

# More than 200 rainbow trout confiscated

## OUT OF THE PAST

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### 100 YEARS AGO May 18, 1916

- The Don Carlos mine, a lead and zinc prospect in Hurricane creek canyon, has been leased by F.D. McCully to Colorado men, under a bond. The lessees expect to start development work on the property about July 1. Present high prices of metals make a mine carrying lead and zinc very inviting.

- Snake river is not so far away as it was in early days. On Monday Jay H. Dobbin left his sheep camp in the canyon at 11 a.m. riding horseback to the top, to Joe Clemens' place, where his automobile was waiting. Driving the car at a fair speed, he reached home much before dark.

- T.M. Dill and Duncan McLean were both very painfully injured when Sheriff Edgar Marvin's automobile upset in the canyon of the Wallowa river last Friday. A spoke of one wheel broke, causing the accident.

- News from Troy: Miss Minnie Young is now post-mistress at Grouse. It is hoped she will be successful in her new duties..... T. H. Valen has been remodeling his store house and has opened up a hotel for the



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#### Date and location unknown.

convenience of the public at Troy .... The road from Troy to Grouse and Bartlett is in bad condition – almost impassable with any kind of vehicle. In many places there are deep cuts standing full of water, with quantities of rocks falling down from the steep hills above.

### 70 YEARS AGO May 23, 1946

- The editor and his family will leave next week for a month to give the readers of The Chieftain a much needed rest.

- Only 20 percent of the registered voters in Wallowa county turned out to cast their ballots at the primary election held last Friday. Total registration was 3,240 and total

votes cast were 668.

- W.C. Dorrance, Wallowa county pioneer breeder of registered Hereford cattle, and son, Tom Dorrance, recently sold the remainder of their choice herd to O.H. Walker. Mr. Walker's herd now has all Dorrance females, several of which are sired by the famous O. Prince Domino 32nd.

- Eighteen veterans of World Wars I and II met last Tuesday to organize an American Legion post at Joseph. The name of the new organization is "Wallowa Lake Post".

- News from Lostine: Mr. and Mrs. Guest, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tippet, are taking over the Nibs Inn and will occupy the apartment of Mr.

and Mrs. Dean Jones during the summer .... Bruce Moffit, valedictorian of the Lostine high school graduating class, has received an honorary subscription to the Readers Digest as an award for being the outstanding member of the class.

### 50 YEARS AGO May 19, 1966

- Photo caption: Two groups of fishermen paid a total of \$480 for this fine mess of fish which they caught on the opening day of trout season. Officer Dean Harrison of the Oregon State Police is shown here with the 227 Rainbow trout and a steelhead which he confiscated from six people.

- Karen Quinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Quinn of Joseph, was crowned queen of the 1966 Chief Joseph Days at the queen's dance last Saturday night.

- What was left of the old Thorp mill on the site of the old East Oregon Lumber Co. was largely destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire was reported about 10 p.m. by Mrs. Anna Mae Stein who lives east of the property..... the fire was started by some small boys who tried to burn out an ant pile, constructed mostly out of sawdust. The ant pile was under one of the wooden loading ramps and the fire soon got out of control.

- Classified ads: For rent, 3-room partially furnished house. \$37.50 per month. .... For sale, 3 bedroom home, \$4,500.

### 25 YEARS AGO May 23, 1991

- Wallowa County voters passed all three county-wide levies decided on the May 21 mail-in ballot by a comfortable margin this week. A total of 66 percent of all the county's registered voters participated in the election.

- New Joseph FFA officers installed at the annual spring banquet recently were: Ryan Hook, Tony Daggett, Shan-Rae Hook, Jake Roberts, Wayne Lathrop and Jarrod Horner.

- Photo caption: the 1991

Chief Joseph Days Court members, Princess Dawnette Waters, Queen Jill Yost and Princess Teah Jones, show off the luxury horse trailer donated for their use by D/D Trailers of Vemco.

- Representing the Joseph Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges while planting a "living legacy" tree in Joseph park recently were Bruce Dunn, Una Makin, Bob Zacharias, Martha Zacharias and Ella Daggett.

- Photo caption: Wallowa's Richard Eoff, pictured here heading down the home stretch at the District 8 meet in La Grande, won the 800 meter state championship at Springfield last weekend. Eoff's time was 1:56.4, the best in the state over the last nine years.

#### Last week's photo

Donna Butterfield, Joseph High School class of 1957, and James Estes, class of 1955, contacted The Chieftain to say that last week's photo was of the Joseph High School class of 1956. Butterfield identified those in the photo as: front row, left to right — Jim Marks, Sandra Benson, Margie Talbott, Jane Sannar, Susie Bird and Janice Gibbs; Middle row — Mrs. Ruth Brown (teacher), Mac Isley, Ted Daggett, Norman Kotz and Don Amhart; Back row — Ray Mallon, Leland Moore, Malcolm Neil and Alvin Dylerya.

# Wallowa Valley homecoming for new Fishtrap hire

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

Sometimes the journey leading to your passion can wind up at your own doorstep.

Christian Ambrosion, Fishtrap's new development coordinator, spent his high school years in Joseph, returned after a circuitous route through college and as a practicing attorney before discovering that what he wanted all along was in the Wallowa Valley.

At age 15, Ambrosion moved with his parents Rodd and Mary Ambrosion from Lake Oswego to the Wallowa Valley. After graduation from Joseph High School, he attended a small liberal arts university in Ohio and obtained a degree in anthropology before departing westward and attending Willamette University, where he earned a law degree.

From the university, Ambrosion moved back to the familiar territory of Redmond and on to Portland where he practiced criminal defense law. After three years, he found himself unhappy with his career choice.

"I didn't like the atmosphere of the profession; I guess," he said.

After serious thought he decided to switch gears. After seeing a Fishtrap Facebook post with the development coordinator position listed he applied. He started work around March 15.

Fishtrap's development coordinator essentially is a fundraising position.

"It's grant maintenance. I work with our Portland grant writer, and I also work on acquiring the grants, researching grants and reports. Really, anything to do with fundraising."



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#### Fishtrap's new development coordinator Christian Ambrosion.

Ambrosion carried an abiding interest in the organization since attending Fishtrap College during his high school days. He also knew many of the key members who were friends of his parents.

"I've always had an appreciation of Fishtrap through school participation and just socially. I'm very excited to be a part of this, and it's been an important part of my life. It's a great organization that can touch the faces of people's

lives, and it excites me to be a part of that mission."

Executive Director Shannon McEnerney is happy to have Ambrosion aboard at Fishtrap.

"Christian brings Fishtrap a truly local perspective on the work we do in the community," she said. "His strong desire to work in the arts, especially in Wallowa County, led him to start volunteering with the Joseph Center and eventually apply for the position with Fishtrap. As both a Joseph graduate and past Fishtrap College participant, he has an experience of Wallowa County that has already helped us out a great deal. Plus, he's got a great sense of humor and knows his way around a sentence. He is a great addition to a very talented team."

Ambrosion has no regrets about dropping his law career and returning to his former home. He enjoys spending time at Wallowa Lake, jogging, playing guitar and spending time with friends. He is very happy that the valley's sense of community hasn't changed

through his absence.

"It's friendly as ever and open and accepting as ever. It very much feels like home to me."

#### Fishtrap receives \$10,000 NEA Art Works grant

Fishtrap will receive a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in support of the 29th Summer Fishtrap Gathering, July 10-16 at Wallowa Lake. Fishtrap is one of 17 arts organizations in the state of Oregon to receive a grant during this award cycle, and one of just two east of the Cascades.

"To have the NEA recognize Summer Fishtrap is a tremendous honor," said Fishtrap Executive Director Shannon McEnerney. "This summer marks the 29th gathering at Wallowa Lake which continues to provide writers of all abilities space to create, access to top-notch instructors, and a chance to connect with people who are passion-

ate about good writing—all in one of Oregon's most beautiful settings. We know it's something special."



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