

# Wallowa County may be a honey of a location

## OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Paul Wahl

### 100 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1917

Wool is beginning to come in spite of the interruptions to shearing since the first of the month. Present prices for wool are much higher than ever known before, meaning every sack is precious, and particular care is taken all along the line to save every ounce. The quality and quantity of the clips is better than was forecast. The new concrete dam at the foot of the lake is all finished, the forms removed and the water down against the wall. It is a substantial job that will stand for all times.

Stronger Than the Law Shoes sold at Zurcher Clothier "are made of the strongest leather put together in the strongest ways with the strongest thread by the most skillful workmen."

A public meeting to discuss the formation of a country club for the county will be held at the Record Chieftain office. A

plan has been partly worked out for a combination of activities of anglers, marksmen, tennis and golf players and devotees of indoor gymnasium exercises.

Buy a Chalmers vehicle from Fred S. Ashley in Enterprise and receive a \$50 liberty bond free. The Chalmers is a quality car at a moderate price with a light small motor.

### 70 YEARS AGO

June 1, 1947

The budget committee for Enterprise School District has approved a budget for the coming year of \$73,179, the largest portion of which will finance teacher salaries. The number is up \$14,000 from last year. Payments to the teacher retirement fund are also blamed for the increase.

Three local citizens received injuries and narrowly escaped death when their car went into the ditch and overturned between Union and Hot Lake. They were returning to Wallowa County from a trip to the stock show in Union.

If a present experiment with bees in Wallowa County



Do you recognize any of the faces in this photo? The image is owned by Greg Wieck, who would like to identify as many of the individuals as possible. Call Greg directly at 541-426-3280 or respond to editor@wallowa.com.

turns out to be as successful as Emil Pfister of Portland expects, the area could be known as one of the state's best honey-producing areas. Pfister has set out 250 colonies, which he brought from Willamette Valley. The county has the primary three ingredients to encourage bee growth — food, sunshine and dew.

Dress up and attend the Wallowa County Fair wearing clothing offered on special from Penney's. Rayon wool

gabardine slacks for men \$7.90 each.

### 50 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1967

Wallowa News: Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Johnson went to Pullman, Wash., to attend the graduation of their grandson Bruce Warren Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. James Barklow Jr. and baby of Myrtle Point, Ore., left Sunday after visiting in Wallowa, Lostine and Enterprise with relatives.

Wallowa County residents will go the polls June 26 to vote on a \$220,000 tax measure to expand Wallowa Memorial Hospital. At times the hospital is filled to capacity and expansion is needed, the county says. "I am now and always was in favor of it," Harry Harmon of Enterprise told the Chieftain. "They thought it was too large at first, but it never was that way and never will be."

Mrs. Frank Kramer reports entries for the Appaloosa Horse Show June 17 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds. Kramer is secretary of the show. Jesse Redhart, great grand nephew of Chief Joseph, will be on hand.

"The Adventures of Bullwhip Griffin" is playing at the Vista Theater. Set in the California gold rush days, the movie stars Karl Malden, Roddy McDowall and Suzanne Pleshette. "Hotel Paradiso" is also on the bill.

### 25 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1992

Residents of Joseph are upset about a plan to install a pipeline in the area, which would collect water coming

out of Wallowa Lake and deliver it to area farms. Homeowners believe the plan would have a devastating impact on property values and would destroy hundreds of miles of habitat for fish and wildlife. The \$5 million project has been proposed by Bonneville Power Administration.

Wallowa County is in for a long hot summer as it joins the rest of the state and the Northwest in dealing with drought conditions worse than any in recent memory. A request has gone out to declare the county a drought disaster area.

The Wallowa Valley Players will debut the melodrama "Heaven Help the Working Girl" June 18. Dayna Terry and Heidi Cool play the heroine to John Lundquist and Stewart Vencill's villain, Mortimer.

New pool fees at Enterprise swimming pool this summer: family season pass is \$50 and daily fees range from \$1.50 to \$2.

Prime rib and lemon chicken are the specials this week at the Enterprise Elks Lodge 1829.

# Joseph postmaster retiring

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

Joseph postmaster Dennis Kolb is retiring from his position June 15 after 10 years at the helm. The Minnesota native took the spot in 2007 after relocating from the Tacoma, Wash., area with his wife, Karyl.

The couple is retiring to Tuscon, Ariz., to be closer to specialty medical care and because they like the desert. They discovered the area while on vacation.

Kolb joined the U.S. Postal Service in 1978 and became a certified postmaster in 1993. He and his wife began visiting Wallowa County in the early '80s and fell in love with the area. "I knew this is where I wanted to end my career," he said.

Kolb doesn't regret the decision.

"The community welcomed

us with open arms, and I had a great crew here," he said.

The greatest changes Kolb experienced in his career were the rise of the use of the Internet and automation.

"Everything used to be done manually, but with the digital age, people stopped using 1st class mail to write to their friends and pay the bills," he said. "We've made up for a lot of that, though, because we have really expanded our parcel service."

Kolb said he and his wife don't intend to stay cozier up in their new home after his retirement.

"We're looking forward to traveling and experiencing what Arizona has to offer. Mainly, we're going to travel," he said.

The couple has fond memories of the Wallowa Valley and plan to return in August so Kolb can compete in the

Dragon Boat races as well as perform with his classic rock band "Good Question."

He and his wife will also return to Wallowa County to spend their summers. His favorite things and what he'll miss about Wallowa County are his customers, his friends, his band, the quiet lifestyle and the Dragon Boat team.

"Joseph is the best place I've ever worked in the post office. I'll miss it greatly," he said.

### SAY FAREWELL

In honor of Kolb's retirement, the Joseph Post Office is hosting a cake and coffee gathering in the lobby 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 15.



Denny Kolb

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## AARP driving course offered

The AARP Smart Driver course, a new and enhanced driving refresher course from AARP Driver Safety, will be offered at Wallowa County Senior Center, 701 NW 1st Street, Enterprise 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 19.

The class will be taught by certified volunteer instructor Frederick Moore. Partici-

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pants can register by calling 541-426-3840. Arrive early to complete paperwork. If a member of AARP, bring a membership card.

AARP Smart Driver Course participants will learn defensive driving skills, proven safety strategies, the latest driving tech-

nologies and how to manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.

Certain participants may be eligible for a multi-year insurance discount after taking the course. Participants are encouraged to check with their insurance agent to see if they are eligible. There are no tests required to pass the course.

**Births**

A daughter,  
**Dawson Marie Bryson**  
was born June 6, 2017, in Enterprise to Paul Bryson II and Jennifer Owings of Wallowa. Grandparents are Sandra English and Rose Ferrell.

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