



# WALLOWA COUNTY CHIEFTAIN

## DeBoie on ballot despite halting campaign



Elections office will still be legally required to tally his votes

**By Steve Tool**  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Former Wallowa County commissioner candidate Dan DeBoie has publicly withdrawn from the

race, but his name still appears on 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

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. Monday-Friday
- Wallowa County Courthouse, 101 S. River St., Enterprise, 24-hour dropbox outside, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday inside

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Two Hong Kong-style racing boats arrive in Joseph for maiden voyages on the lake

**By Kathleen Ellyn**  
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Nothing went as originally planned, but the result was a complete success.

Michael Lockhart, president of both the Wallowa Lake Tram and the Wallowa Lake Tourist Committee, has been working hard to get Wallowa County dragon boat paddlers on the water this spring and he managed to bring two Hong Kong-style racing boats to the county Thursday.

The boats are loaned on a "swap lease" that requires the local club — Dragons in

the Wallows — to do a few repairs while they have the boats.

On Friday night a group of 24 club members and interested residents gathered at The Outlaw Restaurant for a presentation by Colleen McLaughlin, 73, head coach for the 200-member Golden Dragons race club in Portland.

McLaughlin talked about how she began paddling in a dragon boat when she was 60. The 73-year-old later demonstrated that she could easily out-paddle any of the Wallowa County contingent.

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



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.

## EHS student wins \$2,000 award

Rooney among 100 nationally to earn scholarship

**By Kathleen Ellyn**  
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Enterprise High School 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 winners' 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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## FBI arrests Idaho man possessing stolen machine gun in John Day

**By Sean Hart**  
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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 said Emry took the gun without the shop owner's knowledge and destroyed the serial number before transporting it from Idaho to Oregon.

Emry is charged with unlawful possession of a machine gun not registered to him and unlawful possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number. He was transported to Deschutes County Jail and was



Emry

scheduled to be transferred Monday to Eugene, where he will make his initial appearance before a federal judge.

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, Oregon.

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."

