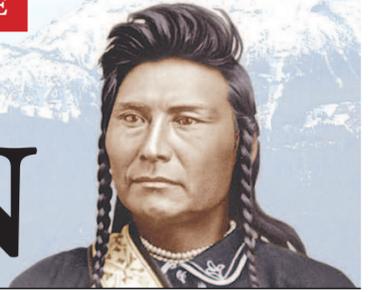




# WALLOWA COUNTY CHIEFTAIN



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## Pendleton man drowns at lake

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Wallowa County Sheriff's deputies and emergency services responded to a report of a death at Wallowa Lake on Saturday afternoon.

A boater on Wallowa Lake reported that a man had been found face-down in the water with a kayak floating nearby. Members from the Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police and an ambulance crew re-

sponded to the scene and located the deceased man on the northeast portion of the lake near milepost 2 on Wallowa Lake Highway.

The man has been identified as Joshua Wesley Hunt, 44, of Pend-

leton.

The medical examiner has concluded that Hunt died of accidental drowning while fishing from a kayak. He was not wearing a life jacket.

### BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR



Courtesy of David Martin

Robin Martin says every day is a gift after beating cancer not once but twice.

# 'I'm going to feel blessed'

### Every day is a gift for two-time cancer survivor from Joseph

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Robin Martin's sparkling presence can be found all around Joseph. She's an active member of the Joseph United Methodist Church, works tirelessly at the Magic Garden and is a frequent figure at the Wallowa County Farmers Market on Main Street.

Just beyond her contagious laughter and compassionate blue eyes, however, there's a suffering few can fully understand.

Surviving cancer will tear your life apart and test both your own spirit as well as those around you.

Martin has been there — twice.

#### Alarming realization

Martin was a 37-year-old special-education teacher in California in 1989 when she discovered a lump in her breast during a self examination. She wasn't too concerned. Her OB/GYN had drained a previous lump in the same area and told her that it wasn't an issue. Turned out, it was.

"He called me into his office and told me the biopsy he had taken was breast cancer."

Her thoughts immediately turned to her daughter.

"I decided I would do whatever I needed to do to stay alive for my 6-year-old daughter. I was determined to see my daughter grow up. ... You can sit in the corner and wait to die, or you can go on with your life. I chose to go on with my life."

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# LITTLE TREATS

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Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain

Tuff Shelton, age 1, lives up to his name, astonishing the scary skeleton with his courage as his mother, Brittany Shelton of Lostine, introduces the two at the Trunk or Treat Halloween event in Enterprise on Monday night. See Page A18 for more Halloween photos.

## Dissecting the Oregon standoff trial

### Defense says verdict a victory for rural America, others question judicial system

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In the shadow of trees covering Chapman Square park in downtown Portland, four of seven defendants acquitted of conspiracy in the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge posed for pictures.

David Fry smiled as he flashed a peace sign. He slung his arms around co-defendants Neil Wampler — clutching a hotdog from the victory barbecue and a stack of newspapers with his face on them — and Shawna Cox. Jeff Banta stood to the far right.

An alternate juror named Sarah Foultnier stood between them while a supporter cycled through phones to capture the moment for everyone.

The prosecution didn't picture the trial ending like this.

"Disappointing," said U.S. Attorney for Oregon Billy Williams of the not guilty verdicts. "Bitterly so."

Just as quickly as the defense proclaimed a victory for rural America, occupation opponents dubbed the result an embarrassing loss for the prosecution.

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Dave Blanchard/OPB

A member of the Pacific Patriots Network at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in January. Many wonder if the verdict in the Oregon occupation trial will embolden militia groups to take up armed land battles throughout the West.

## County ripe for micro-hydro boom

### Spaur Ranch launches second hydro system; Energy Trust looking at other projects

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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Ranchers Vern and Marti Spaur of Wallowa don't expect to pay a power bill from Pacific Power for a very long time. They recently celebrated the installation of a second micro-hydro power plant that will provide power both for their ranch and their automotive business — and maybe produce enough to donate the excess to the low-income power program through Pacific Power.

The Spaur have made a significant investment of their own money in addition to getting grants and incentives, but the two projects are expected to pay for themselves within four to five years.

Few ranches in Wallowa County could afford the full initial cost of small hydro, and that is where the funders come in.

The Spaur's first turbine cost \$54,000, the second about \$126,000. A big portion of the costs were spent on the electrical box and systems that allow them to both use electricity and transfer the excess back to Pacific Power.

The Spaur Ranch received \$60,000 cash incentive from Energy Trust of Oregon and a \$30,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for America program.

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Vern Spaur, center, and his wife Marti point out the simplicity of the 1870s technology, the Pelton Wheel, at the heart of their 21st-century micro-hydro pump to State Sen. Bill Hansell.



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