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City cuts public from police chief hiring

‘You’ll have to do a public records request,’ city administrator says

By **Kathleen Ellyn**
Wallowa County Chieftain

Enterprise City Council has backed off of plans to keep the public informed as they move toward hiring a new police chief.

The council originally in-

dictated that a public meeting would be held to allow Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts, who led a team to study the efficacy of the current force and identify the needs to the city, to present his findings before the public.

That promised meeting was

scheduled with very short notice and then quickly canceled and City Administrator Michele Young said that she no longer knew if Roberts would make that presentation.

“I don’t know if we’ll have Police Chief Stuart Roberts come to speak to the public,”

Young said.

In addition, the document produced by Roberts’ team will not be readily available.

“Right now the document (Roberts’ final report) is in the hands of the attorney and will be available,” Young said. “You’ll have to do a public

records request.”

Roberts led a team of small city chiefs of police in a close investigation of policies and procedures of the police force in Enterprise after



Roberts

the resignation of former police Chief Wes Kilgore.

The service was provided by Oregon Association Chiefs of Police to help the city decide whether or not to hire a new chief or consider a contract with the Wallowa County Sheriff’s Office.

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CJD in full swing

JOSEPH — Chief Joseph Days got off to its traditional free-spirited start Tuesday with a stampede of horses down Main Street, ushering in CJD’s 70th anniversary celebration spanning nearly the entire week.

At the heart of it all is a PRCA rodeo starting with a Wednesday family night performance and continuing nightly through Saturday. (See today’s Wallowa County Life section for stories on the rodeo stock and on cowboy standings in the Harley Tucker Series). Following the rodeo each night is a dance in the Thunder Room, located on the rodeo grounds.

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County’s budgeting tightens

By **Steve Tool**
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With stagnant or falling county revenue and increasing county expenses, the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners finds it increasingly difficult to make ends meet with the county’s budget.

Commission Chairman Mike Hayward isn’t complaining about the budget, although it adds to the board’s stress levels. “What we’ve seen over time is that the amount of new or additional money has struggled to keep up with the costs of wages and benefits. We’ve gotten additional new money in the way of grants, but they’re for specific things, but don’t help with the overall operation of the county,” Hayward said.

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from Princess to GRAND MARSHAL



Judy Bothum poses with a photograph of her saddle bronc riding husband, J. Shirly Bothum, who later became a rancher and famed western artist.



Courtesy Photo
2015 Chief Joseph Days Parade Grand Marshall, Judy Bothum, in her CJD court days astride her famous horse, Blackie.

I was very surprised when they came to my house and told me. I just want to do a good job for Chief Joseph Days and its people.

Judy Bothum’s CJD ties span years

GRAND PARADE
Saturday, July 25
10 A.M.
Main Street
Enterprise

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The road from American Junior Rodeo competitor to 1958 Chief Joseph Days princess to 2015 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo parade grand marshal may be a long one, but it’s been pleasant for lifelong rodeo aficionado Judy Bothum. Whether it’s competing on the court,

in the arena or serving as fashion designer for the Chief Joseph Days court, Bothum has nothing but good things to say about her rodeo experiences.

“Our 1958 court was a great team, we really were. The chaperon was Roseanne O’Brien, the queen was Janis Dougherty and the other princess was Judy Begley. It was a fun year,” Bothum said.

According to Bothum, O’Brien

had exquisite taste and she took the court to Portland to shop at a store called “The New York Store,” a high-end western store at the time. “We had the first outfits with any embroidery, rose-colored, with white embroidery, both the shirt and the pants, and we had white belts, hats and boots,” Bothum said.

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A COLORFUL FEAST OF FRIENDSHIP AND DANCE

Dominique Ellenwood of Lapwai, Idaho, swirls in the Fancy Shawl Dance, the only women’s dance event that has the spirit and action of the male war-dance. Ellenwood took third in the competition at Tamkaliks last weekend. For coverage of Tamkaliks, see page A12.



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Library gets surprise gift

By **Steve Tool**
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JOSEPH — No one goes to work expecting to get notified of a \$19,000 gift from someone they don’t know, but that’s exactly what happened to Genene Kingsford, librarian of the Joseph City Library. The library learned that someone named Hubert “Al” Albee, from Milton-Freewater, had left the library more than \$19,000 in his will.

Neither Kingsford or anyone on the library’s board could remember who the person was.

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