

# RULE: Author's suit given new life

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Defendant Swart offered a starkly different portrayal of the situation. "This is basically a procedural issue," he wrote in an email. "Every single case in the state of Washington that had an appeal pending under the anti-SLAPP statute has been remanded to a lower court because of the Davis vs. Cox ruling, which is a totally separate case and had nothing to do with us. Ann Rule has admitted in court, contrary to her false claims, there were no false statements about her

in my article. That's why her suit was dismissed in the first place. I look forward to dispatching it a second time so I can work on more important things such as the domestic violence legislation that Liysa wrote and with my help got passed by the legislature and signed into law this year."

The 2014 dismissal included a \$10,000 award to each of the defendants, an automatic provision under the anti-SLAPP law, but those awards have now gone by the boards with the law's invalidation.

# CONTRACT: Davy will stay at hospital

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available for them, and that's what brought me back," Davy said.

Davy's desire to return to the region just happened to coincide with the departure of previous CEO, Dave Harman. "It was about then that Enterprise called and asked if I'd be interested in coming back, and it fit," Davy said.

Originally planning to retire to this area anyway, Davy had kept his house, which made the move especially easy. "Now we're close to the kids and grandkids, and we have parents here as well," Davy said.

Among the highlights of Davy's tenure as CEO, he counts getting the old hospital's debt paid off and getting the hos-

pital back on track financially. "We could have easily lost the hospital. Of course it wasn't just me, but building the new hospital really helped solidify health care here for generations," Davy said. He credits the hospital staff for its ability to adjust to the rapid changes in health care, keeping pace with these to provide a solid foundation in the county's health care.

"I can't take sole credit for any of it, but I got to be in this office when it happened," Davy said.

WCHCD Board chairman, Nick Lunde, said the board had no qualms about extending Davy's contract. "We're lucky to have Larry. He's done a great job as CEO of this hospital. We couldn't be more pleased he's staying with us."

# REPAIRS: Work starts on Forest Service buildings

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The city and MHIC were unable to agree on terms and MHIC moved its offices to Enterprise and then Joseph.

"We never wanted this," said Wallowa County Mayor Vikki Knifong. "(Maxville Director) Gwen Trice worked so hard on getting it for Maxwell, and then she backed out. The city had to be a pass-through in that deal and now we're stuck with

(the compound). We'd like to find someone who is a good fit and wants to take it on."

However, the city has been unable to find a renter that fits the requirements that the compound be used as a historical and cultural interpretation and education center, be managed by a non-profit, and be managed in a way that protects the historic values of the compound — and is willing to foot the repair bills.

# HOLIDAY: Plenty to do this weekend

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The menu includes ham or sausage, eggs, juice or other beverage. No Boundaries will perform live music Friday at 1 p.m.

Also on Saturday, the 32nd annual Lostine River Run offers competitors distances of 1 mile, 5K and 10K along the beautiful Lostine River Canyon. Check-in and late registration is from 7 to 8 a.m., and the 5K and 10K events start at 9 a.m. See the Eastern Oregon Sports Training website (e-sportstraining.com) for more information.

## TROY

The small community celebrates Independence Day with a parade, horseshoe tournament, kids' games, food served by the Troy Resort, a street dance with the Alibis, and a fireworks show at dusk.

## WALLOWA LAKE

The spectacular "Shake the Lake" fireworks show promises to be the highlight of Wallowa County's 4th, as Bruce Lawson's Ontario firm, Homeland Fireworks, again provides the pyrotechnic artistry that

takes full advantage of the beautiful setting. The Wallowa County Sheriff's Office lends a huge assist in making the show possible, moving docks beforehand. Vicki Searles, executive director of the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, says this year's show will be about as large as last year's, when additional fireworks were included. It starts around 10 p.m. and lasts 20-25 minutes.

At the beginning of this week, the Wallowa County Chamber, located in Enterprise, reported it was still about \$3,500 short of its fundraising goal to continue providing the Shake the Lake show, and anyone who donates \$25 or more to the County Chamber before Monday, July 6, will be entered into a July 6 drawing for a Snake River boat trip provided by Beamer's Landing of Clarkston, Wash. The Chamber's phone number is 541-426-4622.

Also at Wallowa Lake on the 4th, look for Uncle Sam (played by Troy Berglund), who will be accepting donations to help cover the Joseph Chamber of Commerce's monetary contribution to the show.

# BUCKAROO: 20 expected

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Pendleton Rodeo contacts lent Chief Joseph Days Rodeo equipment from their own Children's Rodeo. Now the Little Buckaroos in Wallowa County can milk the (wooden) cow, ride the (teeter totter) bull, rope the (dummy) steer, untie a bow from a goat's tail, and race stick horses.

There's no admission charge to the July 22 event.

Competitors must be residents of Wallowa County, preschool through 16, and be in an Individual Education Program (IEP) to qualify.

"I'm prepared for 20 competitors," Scudder said. "The first year you hold an event it's always by guess and by golly, but my heart's really into it and I want to make it a success."

Each participant will get a cowboy hat, a lariat, a T-shirt

and a photo of themselves with a local or rodeo cowboy. A cowboy mentor will accompany each child as they compete.

Competitors are also welcome to be in the parade on the Little Buckaroo hay wagon.

Scudder is currently looking for both competitors and mentors for this event. Here in Wallowa County the first guy to sign up as a mentor was Barrie Qualle of Joseph. Deputy Fred Steen also volunteered depending upon his availability — he's timing slack times that same morning. Volunteers are usually easy to find for this gig because it's such a lot of fun.

To enter your child or volunteer as a cowboy/cowgirl mentor, contact Scudder at 509-629-3139 or scudderdeb6@gmail.com. She's also on Facebook.



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