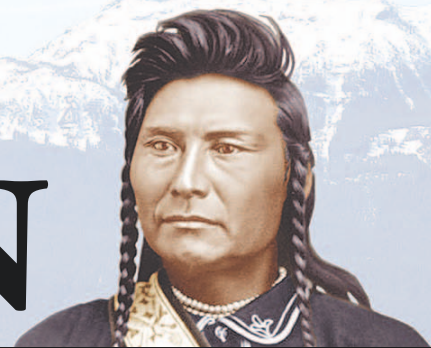




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Joseph, WCSO enjoy stable relationship

Sheriff's office contracts with neighboring town for 60 hours a week



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Wallowa County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Reeves patrols in Joseph Monday afternoon.

By Steve Tool
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As the City of Enterprise tries to decide whether to continue to have a city police department, one city in Wallowa County already has long experience contracting for patrolling services from the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office.

Dennis Sands, Joseph's

mayor, said the City of Joseph has contracted with WCSO for as long as he can remember. Sands says the extra service comes at a price that Joseph is willing to pay.

The agreement provides Joseph 60 hours of patrol coverage per week, about 1.5 full-time deputies' worth. This costs Joseph about \$9,500 per month, or about \$114,000 annually, and includes not only

salaries, but also benefits and vehicle maintenance. Wallowa County foots an additional \$38,000 as part of normal services.

Sands said WCSO runs over hours at times, particularly in summer, but does not charge for the overages. Patrolling costs increase slightly each year, and this year WCSO is negotiating with the union that represents the deputies.

"It'll be up a little, but whether we want to pay that much, I don't know," Sands said.

Sands said the city negotiates its contract with WCSO; it's not a "take-it-or-leave-it deal." He said Joseph usually gets a projected figure from WCSO around the time the city starts its budgeting process in May.

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Motel tax awards a letdown

'I feel like a bad guy,' councilor says; winners got half of what they asked for

By Kathleen Ellyn
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ENTERPRISE — It was hard to get a second to motions to deny awards when the spring cycle motel tax awards were handed out at the April 13 meeting of Enterprise City Council.

"I feel like a bad guy," said a downcast councilor Laura Miller as she announced the award committee recommendations.

"In all the years of city council this is the least amount we've ever granted," said Mayor Steve Lear.

Nevertheless, decisions had to be made and the awards committee looked hard at the scorecards before making their recommendations. In the end, Joseph Mountain Jubilee, Alpenfest, Enterprise Elks and Wallowa Valley Golf had to be denied entirely.

The winners from the paltry pot got approximately half of what they asked for: the Courthouse Concert Series, \$1,000; Enterprise Farmers Market, \$750; Bowlby Bash, \$1,000; GEMS flower baskets, \$1,000; Hells Canyon Mule Days, \$1,000; Maxville Heritage, \$200; Mountain High Broncs and Bulls, \$500; Wallowa Land Trust, \$200; and Wallowa Resources, \$250.

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'I really want to do this, and the public speaking is something I've always loved, and it's a passion.'



LADIES OF THE COURT

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Two princesses and newly crowned queen, Addie Kilgore. From left: Marli Tracy-Mallory, Kilgore, Jesse-Ellen Woodhead.

ADDIE KILGORE CROWNED AS CJD RODEO QUEEN

By Steve Tool
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It's year 70 for the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo, and while the rodeo itself doesn't take place until the last week in July, it's not a rodeo without a queen.

This year's coronation dinner took place on the evening of April 18 at the Joseph Community Center. The dinner followed on the heels of the year's second competition of the year for the CJD crown, held at the Harley Tucker Memorial Rodeo Grounds.

Jesse-Ellen Woodhead, Marli Tracy-Mallory and Addie Kilgore competed for the title. Judges graded the contestants on their horseback riding skills as well as rodeo ticket sales and public speaking. The announcement of the winner took place at the coronation dinner.



Tickets to the dinner sold out and the community center was packed with attendants. Along with the queen coronation, the event featured the announcement of the CJD Parade Grand Marshal, Judy Bothum, who was selected for her continuous support of the CJD rodeo, and role of designer for the rodeo court.

Diane Witherrite was selected as the recipient of the John Justin Standard of the West award. Only 100 of the approximately 675 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned rodeos receive the award. Witherrite received the award for her volunteer work with the rodeo.

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Marli Tracy-Mallory ridin' the rail during the April 18 competition for queen of the CJD Rodeo.



Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain

Brett Greenshields practices prior to the Eastern Oregon District FFA Ag Mechanics Contest at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. Greenshields helped his team take first in the beginning category and won an individual 10th place.

Schools' welders awash in awards

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Enterprise and Wallowa high schools both fielded FFA welding teams at the Eastern Oregon District Ag Mechanics Contest held at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario last Wednesday and they covered the county in glory.

Eight teams — from Enterprise, Wallowa, Emblar, Elgin, Union, North Powder, Pine Eagle and Baker — dropped their welding hoods and leaned in to weld their best beads.

The six-man beginning team from Enterprise won the eight-team competition, with Ethan Birkmaier also winning 1st High Individual in a field of 27. Chris Bathke was 8th overall and Brett Greenshields was 10th.

Birkmaier brought home some loot as well, winning an auto-darkening helmet, gloves and safety glasses donated by Norco. Chris Bathke and Brett Greenshields also took home safety glasses and gloves from Norco.

Wallowa High's beginning team was right behind, winning 3rd with their five-man Greenhand team of Michael Diggins, Ricky Prince, Kolby Moore, Ryan Hafer and C.J. Horn. Diggins also took home a second place High Individual Award. All members of the Greenhand team are 7th and 8th graders in the Discovery FFA program. Jeremy McCulloch, WHS ag instructor and FFA advisor, was really pleased with the young team, especially because they are competing against freshmen and even first year sophomores.

North Powder won the advanced competition, with the Enterprise four-man advanced team coming in 5th, in a hard-fought contest where unexpected tests challenged the competitors. In the end the gap between 1st and 5th place was only 12 points. Enterprise's Sonny Galli brought home an 8th High Individual award in a field of 33 competitors.

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