

# County fair resumes after 6-year absence

**100 YEARS AGO**  
July 20, 1916

• As a result, probably of the influx of many wanderers following in the wake of new industries, burglars have appeared in Enterprise. Two stores have been robbed of small sums and an attempt was made this week to enter a third.

• It is estimated that from 75 to 100 new residences will be erected this year. Probably more than 50 have been finished already. The majority of these are in that part of town west of River street. But a start has been made of building in the east side. In the neighborhoods of the East Oregon plant bungalows have gone up so rapidly that some blocks will soon be all improved.

• In grading and graveling south River street the city has run into a problem in road building. The street always has been bad, although gravel has been spread on it in various quantities many times. But in the spring each year, vehicles cut into the soft mud and travel is almost impossible. The reason is thought to lie in the nature of the ground. Water in almost unlimited quantities is found anywhere in the neighborhood at from two to four feet below the surface.

• R.D. Winston, a Joseph pioneer, was injured so severely by the collapse of a part of the old McCully Mercantile company store, which was being

## OUT OF THE PAST

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moved away, that he died last Wednesday. He was in a group of spectators watching the handling of the old building, which had been taken a block from its original site, when it trembled and started to fall. Everybody scrambled to get out of the way, but Mr. Winston was caught and crushed.

• In the Want Ads: "Diamonds to sell at bargain or will trade for cow. Inquire at this office." "Set of new medium heavy work harness for sale at less than wholesale price; call at V.B. pool hall." "Modern house for sale. Small payment down, balance \$15 a month."

**70 YEARS AGO**  
July 25, 1946

• In an exciting last minute bit of diplomacy and maneuvering by enthusiastic fans, Icel Edgmand was elected Saturday night to reign as queen of the Chief Joseph celebration.

• Wallowa county will hold a fair again this fall, the first since September, 1940. Decision to resume these shows, an annual event for many years, was reached at a meeting of the fair association held last Thursday.

• Chuck Oswald has received a PUC permit to operate a passenger stage to and from



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A Chief Joseph Days Parade float. Year unknown.

Hat Point and plans regular trips over the scenic route to the brink of the Snake River canyon in the near future.

• 26 individuals lived in Troy in pre-war time and now unofficial count shows it to be more than 100. Location of a large sawmill there is credited with being responsible for some of the growth. Road improvement and location of two smaller sawmills in that vicinity are expected to increase the population even more.

• Plans for Chief Joseph Days are all in readiness with a carnival, baseball games, Hells Canyon show with concessions, games and dancing, a parade with drill and riding team demonstrations, airport dedication and airshow, saddle horse

sale, cowboy breakfast, a man-hunt, a rodeo and an exhibition of parachute jumping and the dropping of cargo from planes.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
July 21, 1966

• The crop situation in Wallowa county which was hard hit by a spring drouth this year received some relief this week when the Secretary of Agriculture released all the soil bank land, amounting to about 10,000 acres, for grazing and harvesting of hay.

• Photo caption: The prospect of attending the Wallowa County Educational Day Camp which got underway this week was met with enthusiasm by Kelly Coffman and Willie Locke.

• The top home run hitter in the Wallowa Valley Little League this year was Mike Jewell of Joseph. Mike, age 12, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jewell and boasts a record of 8 home runs for the Yankees during the season. His batting average for the season is .650.

• A large number of buyers were present and prices were good and strong at the dry cow sale sponsored by the Wallowa County Stockgrowers Association. A total of 279 head of cows sold for a total price of \$47,798.64. Average price per hundred pounds was \$17.25 with an average weight on the cows of 993 pounds. Average price on the animals per head was \$171.32.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
July 25, 1991

• A controversial plan to subdivide a 42-acre parcel of land located near the north shore of Wallowa Lake will be submitted to the Wallowa County Planning Commission next week.

• Photo caption: Jazz pianist Billy Childs entertained a huge Jazz at the Lake crowd at the day use area of the state park. He and five other well-known musical groups gave enthusiastic audiences music to remember during the third annual event.

• An auction to benefit the ongoing effort to build a senior citizens center in Wallowa will be held in the near future with the date and time to be announced. Donations are being accepted at the Gateway Information Center in Wallowa County Chieftain.

• Photo caption: Verne Russell, 71, of Joseph is one of the founding fathers of Chief Joseph Days and has been named as this year's grand marshal.

• Chief Joseph Days this weekend will be the high point in a very memorable summer for the three personable young women who form the 46th annual CJD court. Queen Jill Yost and Princesses Teah Jones and Dawnette Waters bring personality, poise friendliness and enthusiasm to their roles of official ambassadors and hostesses of Chief Joseph Days.

# County Rotary Club to create \$30,000 scholarship endowment

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The Rotary Club of Wallowa County and its local foundation are creating a \$30,000 endowment to fund its scholarship program, using savings built up over three decades.

Leaders of the club and the Rotary Foundation of Wallowa County voted to join the Oregon Community Foundation as one of the foundation's "endowment partners." The endowment initially will provide about \$1,350 per year toward scholarships. The club has awarded \$3,000 in scholarships this year.

The club's scholarship fund was started in 1985. The most recent memorial contribution to the fund came from the family of Leroy Bennett, former co-owner of Bennett Insurance Agency in Enterprise, who died in 2015.

"During all these years, the scholarship fund was growing, but our scholarships have been financed from members' individual contributions and the club's fundraising," President Diane Daggett said.

A primary scholarship fundraiser has been the club's annual Lostine River Run.

"We've always been building the scholarship fund with

the idea of forming an endowment," Daggett said. "The original target was \$50,000 and we will get to that amount eventually. We have been talking for a couple of years about what to do in the meantime."

"The time had come," Daggett added, "for us to do something with the money other than have it in a savings account where the interest doesn't even keep up with inflation."

OCF's endowment partners currently receive an annual 4.5 percent return, Daggett said. The decision came after a presentation to the boards of the club and club foundation by Julie Gregory, OCF regional

director for Central and Eastern Oregon.

Individual contributions and club operating funds will continue to make up the remainder of the annual scholarship funding until the endowment can fund the scholarships entirely, according to Daggett. The club will solicit additional endowment contributions.

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