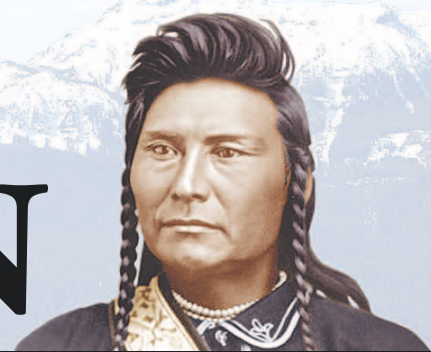




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3 Senior Living residents get 30-day notices

By Steve Tool

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Three local families with members residing at Wallowa Valley Senior Living reportedly received letters from the facility stating that the residents' needs now exceeded the care level offered there. The letter also indicated the residents had 30 days to find other options.

A spokesperson for the affected families said that all plan to appeal the notices.

The three affected individuals were residents of the nursing home the local health care district operated before Wallowa Valley Senior Living (WVSL), an assisted living facility, was built.

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Crawford no longer a full-timer

By Steve Tool

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Retiring Enterprise High School teacher Mike Crawford can look back at a distinguished teaching and coaching career after 27 years of instructing students in the finer points of mathematics and athletics.



Crawford

Raised in Halfway, Crawford's father moved to Joseph just as Crawford was starting his college career at Oregon State University. Crawford returned to Joseph during his first summer off, and eventually met and married his wife, Tammy, who is from Joseph.

Crawford graduated from OSU in 1981 after a detour into education from computer science. Crawford said a phone call during his junior year of college from the father of his best man, who was an administrator at Arlington High School, changed his course of action.

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Historic lodge goes up for sale

By Kathleen Ellyn

Wallowa County Chieftain

The late Steve Larson, last manager and co-owner of Wallowa Lake Lodge, was a preservationist, taking pride in restoring and maintaining the historical ambiance of the 1923 lodge.

The new owner ... we shall see. Historic Wallowa Lake Lodge is for sale and the deadline for getting your sealed bid in on the 8.46-acre, lake front property is July 29. The minimum bid is \$2,750,000 and Bank of Eastern Oregon has agreed to handle the financing for qualified buyers.

Larson and his business partner Marc Zwerling have owned the property since 1990.

Larson, an avid hiker, had been talking about retiring and spending his time on the trails for the last three years, said current lodge manager



Courtesy photo

Wallowa Lake Lodge in summer.

Laura Cosgrove.

"It's a lot of responsibility, a daunting responsibility, to run this place," she said. "It's like putting on a Broad-

way performance."

When Larson died last July, Zwerling took action on those delayed retirement plans.

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Laura Cosgrove, lodge manager

NW Realty Marketing of Portland is handling the sale. NW Realty Marketing is the same well-known auction company that handled the sale of the Minam River Lodge and, more recently, the former Sterling Bank building in Enterprise.

NW Realty Marketing puts out sales catalogs on hundreds of rural and commercial properties and sells via auction.

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This Breadwinner '29er' will be hidden somewhere in the Wallows the week of July 13

This map shows the location of the 7 Wonders.

Travel Oregon map



The custom Wallowa County bike built by Breadwinner Cycles of Portland.

Courtesy photo Aaron Marineau



SCAVENGER HUNT

'7 BIKES 7 WONDERS' TO HIDE BIKE IN WALLOWAS

By Kathleen Ellyn

Wallowa County Chieftain

Get ready to get your hands on a one-of-a-kind custom-made Wallowas mountain bike.

Travel Oregon has announced a new tourism booster event designed to excite the bicycle riders of the state. They're calling it the "7 Bikes 7 Wonders" scavenger hunt to complement the record-setting "Seven Wonders of Oregon" campaign.

Travel Oregon began the popular Seven Wonders campaign in 2014 and named Mt. Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, Smith Rock, the Coast, Crater Lake, the Painted Hills and the Wallowas as

the 7 Wonders of Oregon. That campaign was so successful that Travel Oregon's fan base grew by more than 120,000 in just one year.

Now, Travel Oregon has announced that seven Oregon bike-makers have made seven custom bikes for each of the Wonder areas and those bikes will be hidden near each of the Wonders — ready to be claimed by some lucky bicyclist.

A scavenger hunt, which begins June 15 with the Mt. Hood bike, will reveal clues to each bike's exact whereabouts, focusing on a different bike hidden at a different Wonder each week. The first clue will be shared online on Mondays, the second online mid-week, and the final clue will be available only if you travel to the area. Clues will be posted at TravelOregon.com/7Bikes7Wonders and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using the hashtag #7bikes7wonders.

The Wallowas will hide a "29er" bike designed for wide-open spaces built by Ira Ryan and Tony Pereira of Breadwinner Cycles, Portland. The bike will be featured the week of July 13.

"We designed this bike to be a long-distance, go-anywhere sort of explorer machine, because the Wallowas region offers a huge landscape," Ryan said. "The only limitation to a bike like this is where you can pedal. So this is like the old horse of the bike world — it gets you up the steep pitches, down the trail. It's a rugged, faithful companion."

The Wallowas bike has the frame, clearance and structure to go anywhere, Ryan said. "It reflects how most people ride in the Wallowas — big stretches of valleys and then rugged terrain surrounding."

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Enterprise saves \$850K on water project

Money will be used for hydrants, other 'alternative additives'

By Kathleen Ellyn
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The City of Enterprise just saved \$858,000 on the construction bill for its water system improvement project.

Enterprise City Council

voted Monday night to accept a low bid of \$3.4 million for completion of the project from Warrington Construction Corporation of Oregon, a large firm out of Ontario. The city had budgeted \$4.1 million for the project. This amount included a contin-

gency fund.

In all, the city received four bids ranging from \$3.24 to \$4.97 million, with Warrington Construction being the lowest bid.

The \$858,000 savings meant that the city could immediately include the five

"alternative additives": 57 new fire hydrants, rehabilitation of the concrete reservoir, an epoxy coating for the concrete reservoir and other projects identified as "needed work."

These projects had been placed on the additives list

in case the bids received did not allow for their immediate completion.

The Warrington's contract amount up to \$3.9 million, leaving the city a healthy \$557,000 in the contingency fund.

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