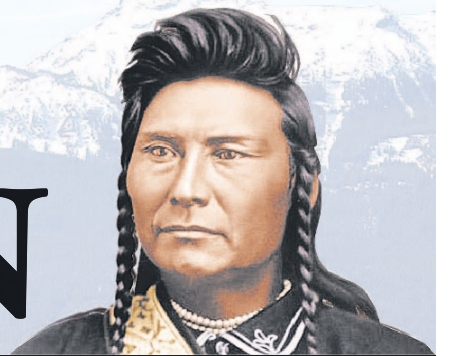


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School health center plan spurs questions

Clinic would treat children with limited access to care; parental rights, treatment protocols raise concerns

By Steve Tool
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Emotions ran high but never boiled over at a standing-room-only public meeting about starting a school-based

health center at Enterprise Elementary School. A panel from Winding Waters Medical Clinic, led by Dr. Elizabeth Powers, hosted the question-and-answer session at Cloverleaf Hall on Sept. 3.

Powers started the meeting with a brief Power Point presentation of the priorities of the center, which focused on providing health and dental care to school children who had little or no access to such

“ I DON'T THINK WE NEED THE (HEALTH CENTER) AT OUR SCHOOL. ”
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care. She said the motivation for implementing the program arose from a survey conducted

by the Community Area Council that identified specific needs for youth health care,

particularly for the poor.

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Dick Walker of Union with mules Lewis (right) and Clark during 2007 Mule Days.

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A contender in the three-man Fat Ass Express rounds a pole and heads in to hand off the saddlebags to the next man in his team.

Fouste gets ankle bracelet removed

By Steve Tool
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Even alleged domestic abusers have a legal right to their personal dignity, according to Wallowa County Circuit Court Judge Russell B. West, who ordered the removal of a GPS tracking bracelet from Scott Lee Fouste, 53, of Imnaha River Woods.

Fouste, who was allegedly involved in a May 11 domestic abuse incident which saw the deployment of a dozen sheriff's office personnel along with a SWAT team from Bend, requested the GPS removal at a Sept. 2 plea hearing. Fouste is facing charges of felony unlawful use of a weapon, fourth-degree assault, two counts of menacing, pointing a firearm at another, unlawful use of a weapon, and physical harassment.

Fouste's plea hearing turned into something else entirely as he appeared with his third lawyer, William E. Perkinson of Pendleton. Perkinson started the hearing by requesting a continuance of the proceedings to have time to familiarize himself with the case.

Deputy District Attorney Rebecca Frolander said she had received a request from Perkinson to modify Fouste's release conditions.

Fouste requested permission to visit his mother, who resides in a Walla Walla nursing home, and permission to stay overnight with his father in Pilot Rock or his brother in Walla Walla in conjunction with visiting his mother. Frolander did not object to the modifications as Fouste was wearing the tracking device.

Perkinson then requested the removal of the tracker, citing Fouste's compliance with the release agreement during the 14 weeks he had worn the device.

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PLAY BY EAR

PACK IN THE FUN AT MULE DAYS NO. 35

By Kathleen Ellyn
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The long-ears are coming to Enterprise this coming weekend for the 35th year in a row. That's right, Hells Canyon Mule days, always held the weekend after Labor Day, is scheduled for Sept. 11, 12 and 13 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.

Mule lovers, young and old, from all over the world (yes, the world) will come to enjoy the parade and three full days of performance events, good dinner and dancing, cowboy poetry, Dutch oven cook-offs, art and vintage sales, vendors and more.

An HCMD souvenir admission button, good for all three days, will cost you \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors 60 and older, and \$3 for kids 7-12 years. Kids 6 years and younger get in free.

The number of events and visual displays you will get to see for that cost is too long to list, but a few favorites include:

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Courtesy photo

Pianist Brady Goss.

Piano man returns home

Former resident Brady Goss will play show at OK Theatre

By Steve Tool
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Piano artist Brady Goss of the Brady Goss Band, is returning to the area with his band for a rock n roll show at the OK Theatre on Sept. 10. Goss was a longtime Wallowa County resident who moved with his parents to the area in the 1990s, when his father, Mike Goss, bought the Food City grocery store in Wallowa. Goss' mother is Becky Schaefer of Wallowa.

Goss started playing around the age of 5. "There's a picture of me as a toddler reaching

for the keys, and I think I've always loved it," Goss said. Goss also plays guitar

Musicians who influence Goss include Jerry Lee Lewis, bluesman Stevie Ray Vaughan and the soft rock group, The Eagles. Hank Williams Sr. and Frank Sinatra received mention as well.

As much as Goss loves the Wallowa Valley, he moved to Oregon City about five years ago to pursue his art. Unlike many toiling musicians, Goss actually makes a living at his profession. "There's more opportunities here, and I'm getting a lot more gigs. I am slammed busy this year, which is great," he said.

Goss said he always knew he wanted to become a professional musician and started pursuing music as a profession as soon as he graduated high school. He said he was fortunate

to gain access to people who showed him the ropes to becoming a professional musician.

"I didn't meet people who could get me hooked up with a high-end record label, but I met people who helped me get regional popularity where I'm always in demand as an entertainer. I'm a solo artist with his own show who knows how to do business," Goss said.

While Goss enjoys returning to the Wallowa Valley for gigs, he's only been back once this year, to play to a packed house at Embers. "I used to come back a lot more. I'd have a gig at La More, then I'd have a gig at Lear's, and then a gig at Embers. I've got so much stuff going on over here, it's hard to find the time," he said.

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