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Local race set for Saturday morning

PENDLETON — The Spring Run Off 5K Run/Walk is set for this Saturday at McKay School in Pendleton.

The event starts at 9 a.m., with registration in the school's gym at 1539 S.W. 44th St. Participants may choose to run or walk a 5K course. Registration fee for the event is \$10. Same-day registration is available.

Proceeds will help the Shiny Penny Syndrome running team travel to the Spokane-to-Sandpoint Relay this summer.

U.S. get first soccer win against Italy

GENOA, Italy — American players applauded each other and their fans. Their supporters cheered loudly and proudly waved the red, white and blue.

Gaining a rare victory over a soccer power, the United States beat Italy 1-0 Wednesday night on Clint Dempsey's goal in the 55th minute for the Americans' first win over the Azzurri in 11 games over 78 years.

A Texan who has become an increasingly important element of the American team, Dempsey put a right-footed shot from just inside the penalty area past an outstretched hand of goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon. Fabian Johnson had crossed to Jozy Altidore, who with his back to the goal against Italy's Andrea Barzagli touched the ball back toward the top of the area.



Queen to open 2012 London Olympics

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II's busy summer calendar just got a bit more crowded.

Buckingham Palace said the monarch will open both the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics this summer, signaling that both events will be celebrated as great state occasions — something the British are famous for.

It is the first time the queen has opened the Paralympic Games, though she has often honored Paralympians for their achievements in the past.

Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, will perform the ceremonial role at the 80,000-seat Olympic Stadium when the Olympic games begin on July 27, and for the Paralympic Games on Aug. 29.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1994 — NBA referee Steve Javie ejects Portland radio analyst Mike Rice in the third quarter of the Pacers' 106-94 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

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OSAA CLASS 2A STATE TOURNAMENT

Enterprise throttles Riddle in quarters



Enterprise's Shelby Graning pulls down a rebound guarded by Riddle's Jamie Hansen in the Outlaws' 64-22 win against the Irish on Wednesday in Pendleton.

Outlaws pound Irish team without top player Gianotti

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Enterprise Outlaws came into Wednesday's state quarterfinal girls' basketball match-up with Riddle expecting a showdown with Irish wing Pele Gianotti.

The 6-foot multi-talented sophomore was a game-time scratch with an illness, though.

What followed was a contest even Gianotti would have struggled to keep under control as the Outlaws dominated the Irish 64-22 to advance to the semifinals on Friday.

Just 11 days prior, the Outlaws (21-5) were feeling a bit of heartbreak on the very same court at Pendleton Convention Center after a loss to Pilot Rock in the district championship.

Wednesday's Player of the Game, Shelby Graning, said that experience has strengthened the team's resolve to bring home a state trophy.

"We basically came in here telling ourselves we weren't going to lose," she said. "(At districts) we kind of just came in expecting we would do better than we did and so it helped us realize now that we have to come in with a different attitude."

Graning finished the game with 14 points, six rebounds and seven steals. The Outlaws had 24 steals total.

Enterprise more than doubled Riddle's shot attempts (72-34) and hit five times more frequently (31-7).

Riddle was paced by a trio of girls with five points each.

The Outlaws will get a day to practice today, then will face Scio in the semifinals on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Riddle needs to find a way to get its offense going without Gianotti and plays today against Oakland at 10:45 a.m. in an elimination game. The Irish won't be able to afford another lackluster performance.



Regis defense rolls Riverdale

By AJ MAZZOLINI
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The defending state champions from Regis flashed the same killer skills that got them that trophy last season in their playoff game against Riverdale Wednesday. The defense frustrated Riverdale (24-4) into more turnovers than attempted shots as the

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Santiam holds off Royals' run

By AJ MAZZOLINI
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — After failing to keep up with the Santiam offense for the better part of three quarters, Portland Christian turned up the heat on defense hoping to thaw out its own scoring.

The Royals (24-4) forced 15 turnovers in the second half while whittling an 18-

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Loggers chop down Oakers

By MATT ENTRUP
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PENDLETON — Three straight years playing her final game of the season on Oregon's dry side have made Haley Guest feel right at home on the hardwood at Pendleton Convention Center.

She led her Scio Loggers to a 61-41 romp over Oakland in the Class 2A

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Elizabeth III

Bucks prep for Lancers

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Buckaroos see a lot of themselves in first-round foe Churchill.

The Bucks travel to Eugene for Saturday's Class 5A boys' basketball state playoff game, and will pack a lot of confidence with them as they prepare for a showdown with the No. 4 ranked team in the OSAA power index.

"If we go out there and play our best basketball and play four full quarters then we can win this game," said Pendleton

senior Bryan Beard. "They're an extremely fast basketball team and they execute well and have good players, but if we play our game and do it well, we can win."

Boys' basketball



Pendleton (21-4)



Churchill (21-4)

Friday, 5 p.m.
Eugene

Churchill's leading scorers are 5-5 guard Emanuel Morgan (12.4 points per game) and 6-3 guard

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Bulldogs host Falcons

By AJ MAZZOLINI
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — By blowing up St. Helens 73-29 in Hermiston last Friday, the Bulldogs bought themselves another precious game for their season. Almost as importantly, the girls' basketball team won the opportunity to play in front of the raucous home crowd at the Dawg House one last time. The seven senior Bulldogs will hear their names called before the game as the lights go down and the crowd gets up one last time. And if recent history is any in-

dication, Hermiston will snag one last win at home this season where they're 9-1.

The Columbia River Conference champion Bulldogs (20-5) host Liberty (12-13) in the first round of the Class 5A state playoffs at 7 p.m. The winner of the game fills one of the coveted eight slots in the final bracket and heads to Eugene the following week to battle for the right to fly the 2012 state championship banner above its home court.

"It's a big deal to (our play-

Girls' basketball



Liberty (12-13)



Hermiston (20-5)

Friday, 7 p.m.
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