DeBoie on ballot despite halting campaign

By Steve Tool

Elections office will still be legally required to tally his votes

Wallowa County Chieftain

Former Wallowa County commissioner candidate Dan DeBoie has publicly withdrawn from the

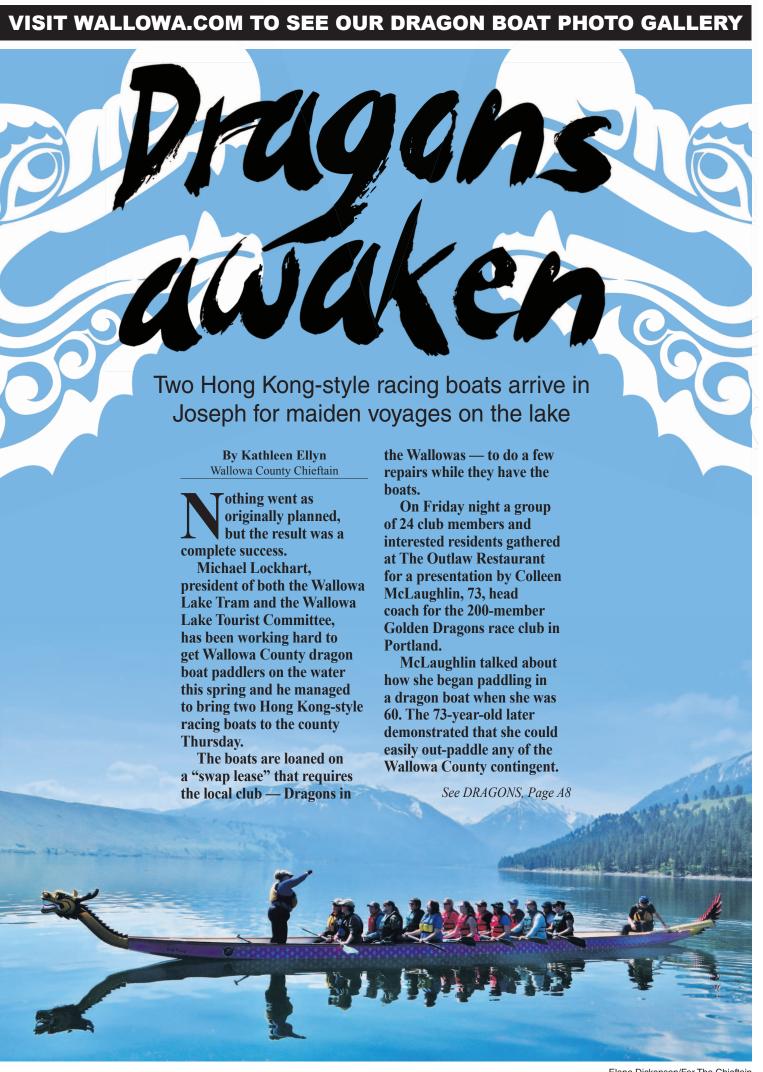
the May 17 primary ballot for the post, Wallowa County Clerk Dana Roberts said. Roberts said DeBoie did not tell the elections division of the Oregon Secretary of State's

race, but his name still appears on office of his intention to withdraw until late April, and the cutoff date to have a candidate's name removed from the ballot was March 11.

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Wallowa County ballot drop sites

- Wallowa City Hall, 211 E. 2nd St., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday
- Joseph City Hall, 201 N. Main St., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-
- Wallowa County Courthouse, 101 S. River St., Enterprise, 24hour dropbox outside, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday inside



Elane Dickenson/For The Chieftain

A pause in the middle of the lake for a lesson on paddle technique from Colleen McLaughlin as Dragons in the Wallowas club members take their boat on the water.

FBI arrests Idaho man possessing stolen machine gun in John Day

By Sean Hart Blue Mountain Eagle

The FBI arrested an Idaho man Friday in John Day for possessing an unregistered machine gun with the serial number removed.

Michael Ray Emry, 54, was arrested after agents served a federal search warrant on his trailer, truck and car at the Grant County Fairgrounds and RV Park where he had been staying, according to an FBI press release. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the John Day Police Department and the

Oregon State Police provided assistance

The criminal complaint filed by Special Agent Miguel Perez states agents found a fully automatic .50-caliber Browning M2 "Ma Deuce" machine gun with an obliterated serial number. The weapon was not registered to Emry in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, as required for fully automatic firearms.

After being arrested, Emry said the gun could fire 550-650 rounds per minute and that he took it from a shop where he worked in Idaho, according to Perez's complaint.

Perez also Emry took the gun without the shop owner's knowledge and destroyed

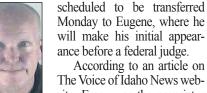
the serial number before transporting it from Idaho to Ore-

Emry is charged with unlawful possession of a machine gun not registered to him and unlawful possession of a fire-

arm with an obliterated serial

number. He was transported to

Deschutes County Jail and was



According to an article on The Voice of Idaho News website, Emry was the proprietor of that organization, as well as The Voice of North Idaho and The Voice of Grant County,

A Facebook post Friday from the The Voice of Grant County confirms he was arrested: "We don't know the charges — presumably it was because of the Malheur Occupation. Michael was there as media and nothing more."



Kathleen Ellyn/The Chieftain Bette Rooney of Enterprise with her dog Jitterbug. Rooney's love for pets and her business acumen led her to apply for the National Federation of Independent **Business/Dave Easton Young Entrepreneur Award. She won** a \$2,000 scholarship, one of only four awards given to Oregon students.

student \$2,000 award

Rooney among 100 nationally to earn scholarship

By Kathleen Ellyn Wallowa County Chieftain

Enterprise High senior Bettemariam (Bette) Rooney has won a \$2,000 National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)/Dave Easton Young Entrepreneur Award.

Only four such awards were given to Oregon students.

Students who receive the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards are seniors in high school who own and/or operate their own small business. The scholarships are used to help with tuition costs for the win-

ners' post-secondary education. Bette's winning idea was a business she created with her sister, Eyreus. The two joined the Mentor Match program, were matched with advisor Stacy Green and "went for it."

"We realized that the town had a fondness for their pets so we thought a good business would be pet treats and pet sitting," Bette said. "We created a logo and name and everything. (Mentor) Stacy was a lot of fun, she was always encouraging us to just jump in and see how it goes.'

The two sisters started their business during Bette's junior year and, as is typical for a startup, it was up and down for awhile — but this year the business grew.

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