



Members of the Joseph United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Committee on Relief — front row from left: David Martin, Carolyn Dawson, Ruby Zollman, Marlys Watson and Jeff Dawson; back row from left: Pastor Cherie Dearth and project coordinator David Cook — stand in front of some of the 101 disaster cleaning buckets created during the open house Saturday.

Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain

# Joseph has The Place for parties

## New facility hosting classes; commercial kitchen certification pending

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Place, a newly constructed community space behind Joseph United Methodist Church, opened its doors and welcomed the public during an open house Saturday.

Parties can rent the building at the corner of Third and South Lake streets for social or club events, and soon the kitchen will be certified as a commercial facility, making it available to retail marketers of jellies, pickles, pies and more.

Right now an attorney is working on protocol, said Robin Martin, community kitchen leader and ministry team leader of the Magic Garden Project.

“We are very hopeful that eventually small businesses or entrepreneurs can use it. Not yet, but we’re working very hard on that.”

Betty Cosgrove of Joseph is really looking forward to using that space. She cans the popular Magic Garden jams, jellies, sauerkraut, pesto and pickles seen at the Wallowa

County Farmers Market in Joseph. Cosgrove has been canning those goods at Joseph Charter School, where the Magic Garden also delivers fresh goodies, but she’s looking forward to cooking in that new kitchen. Magic Garden is a project of Joseph United Methodist Church and provides both the Charter School and Enterprise Head Start with fresh veggies.

The Place also will host cooking classes in the future, Martin said. Cook/chefs will have to be certified teachers

(such as OSU Extension Service nutrition specialists).

Yoga classes are already held in the space, with both Esther Petrocini and Alyse Shetler offering a variety of classes. The church also uses the space for a Bible study group taught by Bob Dearth.

Soon, Martin said, a “walking with ease” class will begin. Shoppers also can look forward to perusing offerings at the upcoming Methodist Market in November and at the Children’s Christmas Store in December.

# Four injured in crash near lake

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

An adult female and a 4-year-old boy were transported by Life Flight helicopter to regional hospitals following a two-vehicle, head-on collision on Wallowa Lake Highway on Monday.

The crash occurred about half a mile north of the head of Wallowa Lake at approximately 11:45 a.m. Units from Joseph Fire Department, Wallowa County Emergency Services, Oregon State Police and Wallowa County Sheriff’s Office responded to the crash, which left the highway closed for nearly two hours.

WCSO Chief Deputy Fred Steen said it appeared to him that a driver in a southbound Pontiac Vibe drifted into oncoming traffic while navigating an S-curve and attempted to quickly get back into its lane



Steve Tool/Chieftain

A two-vehicle collision Monday required Life Flight transports for two people and closed the highway for about two hours.

as a northbound, late-model F-250 truck tried to swerve to avoid the car, resulting in the head-on collision.

Helicopters airlifted the boy to St. Alphonsus Medical

Center in Boise. The woman was taken to St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Lewiston. The mother of the boy and the driver of the pickup were admitted to Wallowa Memorial

Hospital. All the accident victims are expected to recover, according to a source at the hospital.

OSP is investigating the accident.

# Closures lifted on private forests

## Forestry lifts some public use restrictions

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Oregon Department of Forestry lifted regulated use closures Friday on private forests within the agency’s Northeast Oregon District. However, fire season remains in effect for private, state, county, municipal and tribal lands protected by ODF.

“While we are trending toward cooler fall weather, the conditions can change rapidly,” said Joseph Goebel, Wallowa wildland fire supervisor. “Parts of the region have gotten some moisture, and while that has helped, there is still a danger of fire spreading.”

ODF will still need to issue burn permits for any open burns until fire season comes to an end.

Fire season is usually lifted sometime in October, depending on conditions.

Campfires are once again

allowed, with landowner permission.

The Northeast Oregon District covers approximately 2 million acres across Umatilla, Union, Baker and Wallowa counties, as well as small portions of Morrow, Grant and Malheur counties.

Public use restrictions also were lifted Wednesday on the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman national forests.



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# WDFW: Removing entire pack challenging

## Two Profanity Peak adults, pups remain

By Don Jenkins  
Capital Press

Washington wildlife managers are hunting for the remaining members of the Profanity Peak wolf pack in rugged timberlands and will have a difficult time removing them, according to state Department of Fish and Wildlife wolf policy coordinator Donny Martorello.

WDFW has killed six wolves in the pack since Aug. 5, but none since Aug. 22, Martorello said in a Sept. 16 email.

It was the department’s first update on the lethal removal of the pack in the Colville National Forest since Sept. 2.

The pack has at least two adults remaining and may have up to four pups. Pups have a high natural mortality rate during their first year, according to Martorello.

WDFW investigators have confirmed the pack has killed or injured eight cattle since July 8. In another five cases, the pack probably attacked cattle, but investigators were unable to positively identify wolves as the predators. WDFW most recently confirmed a depredation on Aug. 31.

The U.S. Forest Service and a rancher report that they

are seeing livestock behavior that suggests cattle are being harassed by wolves, Martorello said.

WDFW policy calls for the department to shoot wolves after four depredations and if non-lethal preventive measures employed by ranchers have failed.

Initially, the pack was believed to have six adults and five pups. The pack actually had seven adults, according to Martorello. One pup has been killed.

“The department is continuing to monitor the situation. The wolf removal action is ongoing, but we recognize full pack removal will be extremely challenging, given the rugged and heavily timbered landscape in the area and the wolves’ extensive range,” Martorello wrote.

This is the third time Washington has shot wolves since the animals crossed over from Idaho. Wildlife managers shot seven wolves in 2012 and one in 2014. All the shootings have occurred in northeastern Washington, where most of the state’s wolves are concentrated.

Some environmental groups have expressed outrage over plans to remove the entire pack and are calling for changes in WDFW’s policy.

WDFW adopted the policy this year after meeting for more than a year with an advisory group that includes ranchers, hunters, animal-rights advocates and environmentalists.

# Community Connection seeks new board member

If you live in Wallowa County and have an interest in community services, Community Connection may have a volunteer position for you. The candidate must be able to represent the needs of low-income people whether or not they themselves are low-income.

The agency is seeking someone to join the board in late October.


Community Connection is widely known for its senior citizen programs and transportation service but also operates food banks, self-sufficiency programs and housing services

in the region.

“One of our long-time members, Joe Town of Wallowa, recently reached the end of his term on our board. This is an opportunity for someone new to get involved in shaping the services in the region,” said Executive Director Margaret Davidson.

Those interested in joining should visit [www.ccn.org](http://www.ccn.org) or contact Connie at the Community Connection office in Enterprise at 541-426-3840. A simple application form is required. The deadline for applications is Oct. 17.

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## L O S T I N E , O R



# We wish to thank each and everyone of you who showed so much kindness and love at Mary Ann’s service and dinner.

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God bless each and everyone. We love you all, Erl McLaughlin, Tonya and William Castilleja, Colton, Ryker and Kenzie, Tyson McLaughlin, Janice Garret and family, Hope McLaughlin, John and Ronda McLaughlin and family, and Mark and Carol Kortnik.