

THE SCENE



Thursday, July 14
 • Music for Wild Places featuring Kai Welch, 7 p.m. at the OK Theatre. theoldok.com
 • Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp faculty, 5:30 p.m. at the Wallowa County Courthouse
Friday, July 15
 • The Bad Penny Pleasurers, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity
Saturday, July 16
 • Simon Tucker, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity
Wednesday, July 20
 • Liver Down The River, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity
Thursday, July 21
 • The Noncommittals, 5:30 p.m. at the Wallowa County Courthouse
Wednesday, July 24
 • The Riverside, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity
Friday, July 29
 • Jezebel's Mother, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity
Thursday, Aug. 4
 • Reckless Kelly (OK Theatre facade fundraiser), 7 p.m. at the OK Theatre. theoldok.com
Friday, Aug. 19
 • Don Flemons, 8 p.m. at the OK Theatre. theoldok.com
Thursday, Sept. 8
 • The Purple Hulls, 7 p.m. at the OK Theatre. theoldok.com

Please submit Entertainment Calendar event information to editor@wallowa.com

EXTRAVAGANZA ENDS DULCIMER WEEK



Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain

Steve Eulberg of the Bay Area prepares to pick the resonator dulcimer for the crowd at the Dulcimer Extravaganza last Friday at the Joseph Methodist Church. The Extravaganza closed out Dulcimer Week in Wallowa County.

BOATS

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“Try it, you’ll like it” opportunities will still be offered on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at the north end of the lake, but the workout will still be quite vigorous.

A “recreational” group is still planned, but for now the team is focused on building a solid competition group. Those interested in the recreation group are encouraged to fill out an interest form online at www.dragonsinthelake.com.

At last count, membership was at 28, with others expected to join soon.

The goal is two teams of 20 per boat. Each Hong Kong-style race boat holds 18 paddlers, a caller and a tiller. As of July 1 the team had one full boat of competition-bound paddlers with several alternates ready. The Dragons in the Wallows intend to field a mixed team (both men and women on the team) in their first competition.

Head coach Bellows alternates with Megan Bowman of Enterprise

in training the competitors. The chief “caller” who beats a drum to keep time and shouts instructions to the crew is Amy Gulzow of Joseph. Tillers include Denny Kolb of Enterprise, Max Linn of Joseph and Karen Sternadel of Enterprise.

Dragons members must be age 15 or older — most of the current team members are ages 40 to 66.

Jeff Campbell of Vancouver Dragon Boat Club loaned the two boats currently in use to the team for the summer in return for some repair work. Most of that work is now done and both boats are now available for practices as the competition team grows. Club members will be working on purchasing their own boats during the coming winter and are considering grant proposals, sponsors and fundraisers.

One fundraiser for the club already is underway. Stainless steel dragon necklaces available in a variety of metallic colors are for sale for \$15 each with 50 percent of proceeds going to the club. Purchase them at the Summit Grill on top of Mount Howard for now. They will become more widely available in a few more weeks.

Visiting artist isn’t in it for the money

By Steve Tool
 Wallowa County Chieftain

Celeste “Cece” Whitewolf spent the month of June as artist-in-residence at the Joseph Center teaching classes in basket-weaving and working on her own art. Her artwork includes sewing, weaving (including basket, yarn and cornhusk weaving), beading and even carving.

Finding herself falling into a teaching role without really trying, Whitewolf puts her experience as the oldest of nine children to work.

“I had to influence their mindset in order to do a particular task,” she said. “To do that, you have to tell, show and help them to do it and change their mindset in a way that’s helpful to them. I find when I’m teaching now that my students teach me as much as I teach them.”

Whitewolf traces her ancestry to multiple tribes including Cayuse and Nisqually, and Wallowa-Band Nez Perce



Steve Tool/Chieftain

Celeste “Cece” Whitewolf at the Joseph Center. The piece she is holding was started by her mother, who died before she finished it. Whitewolf is completing the piece in her mother’s honor.

through one of Chief Joseph’s wives.

Although Whitewolf is enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, she doesn’t reside there.

“I haven’t lived on the reservation since I was 14 years old. I’m what’s called an urban Indian. There’s more

Indians living off the reservation than on. There’s more Indians living in Portland than all the Oregon Indian reservations combined.”

Although she no longer lives on tribal lands, she’s faithfully attended each summer Tamkaliks for the past 22 years.

Whitewolf studied at Lew-

is and Clark Law School and passed the bar in 1988. She opened her own law office and took nearly any case that came through the door. Her hectic life came to a screeching halt after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1998.

Whitewolf’s own cancer diagnosis served as a conduit for her art.

“When you first hear the diagnosis, one of the first things you ask is, ‘When am I going to die?’” I was given a 30 percent chance of living because of the severity of my cancer. It changes your outlook when you think you have a year or two to live.”

She made a full recovery while forming the national nonprofit The Native People’s Circle of Hope, which educates Native Americans across the country about cancer survivorship for both victims and their families through the treatment regimen and sometimes even the passing of the victim. She retired from the organization three years ago.

Whitewolf doesn’t consider herself an artist in the

traditional sense, so she was thrilled to land the recent residency.

“This whole concept of being artist-in-residence is really new because I’ve never done this kind of thing before. I really didn’t think of myself as an artist. I’ve never sold anything. I can’t figure out how people do it. One, I don’t know price, and two, whenever I make anything, I make it to give away to somebody. It’s not art; it’s a gift.”

Of all her craft pursuits, Whitewolf’s favorite is the one she first learned.

“Sewing was my passion when I was a little girl, and I make everything I wear. I can make something from looking at a magazine or book or what you’re wearing. I can take a fabric and by how it feels, I can tell how it will drape on a human body.”

Whitewolf credits those who came before her as the inspiration for taking up her art.

“I wouldn’t be doing the type of art I am without my heritage,” she said. “That’s who I am.”

RIVER

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All new fee proposals will be presented before the John Day-Snake River Resource Advisory Committee, a citizen’s advisory committee.

In addition, open house sessions will be conducted in Boise, Riggins, Clarkston/Lewiston and Joseph. The Joseph meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, July 8 at the Joseph Community Center.

For more information, questions or comments about any of these new fee proposals, contact Lubera at 541-426-5581 or jlubera@fs.fed.us or visit the 2016 Wild and Scenic Snake River Fee Proposal website at http://tinyurl.com/hay4oed.

Mosquitoes & Moths
 Karen Antell, PhD
 Professor of Biology, EOU

Wed, July 13th • 7pm
Mosquitoes: Love ‘em or hate ‘em?
 • they have unique and interesting natural history
 • they are important species in native wetlands
 • they breed profusely and can transmit diseases
 • can we find a way to live with mosquitoes?

Thurs, July 14th • 9pm
Nothing Night
 If you like bugs and staying up late, this event is for you. This activity should be fun for all ages, and children and adults are welcome to come ready for bed in their jammies. Fairy wings and antennae are optional.
Limited to 20 people
 Call 541-263-1663 or come in to sign up.

Wallowology!
 Natural History Discovery Center
 508 N. Main • Joseph • Wed • Sun • 10am-3pm • wallowology.org

RODEO

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But even so, the willingness to help out in Wallowa County astounded her.

“Last year was just amazing,” Scudder said. “I’m so impressed with this community. I have people from last year volunteering to do it again this year.”

Providing this special opportunity to folks with

developmental disabilities is not a new idea in rodeo. Special-needs rodeo began clear back in 1983, when PRCA cowboys adopted it as a fun way to give back in their sport. Special education teachers, like Scudder, and persons interested in therapy horses have been involved in the process ever since.

Little Buckaroos in Wallowa County will be able to ride the (teeter totter) bull, rope the (dummy) steer, untie

a bow from a goat’s tail and race stick horses. Competitors also are welcome to participate in the parade.

Scudder still is accepting both competitors and mentors for this event.

To enter or volunteer as a cowboy/cowgirl mentor, contact Scudder at 509-629-3139 or scudderdeb6@gmail.com.

Entry forms can be picked up at Sports Corral or the Chief Joseph Days office next door.

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• For all you Wallowa County wine people, Michael Wheeler from PDX Wine in Portland will be at Dandelion Wines guiding a wine tasting this Saturday the 18th from 3-5pm. We will be sampling great Italian and Washington wines. A charming personality and a fun afternoon of fermented juice awaits!

• Dandelion Wines is now available as a private party space for groups seeking a cozy venue to host an event. Inquire at the bar.

• We are open every Thursday until 9pm for those that would like to drink a draught beer, draught cider, or wine by the glass out on the sidewalk on a warm summer evening. Don’t miss our special wine tasting Third Thursday extravaganza complete with delicious nibbles each month 5-9pm.

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• We have an excellent selection of rosé wines from around the globe for your summer enjoyment. Come in and check out all the different styles.

• We are always open before every show at the OK Theater for your prefunctioning well-being. Cheers!

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