediate family" includes only spouses, parents, and children.

Public display of photos: All submitted photos will be displayed on the Chieftain's web site as they are received. After judging, winning photos will be featured on the Chieftain's web site, and as many winning and non-winning photos as space allows will be featured in the Chieftain's print edition. Selected winning and non-winning photos may also appear in a single issue of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club's monthly newsletter and on the Photo Club's web site in the context of informing members of the Photo Club about the contest.

Awards: There will be two categories of awards.

1. The People's Choice awards for the most popular submitted photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division. Everyone can vote by browsing to the Chieftain's contest web page and choosing their favorite Student Division photo and their favorite Adult Division photo. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates.

2. Overall best photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each of the two divisions as determined by the judges. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates. Honorable Mentions may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Prizes for honorable mentions will be certificates.

The Wallowa Valley Photo Club is solely responsible for all awards.

Deadline: Submissions to the contest may be made beginning Monday, January 1, 2018 and will be accepted through **Saturday, January 20, 2018**. Voting for the People's Choice award is from Sunday, January 21, 2018 through Sunday, February 4, 2018. Winners will be announced in the Wednesday, February 14, 2018 issue of the Chieftain.

Submissions: All submissions must be digital – prints and slides are not accepted. However, prints and slides may be scanned and digital copies submitted.

• Digital photos may be submitted via the Chieftain's online submission form or emailed to **PhotoWallowa@gmail.com**. CDs may also be dropped off at the Chieftain (209 NW 1st, Enterprise, Oregon).

Complete List of Rules: Please see the website for a complete list of the contest rules at **www.wallowa.com/photocontest**

Mixed results for EHS teams at tourney

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Both the boys and girls Enterprise High Schools teams were 1-1 over the last weekend on Dec. 28 and 29. The teams played Willamina and Tri-City Prep in the Les Schwab Tournament in Pendleton.

The girls first defeated 3A school Willamina, 32-24, in the opening round. Coach Mike Crawford said that their opponent plays a strict game of ball control, which accounted for the low score. Crawford said it took awhile for the ladies to adjust to players they'd never seen and the slow pace. The end of the first quarter saw the game tied at two.

The Outlaws picked up the pace in the second half behind the efforts of senior Ashlyn Gray, who scored eight, followed by Reece Christman's six points and five contributed by Riley Gray.

The Tri City Prep game saw the Outlaws on the short end of a 56-38 score. The Outlaws shot only 22 percent from the floor, which helped account for the score. One of the Tri-

City players scored 40 points, which Crawford said was the most a single player ever scored against the Outlaws in his 29-year career.

Shelby Moncrief led the scoring with 11 points while shooting 50 percent from the floor. Gray and Karli Bedard each contributed eight points to the cause.

The weekend left the Outlaws ladies with an 8-2 overall record and ranked fifth in the state.

The Outlaws boys lost both of their weekend contests — a 38-36 heartbreaker to Willamina and a 44-51 loss to Tri City Prep.

Coach Larry Wells said the team is looking better with things falling into place, particularly in the post position. Point guard Trent Walker had returned after a tonsillectomy.

Tri City Prep's defense held the Outlaws to their lowest output of the year.

Brett Greenshields led the scoring, pouring 16 into the bucket while Dylan Marr had six.

The losses left the boys with a 3-7 record overall.



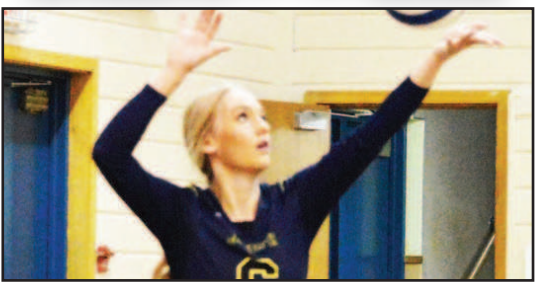
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Rylie Hayward drives for the basket during the Enterprise Boys Basketball game Saturday in Pendleton against Tri City Prep, part of the Les Schwab Shootout tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center.



Karli Bedard pulls in a rebound during the Enterprise vs. Tri City Prep basketball game Saturday afternoon at Pendleton Convention Center.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK




Emma Hite

This week's athlete of the week is Joseph Charter School junior Emma Hite. The five-foot-four-inch Hite just received the nod for the all-state team in volleyball, first-team, no less. Hite played the middle and served as a team and floor captain for the Eagles. Despite her height, the sophomore led the team with 225 kills and serving aces with 66. Besides volleyball, Hite, 16, plays basketball and competes in high school rodeo and 4-H. She also carries a 3.98 GPA.

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In BRIEF

Wallowa basketball teams play in Optimist Christmas event

Wallowa High School's basketball teams experienced a series of nail-biters during the Optimist Christmas Classic Tournament last week in La Grande.

Play began Wednesday with the boys losing to Union, 74-67, in triple overtime. Union also bested the girls, 38-31.

On Thursday, the girls narrowly lost to Elgin, 53-49, and the boys lost to Cove, 41-30.

Sherman defeated the Wallowa girls, 45-32, in the seventh-place game Friday.

The Cougar boys defeated Imbler, 35-27.

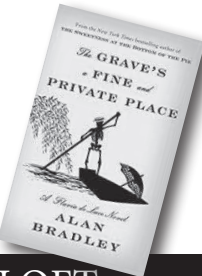
CORRECTION

A story in last week's edition listing the winners of the Elks Hoop Shoot incorrectly identified the overall champion of the event. Asiya Salim of Enterprise won that honor sinking 19 of 25 free throws. The Chieftain incorrectly identified Blade Suto as the champion due to an editing error.

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