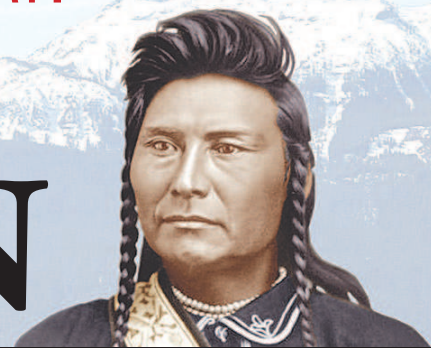


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Explosive device removed from lake

Search and Rescue divers discovered device weeks ago

By Scot Heisel

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Federal, state and county law enforcement officials converged at Wallowa Lake on Friday afternoon to retrieve and disable a small de-

vice that was discovered under water near a public beach.

Wallowa County Sheriff Steve Rogers said a group of off-duty Search and Rescue members was diving near the area at the north end of the lake "about two weeks ago"

and found the device during a recreational dive.

The divers identified their discovery as a possible explosive device and reported it to the Sheriff's Office, which

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Scot Heisel/Chieftain
Local, state and federal law enforcement officials gathered to remove an explosive device from the water near the public beach area at the north end of Wallowa Lake on Friday.

ODFW verifies wolf attack

Beeler Ridge area calf survives; new pack may be responsible

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife officials on Friday confirmed a wolf attack on a calf on public land in the Beeler Ridge area east of Joseph. Although the calf suffered numerous bites and lacerations, it survived the attack. This attack followed closely upon the heels of a confirmed wolf kill in the Kuhn Ridge area on June 26.

According to ODFW, a rancher was gathering cows in the Beeler Ridge area on the morning of Friday, July 15 and noticed the calf with severe injuries to its back legs. He took the calf to a holding facility, and ODFW officials examined the calf later in the day.

The inside and outside of the calf's upper legs sustained numerous bites, as did the shoulder and left flank. Tissue damage included swelling and infection. The ODFW cited the wounds as clear evidence of a predator attack.

The area of the bite wounds and tissue damage matched common attack points for wolves. Bite scrapes on the hide measured up to a quarter-inch wide and 4 inches long, while paired scrapes measured about 2 inches. The ODFW report stated that the calf had sustained its injuries five to seven days earlier.

Wolf tracks were reported in the area during the past month about a mile from the calf's pasture. The exact location of the calf at the time of attack is unknown.

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FEEL THE THUNDER

2016 CHIEF JOSEPH DAYS KICKS OFF WITH BUCKING HORSE STAMPEDE



Page 10 Kolbaba returns for rodeo

Ellen Morris Bishop/For The Chieftain

The 2016 Chief Joseph Days kicked off Tuesday afternoon and will continue through the weekend. The annual event includes PRCA rodeo competition Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. For more on Chief Joseph Days, see the CJD Guide inside today's Chieftain.

GRAND MARSHAL CHAR WILLIAMS HAS DEEP TIES TO COUNTY, CJD

By Ellen Morris Bishop
For The Chieftain

She is a roper, a teacher and a community treasure. But to Char Williams, the 2016 Grand Marshal of Chief Joseph Days, her role is all about community.

"Chief Joseph Days is the tie that binds this community together," Williams said. "So many people here work together to make this rodeo — the whole festival — happen. Being the grand marshal has really opened my eyes to that."

In fact, Williams has long been one of the strongest threads in that tie. A teacher of grades K-8 at the Imnaha School for 11 years, and grades 5-6 in Joseph for another four, Char also worked with 4H programs and families. Her late husband Dan served as ticket chairman for 17 years. Her son Scott succeeded him in that role. All of Williams' children participated in the



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2016 Chief Joseph Days Parade grand marshal Char Williams with her Paint Mare and 3-month-old foal, Paintnot Patterson.

parades and in the general operation and cleanup of the Chief Joseph Days events. This year, her granddaughter CJ will be a horse-back version of "The Wizard of Oz" in the Kiddie Parade on Friday morning.

"I tried to explain that 'The Wizard of Oz' did not ride a horse," Williams said. "But CJ would have none of it."

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