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The NRA banquet was a success. Hundreds came out, and hundreds of thousands were raised.
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No jail time for batterer
By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

An Imnaha man has been sentenced to 40 days on a work crew and 36 months of probation in connection to an assault on his girlfriend.
Scott Lee Fouste, 53, was sentenced in Wallowa County Circuit Court Oct. 14 by Judge Brian C. Dretke after pleading guilty to assault in the 4th degree, constituting domestic violence; menacing, constituting domestic violence; and unlawful use of a weapon against another, a class C felony.
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Giving Day adopted by Joseph City Council
By Steve Tool
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Joseph became the first city in the state to pass a resolution proclaiming Dec. 1 as #OregoniansGive on #GivingTuesday at the Oct. 8 city council meeting.
#GivingTuesday started in 2012 and celebrates and encourages the collective power of philanthropy and giving. The day is observed annually the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
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Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain
Dolores and David Bridges and one of several fawns resting near the Wallowa Lake Lodge, enjoy the view. The Bridges are two of the early investors in the bid to gain control of the lodge and preserve its natural resources from development.

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Group saves lodge, looks for like-minded partners

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Two fawns rest along the porch railing at the back entrance of Wallowa Lake Lodge. Further out on the grounds the rest of the small herd grazes peacefully. Standing at the foot of the porch steps, Lodge investors Dolores and David Bridges of Joseph silently enjoy the view. This closeness with nature is one of the reasons they love this place.
But the Bridges are ready to share this hidden jewel. They are looking forward to meeting new investors and seeing more people enjoying what

they hope will be “their” lodge in the coming months.
“It’s important that the lodge be saved,” David Bridges said. “We come here because we love the area and what it has to offer, including the history it represents. This lodge has been an important piece of contact (with history and nature) for over a hundred years and it has a vital future in front of it.”
The future of the lodge was in danger earlier this year when it went up for bid in a national auction.

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“
I wouldn’t get
into this if I
thought I was
losing money.”

Fishtrap director brings passion to the job

By Steve Tool
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After a search of several months, Fishtrap, a local organization devoted to writing about the west, has hired a new executive director, Shannon McNerney. The new director hails from Portland, where she was executive director of the Portland Symphonic Choir.
“I’m used to being behind the scenes, now that I’m out in front of everyone, it’s like, ‘Oh, I have to comb my hair,’” McNerney said with a laugh.
The new director is a product of the Willamette Valley who spent her formative years moving with her family.



McNerney

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around,” McNerney said.
She got her start in non-profit arts management through majoring in music in college at the University of Oregon where she was trained as a classical singer and a practicing flautist.
“The arts were always in my head. I grew up like that,” McNerney said.
In college, McNerney started teaching but soon realized she was meant for

something else.
“I loved the teaching part, but I didn’t like the routine or the predictability of someone dictating your schedule. It wasn’t the right thing to do,” she said.
McNerney eventually transitioned into an entry-level secretarial/marketing position with Oregon Catholic Press.

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