



WALLOWA COUNTY CHIEFTAIN



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Enterprise teacher Tammy Crawford shares a laugh with a student.

Teacher calls it a career

Tammy Crawford will retire after 26 years at Enterprise Elementary

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

Tammy Crawford is a happy woman. On June 10, Crawford will walk out the doors of Enterprise Elementary for the last time as a teacher, wrapping up a 30-year career as an educator.

But as sweet as retirement is going to be — more time with her grandsons, visits with friends, more golf, time for projects she's put off, time with the mules — it's not the retirement that makes Crawford such a happy woman.

IT'S ALWAYS A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO COM- MITTS THEMSELVES TO SERVING THE DISTRICT SO LONG AND WITH SUCH DEDICATION AS TAMMY CRAWFORD.

High School Principal Blake Carlsen

It's the fact that she got to spend 26 years teaching in the same school; seeing the children of her first students come back, building relationships and experiencing new challenges daily.

Crawford grew up in Joseph, her maiden name is Brennan and she's number six of the eight chil-

dren Mike and Florence Brennan raised. She attended Oregon State University and then on to Eastern Oregon University and earned degrees in elementary education and physical education and some extra certifications along the way.

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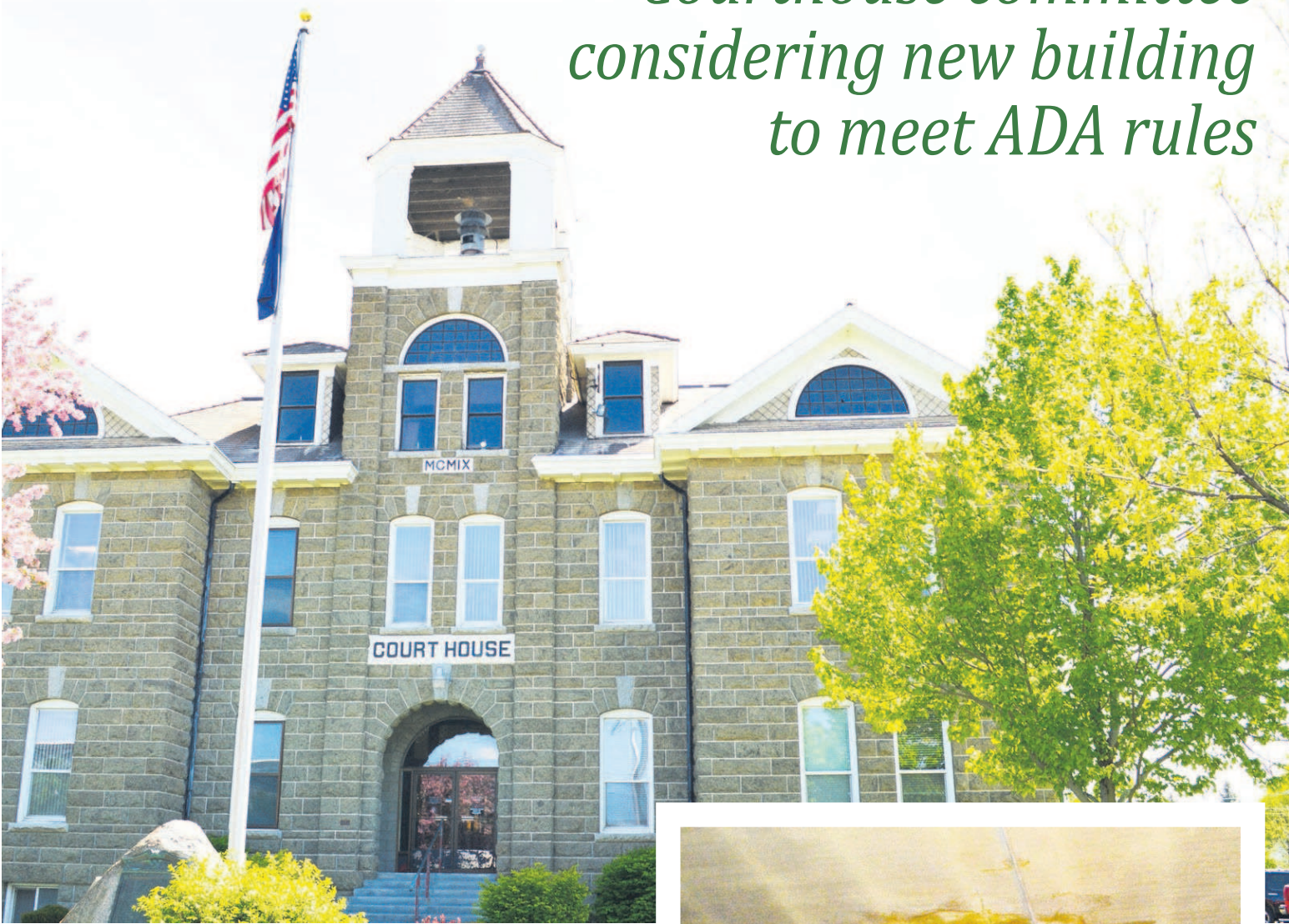


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Friends of Family Farmers Rural Organizer Kelly Crane gets the discussion going during the listening session at Hurricane Creek Grange on May 10. The sessions are conducted all across Oregon every other year.

COST OF COMPLIANCE

Courthouse committee considering new building to meet ADA rules



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The Wallowa County Courthouse — still standing after more than a century.

By Steve Tool
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An aging Wallowa County Courthouse building has local officials considering the option of building a new courthouse.

The county has secured a \$1.25 million fire/life/safety grant from the Oregon Department of Justice to bring the Wallowa County Circuit Court into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and address other safety issues. In this case,

compliance may require a new building rather than renovations.

The ADA requires that an elevator be available for accessing the second-floor courtroom. Also, extensive fire suppression and electrical upgrades are necessary. Former commissioner Mike Hayward obtained the grant for the county after submitting an application to the Association of Oregon Counties.

The Oregon Legislature approved a recommendation from Oregon's Chief Justice for a \$2.5 million grant to be split between Wallowa and Malheur counties.



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Rain damage on the third floor of the courthouse.

The grant is funded from criminal fines.

A Courthouse Improvement Committee was formed by the commissioners to examine all of the possibilities to utilize the grant. The committee is composed

of various Enterprise and Wallowa County officials, including the judges who sit on the court, the court staff, the district attorney, county commissioners and others.

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County's ag groups air issues

Local concerns match small-farm concerns statewide

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Three representatives of Friends of Family Farmers (FoFF) met more than a dozen interested residents at Hurricane Creek Grange on May 10 during a "listening session" for Wallowa County.

The purpose of the listening session was to hear from Wallowa County farmers, ranchers, gardeners, caterers and others associated with agriculture on a family-farm level about their primary concerns.

The brainstorming session identified dozens of areas of concern, which were then whittled down to the top three areas for the group present:

- Agricultural labor
- Access to small processing plants for meat, grains and vegetables
- Expanding the Farm to School program to industrial users such as local schools and the hospital

The lack of community-sized processing or access to processing is a priority issue that FoFF has already committed to taking to the legislature, as is expansion of Oregon's Farm to School program.

Other issues that the FoFF facilitators will be taking back to their head office for consideration include establishing GMO-free zones, dealing with pesticide or herbicide trespass, water resources management and additional funding sources for farmers who want to preserve their farms through land trusts.

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Montana couple facing multiple felonies after arrest near Wallowa



Amanda Carper



Baltimore Carper

By Steve Tool
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Local law enforcement authorities arrested a couple from Montana over two days — Thursday and Friday — while investigating a tip that the wanted pair, who own property near Wallowa, could be

in the area.

Wallowa County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police teamed up to arrest Baltimore Leon Carper, 35, and Amanda Renee Carper, 28, on multiple weapons charges as well as possession

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election results

The Chieftain went to press Tuesday afternoon before Oregon's primary election results were available. Please visit Wallowa.com for those results.

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