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COUNTY SCHOOLS LAUNCH GRADUATES

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Steve Tool/Chieftain
Cayden DeLury and Addies Kilgore were the salutatorian and valedictorian of the 2017 Joseph Charter School senior class.



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Valedictorian Jacob Evarts and Salutatorian Wade Isley lead the class of 2017 in a final sing-along of Alma Mater with audience members during graduation ceremonies Saturday.

Two of three high schools in Wallowa County held graduation ceremonies this past weekend — Joseph Friday and Enterprise Saturday. Each of the ceremonies was replete with the usual amount of fanfare that accompanies the rite of passage. Coverage of Wallowa High School graduation June 3 will be included in next week's edition.

WALLOWA COUNTY REMEMBERS



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Members of the Enterprise VFW Auxiliary, from left, Susan Roberts, Sandy Kessle, and Bev Connolly with Holly Hutchison holding the flag behind the group, pause for a moment together before the 2017 Memorial Day ceremony at Enterprise Cemetery. Seven ceremonies were performed across the county sponsored by the VFW and American Legion. Mother Nature provided an abundance of sunshine for the festivities. More photos on Page A5.

DUI nets prison for Idaho man

By Steve Tool
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Matthew Brent Krogh has discovered that eastern Oregon doesn't take drunk driving lightly. Krogh, 42, was sentenced May 24 to 19 months with the Oregon Department of Corrections by Judge Thomas B. Powers after pleading guilty to one count of DUI and one count of criminal mischief in the third degree in Wallowa County Circuit Court.

The case stemmed from an April 29 incident in which Krogh, who is from Princeton, Idaho, took a shovel and physically broke through a glass window in a door and stole morphine tablets from an Enterprise resident with throat cancer.

Later in the day, law enforcement caught up with Krogh as he was driving. Taken into custody, Krogh tested at .20 blood alcohol content.

He had three previous DUIs from Idaho going back to 2011 as well as a DUI from more than 10 years ago. Under Oregon law, the fourth DUI results in Class C felony charges.

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OREGON ECLIPSE BRIEFING

Tourism, travel impacts uncertain in Wallowa County

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Wallowa County will have the opportunity to see most of a rare solar eclipse Aug. 21. According to the U.S. Naval Observatory, there will be a 98.6 percent obscuration of the sun. Serious eclipse chasers will not be satisfied with anything less than 100 percent and they are expected to gather in areas within the Path of Totality.

The eclipse is a big deal. More than a million visitors, many from foreign countries, are expected in eastern Oregon but the impact on Wallowa County has been difficult to judge.

Pat Ward, manager of the Ponderosa Motel in Enterprise has had no reservations spec-

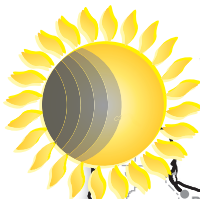
ifying eclipse watching as their reason to be in the county, but he still believes it's "going to be a big event, and I think they'll be staying in our hotel for that event."

Up at Wallowa Lake, Eagle Cap Chalet's front desk reported that several bookers for the period around the eclipse mentioned they were hoping to observe.

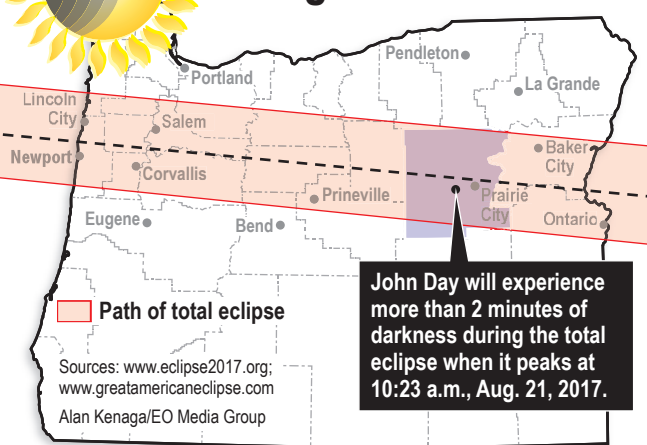
Wallowa Lake Lodge is already mostly booked for the date, but few bookers mentioned the eclipse initially, according to front desk manager David Earley.

In Enterprise, Eagle's View Inn and Suite reported that folks visiting have asked if they would get a good view but did not seem to be traveling here specifically for the event.

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Solar eclipse to darken Oregon skies in 2017



John Day will experience more than 2 minutes of darkness during the total eclipse when it peaks at 10:23 a.m., Aug. 21, 2017.

Sources: www.eclipse2017.org;
www.greatamericaneclipse.com
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