

Snowshoeing up Hurricane Creek

By **Tim Trainor**
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Snowshoeing and cross country skiing up Hurricane Creek can provide some beautiful vistas, especially after the dumps of snow that have fallen in Wallowa County.



Staff photo by Tim Trainor

The sun can't quite break through snow clouds above Hurricane Creek Dec. 17. The road is plowed past the year-round residences, and allows for excellent skiing on the roadbed or snowshoeing along the creek.

Nez Perce family brings tradition, respect to Josephy Center

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The Josephy Center hosted Nez Perce tribe members Allen Pinkham Jr. and his children, Josiah and Lynne, for a Brown Bag gathering Dec. 13.

The Pinkham family belong to the Nez Perce Tribe, are descendants of Chief Joseph, and live in Lenore, Idaho, on the Lapwai Reservation.

About two dozen people attended the presentation, which centered on the Nez Perce culture of respect for tradition and for the earth.

Pinkham spoke of his ancestry and informed the audience of the traditional name of his tribe, which is Ni-mii-puu. It translates to Children of the Coyote, or People Who Walk out of the Mountains.

Nez Perce is what French trappers named the tribe in the early 19th century.

"We were created by Coyote, and we knew the Creator, the maker of all things, created Coyote," Pinkham said. While giving a description of a Nez Perce creation story, he asked the audience to be conscious of their lives and environmental impact. As other animals were assigned to take care of and offer sustenance to humans, humans



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Nez Perce Lynne Pinkham explains her tribe's traditions behind basket weaving during a Dec. 13 Brown Bag presentation at the Josephy Center in Joseph. About two dozen people attended the event.

should take care to return the favor.

Pinkham said that the five Ni-mii-puu elements are air, water, earth, spirit and light. And without any of one of them, life would cease to exist, which is why we must respect and take care of each.

"These five elements are relative to our lives today. Only now, we call them environmental impacts," he said with a laugh. "If we don't correct these environmental impacts, what will happen to us? Be mindful of those things that give us life and sustain life. I hope this message I am telling you will carry on and be conscious of

those things that give life," he said.

The Pinkhams brought in tables full of handmade items, the making of which they learned from their elders. Each family member presented their particular handiwork, from rifle scabbards to ceremonial gloves, shirts or dresses. Each item had a story to go with it. Each tale hearkened back to a distant past and ultimately to Coyote, the giver of traditions.

The audience watched with rapt attention and at the end of the presentation and peppered the Pinkhams with questions.

Gathering up her items, Lynne Pinkham made several observations about her own tradition experiences. "The respect I was taught, I try to teach others. I live the culture every day — not one day, but every day, teaching my kids respect for others and the environment," she said. She added that she appreciated the care Wallowa County citizens put into keeping the valley beautiful, which she finds gratifying on her return visits to reconnect with her people's past.

"I make every effort to come here as often as I can. This is my homeland," she said.

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ODFW RECREATION REPORT

Fishing

Grande Ronde River: Steelhead season is in full swing on the Grande Ronde and anglers are finally finding fish consistently with the most recent creel report indicating catch rates of about 10 hours/fish caught. Similar to other Columbia basin runs, the Grande Ronde stock is tracking below expectations this year.

On the upside, a large majority of the returning fish are two-salt meaning larger average size. Harvest is limited to three hatchery steelhead per day and must be recorded on the Combined Angling Tag. A Columbia River Basin Endorsement is also required.

Imnaha River: Anglers are finding steelhead in the lower sections and some PIT-tagged fish have been detected in the river. Similar to other Columbia basin runs, the Grande Ronde stock is tracking below expectations this year. On the upside, a large majority of the return-

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Wallowa County ponds: New this year, Kinney Lake is now open to fishing year-round and non-motorized watercraft are now allowed. The lake was stocked at the end of September and should fish well throughout the winter. Salt Creek Summit still has fish available and they were actively rising during a recent visit by the local biologist.

Wallowa Lake: As the fall and winter progresses the remaining stocked fish will begin switching to more natural food. Try natural baits and natural imitations to attract these fish. Bait should be either hung under a float or set just off bottom. Kokanee size appears to be

improving with reports of fish in the 8 to 9-inch range and some fish as large as 12-inches.

Wallowa River: Trout fishing should continue to be good. Mountain whitefish are also very abundant in the Wallowa and are readily caught on small bead-head nymphs.

Steelhead season opened Sept. 1. A few steelhead are available in the fall however the best fishing is in late winter and early spring. Harvest is limited to three hatchery steelhead per day and must be recorded on the Combined Angling Tag. A Columbia River Basin Endorsement is also required.

Hunting

Elk: A few antlerless elk season are running now. Most elk have moved to winter ranges.

Antlerless Deer: A few late antlerless white-tailed deer seasons are open or will

open soon. White-tailed deer numbers are high in the agricultural areas where these hunts take place and success should be high, as well.

Forest Grouse: Some ruffed grouse can still be found in brushy areas. Blue grouse are now up high into conifer trees to find buds to eat for the winter and so will be hard to find.

Cougar: Populations are moderate throughout Wallowa County. Most lions are taken incidental to other hunting; however, calling a cougar kill and waiting for a cat to return are often successful techniques

Coyote: Good numbers of coyotes can be found throughout Wallowa County. Calling coyotes with rabbit distress type calls has been effective for hunters. It is important to choose areas with abundant coyote sign and little human activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR WALLOWA COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of
GARY L. ALFORD, Deceased.
Case No. 16PB07740
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the personal representative, care of the Wasley Law Office, PC, 105 Fir Street, Suite 204, La Grande, Oregon 97850, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Philip Wasley.

Dated and first published December 7, 2016.

Personal Representative:
Harvey Lee Cooper

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Helen Louise Jones, Deceased. No. 16PB07674
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative.

All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them with vouchers attached to the attorney for the Personal Representative: RILEY M. MAKIN 1606 SE Glenwood Street, Portland, Oregon 97202, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the attorney for the Personal Representative.

Dated and first published December 7, 2016.

Edward Jones, Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On January 24th, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office, 104 W Greenwood Street, Enterprise, OR 97828, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 207 NW Second Street, Enterprise, OR 97828. The court case number is 16-05-14704, where Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the plaintiff, and Kevin E. O'Malley; Priscilla O'Malley; and Persons or Parties Unknown claiming any right, title, lien, or interest in the property described in the Complaint herein are the defendants. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Wallowa County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: www.oregonsheriffssales.org

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On 24th day of January, 2017 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Wallowa County Justice Center, 104 W Greenwood Street, in the City of Enterprise, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 59936 River Canyon Road, Imnaha, OR 97842. The Wallowa County Circuit Court case number is 15-04-14548 where JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association is the plaintiff, and Norma J. Hilty, Individually and as Constructive Trustee of the Estate of David E. Hilty; Unknown Heirs of David E. Hilty; and Parties in Possession are the defendants. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Wallowa County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: www.oregonsheriffssales.org



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