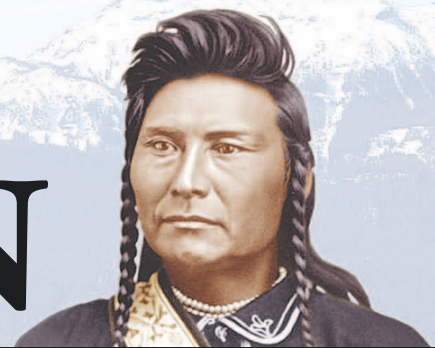




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Small business gets a new champion

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Marc Stauffer has a new title but he's going to be doing the same work of developing businesses in Wallowa County.

Stauffer was named the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) business advisor for Wallowa County and began his duties May 7.

Many Wallowa County

residents are already familiar with the previous business facilitation program managed by Wallowa County Business Facilitation (WCBF) and modeled on the Sirolli model of business facilitation.

Stauffer was a member of the WCBF board in addition to serving on numerous other boards and work committees including working on the ORS 244 Ethics Legislation, for the Governor's Office of

Rural Policy, as chair of the Enterprise Budget Committee, as commissioner and chair of the Enterprise City Planning Commission and twice as candidate for Wallowa County Commissioner. The business facilitation



Stauffer

group recently determined that Wallowa County was "ready for a change from the Sirolli model," Stauffer said. To that end the group has renamed itself Wallowa County Business Development (WCBD) and sought partnership in the Blue Mountain Community College SBDC.

The change provides for both a slightly more supportive program for individuals with business ideas and a

much broader and deeper network of assistance through the Blue Mountain Community College system, Stauffer said.

"The Blue Mountain SBDC provides a much richer set of resources, business models and training," he said.

The program supports 20 centers in Oregon alone, is administered in 1,000 counties around the country, and works under a federal partnership

with community colleges and universities nationwide.

This interconnectedness will allow Stauffer to reach a much wider group of professionals who can aid businesses at various points in their development. "Part of my job is to be a clearing house when people come to me," Stauffer explained. "I need to know where to send them."

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CHEERS

City fetes new water system

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Wallowa City residents gave city council a vote of confidence on the new water project at the Town Hall Meeting May 19.

The \$3 million-plus water update project, funded by a Community Development Block Grant, included the replacement of 425 water meters, 10,000 feet of mainline, 4,000 feet of service line, a new well and pump station on Douglas Street and reservoir on Green Hill. The system benefited approximately 808 people, 31 percent of whom were of low to moderate income. The project effectively doubled the city's water supply.

Construction is now complete.

"It seems to be a good working system," said Travis Schaeffer, public works assistant.

Now, residents of Wallowa are discovering that a fully functional water system reveals the flaws in their own water lines. There were approximately 90 leaks discovered in April.

"Our meter system detects leaks and we try to help residents figure out where in the service line that leak is," said Travis Goebel, public works supervisor.

Another learning curve facing city residents is paying attention to water usage.

"We've had free rein with our water so far," said Goebel, "but I don't think people are going to want to run their sprinklers all day anymore; sprinklers are our highest usage."

The city has provided a handout informing folks of how much water is used in various activities and public works performed a test of their own, discovering two lawn sprinklers created a flow rate of 8 gallons per minute.

Residents will not be charged the new rates until August to give them time to work out any bugs in their own water piping and learn how to use their water more efficiently. Water fees will go up \$1 from \$27 to \$28 for the first 7,500 gallons and 50 cents for every 750 gallons thereafter.

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Wallowa water system project engineer Troy Baker, of La Grande firm Anderson Perry and Associates, demonstrates use of the control panel inside the new well house.



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Country artist to play for cemetery

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Up-and-coming country music singer Cale Moon may spend a lot of time playing Tootsie's Orchid Lounge in Nashville these days, but he's not too busy to stop by Enterprise's OK Theatre to do a May 31 benefit performance for the Enterprise Cemetery. It's scheduled for 4 p.m.

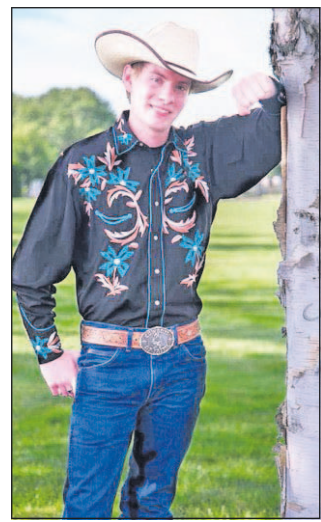
Moon, 21, was born in Elko, Nev., moved to the Tri-Cities area of Washington at the age of 10, but his Wallowa Valley roots run deep.

"I spent all my summers on my grandfather's cattle ranch in Enterprise. My mom's side of the family has been there since the 1880s, and my dad's side since 1900, so I've got a lot of family there. It's been more of a second home than anywhere else," Moon explained.

The young singer doesn't recall when he started getting the itch to become a musician. "Music's always been a part of my life. When I was 12, my voice changed from high soprano to a baritone overnight," Moon said.

Though he played with the idea of becoming a musician at the time, Moon had more interest in acting. In 2009, he competed for Team USA in the World Championship of Performing Arts in Hollywood, where he walked away with 14 medals in various categories, including acting and modeling as well as performing. "It was kind of like the Olympics for performing arts," Moon said.

That was also the year he learned to play guitar, and he eventually decided a career



Courtesy Photo

Country music artist Cale Moon of Benton City, Wash., is giving a May 31 benefit performance at the OK Theatre for the Enterprise Cemetery.

in music was more to his liking, and Moon dedicated himself toward that end. "It connects you to so many things, and you can express so many things in music. At 15, I decided that's what I wanted to do for the rest of my life," he said.

Moon already has two albums under his belt: the 2011 release, "The Beginning," and 2013's "True Love Waits."

Among Moon's biggest music influences are country singers Josh Turner, George Strait, Vince Gill and more recently, Josh Thompson. Moon also sings a lot of country gospel. "I like to give a bit of a tithe back to where the gifts came from. I don't want to forget that God's the one that got me started in this and He's the one who deserves all the credit," Moon said.

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County voter turnout light

Voters in Joseph rejected the latest proposal there for fixing streets, and ballots cast in the Enterprise Cemetery District originally changed the character of that district's board, but little else in Wallowa County's May 19 election was a contest or object of debate.

Voter turnout county-wide was just 35.7 percent, according to the final unofficial tally from the Wallowa County Clerk's Office, which counted 1,650 ballots.

In terms of potential spending, the most conse-

quential matter before voters last week was the latest proposal for Joseph streets. Measure 32-38 would have added an \$11-per-month charge to city utility bills to pay for a bond of about \$1.3 million, and a companion item on the ballot, Measure 32-39, would have granted the city authority to temporarily raise in-town landowners' property tax if collections through the utility charge came up short of projections.

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'SCOTT AND I WOULD LIKE TO WORK THROUGH THIS'

Fauste returns to Innaha River Woods, with conditions

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Wallowa County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) may have had to call out the troops to rescue Shirley Scott, 63, from a reportedly armed and dangerous Scott Lee Fauste, 53, just nine days earlier, but when Fauste appeared in court the morning of May 20, he appeared as a man with friends who wanted to speak in his behalf.

Fauste, who was responsible for the May 11

multi-agency response to the remote Innaha River Woods area, is charged with unlawful use of a firearm, fourth degree assault, menacing and pointing a firearm at another.

Fauste told Wallowa County Circuit Court Judge Russ West he wanted his day in court and agreed to the restrictions placed upon him by the judge as he awaits a trial date. A court-appointed attorney will represent Fauste.

The judge noted that both marijuana and "a significant

amount of alcohol" appeared to have been involved in the initial incident and emphasized that continuing restrictions included an order of no contact with Shirley Scott and an ankle bracelet to monitor his location, no drugs or alcohol and no visits to a bar, submission to random urinary analysis tests as required, and no access to guns or weapons of any kind. He will also observe a curfew of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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