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The law allows states to apply for a waiver to the current rules requiring that insurers accept those with preexisting conditions and charge them the same premiums as healthy people of the same age.

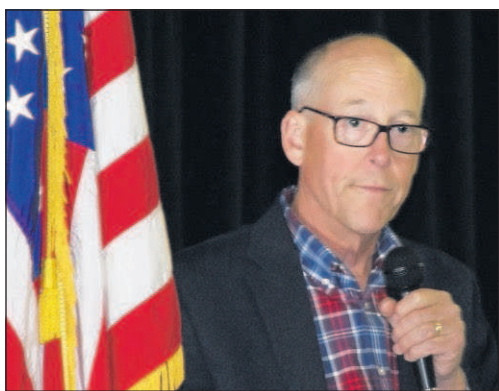
When asked if he believed health care was a right or a privilege, Walden said he believed it was "essential" and should be "available and affordable."

A handful of audience members said they were supportive of Walden's efforts and one pointed out that not everyone in the audience was from Wallowa County.

The proceedings reached a boiling point when two women sitting in the same row went nose-to-nose in a shouting match. The two were separated by Wallowa County deputy Kevin McQuead.

Similar themes were sounded at Walden's stops in Baker City and Elgin.

"People are being priced out of the market today," Walden told the audience of more than 100 Monday morn-



Paul Wahl/Chieftain
Rep. Greg Walden answered questions and received feedback from around 100 people gathered in Wallowa.

ing at Baker High School. "We're trying to figure out how do we save these exchange markets so they will work."

When asked how many Oregonians stand to lose coverage under the new proposal, Walden said he did not think it would be easy to predict at this point, drawing jeers from the crowd.

In other issues, Walden continued to advocate for active forest management to reduce the risk of destructive wildfires and create jobs in Eastern Oregon. He also said he does not support an independent investigation for Russian interference in the election at this time, instead preferring the matter be dealt

with in the House and Senate intelligence committees.

Addressing another 100-plus people at Stella Mayfield School in Elgin, and at the Wallowa session, Walden asked the crowd directly how many people would support a universal, government-run health care system. The auditorium erupted in cheers and applause and most hands went up.

Members of Health Care for All Oregon, a statewide group advocating for publicly funded universal health care, attended all three Walden town halls Monday.

George Plaven of the East Oregonian contributed to this story.

FIRST

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White is looking forward to her first Mothers Day.

"I'll probably spend Mothers Day with my family and friends" she said. "Before, it was about my mom, but now it's my mom and my daughter. Kinleigh's such a blessing to me, and now, I definitely know what my mom has gone through and how she's worked - stuff like that."

"Sleep when the baby sleeps and use a swaddle blan-

ket, it helps your baby sleep longer," White replied when asked about best advice. Getting an epidural (pain anesthesia) also proved helpful. "I did, and it was a good idea," she said.

Formerly an employee of Embers Brew House in Joseph, White is attending Blue Mountain Community College full-time studying online in pursuit of a degree in business.

This summer she will work nights at the Wallowa Lake Lodge.

White said she has found

a core of steel that she never knew she had, adding she'd learned more about herself in the past six weeks than she had during her entire life.

"I never thought I'd be doing this by myself," she said. "Being a mom has given me a completely new understanding of life, and there's nothing more important than being a good parent. Kinleigh has shown me just how strong I am and has taught me so much. It's given me a whole new appreciation for the great parents in the world who put their kids above everything else."

BEDARD

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"When Jared and I moved to Wallowa County in 2002, we knew it would take two jobs, and it was just a matter of finding what I could do to keep being a mom my primary goal," she said.

Jared, who is manager at Carpet One in Enterprise, shoulders plenty of responsibility, she said.

In addition to all of the traditional "dad" jobs, because of

Michelle's work schedule, he's gotten the kids off to school every morning for the last five years.

Fortunately, that responsibility has gotten easier.

"With teenage girls, you don't have to get them off to school - and really I'm the only morning person in the house, so it may be better that I'm not here," she said with a smile.

Asked her secret to raising three girls who are best friends and a happy and bright all-boy boy besides, Michelle shakes

her head. No special quality or secret.

"I wanted to be the best mom I could be," she said. "I was very focused and I wanted them to be the best people they could be. You never get it completely right, but it was a conscious effort to let them be as much as possible, guide them when I could, and pray a lot."

There are no particular plans at the Bedard house for Mother's Day and that's just fine with Michelle. As far as she's concerned, she celebrates Mother's Day every day.

CHANGE

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In addition to modernization, the city is enjoying cosmetic improvements.

Last July, Darrel Moats, a frequent visitor and old friend of Lostine residents Darci and Jamie Calhoun, gave the fire department a new station sign. Now local wood artist Steve Arment is carving a new city

sign to replace the one that keeps blowing down.

Lostine also hopes to come back strong as a tourist attraction by resurrecting the famous Lostine Flea Market. A committee has been formed.

There has also been talk of reopening a branch library in Lostine, according to Lostine resident and Wallowa County Library Board member Janice Bird.


Recent discussions regard-

ing funding for the county library may impact that plan, Bird said, "but we are ready to have the library back in town."

The one-third square-mile city was incorporated in 1903, roughly 30 years after a post

office was opened.

City office hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 to 3 p.m. City council meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at city hall on Main Street.



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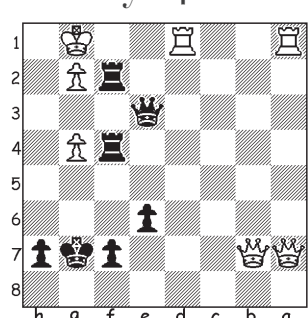
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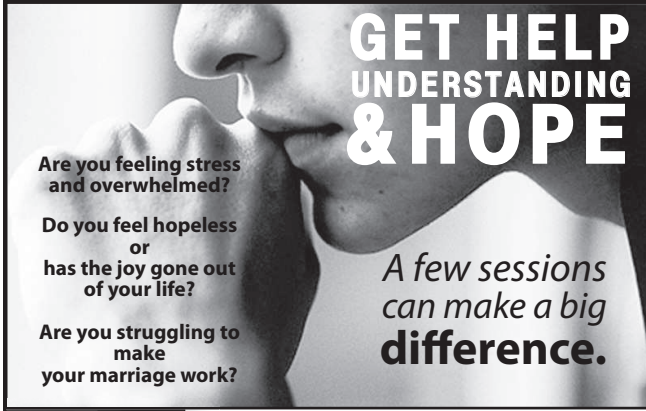
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