



THREE minutes with ...



VIXEN
RADFORD-WECKS

Vixen Radford-Wecks lives between Enterprise and Joseph with her husband, Joseph Fire Chief Jeffery Weeks, and two children who attend Enterprise Schools.

She was raised in Wallowa County, a descendant of Wallowa County families who have lived here for more than 100 years and ranched in the Paradise area.

She graduated from Enterprise High in 1991 and went to Linn Benton Community College and earned an associate of applied science in horse management.

She then worked training horses and riders and judging horses while supplementing her income with various jobs until she discovered her love of being of service to the community.

Now, she says, she has a balance of the two loves: horse training and serving the community.

She has worked in the Wallowa County Boys and Girls Club, Wallowa Valley Together Project as a prevention coordinator, became a child passenger safety seat inspector, is a member of the prevention coalition with Building Healthy Families, worked for Community Connection in the energy assistance program, worked for North East Oregon Network helping people obtain free medication and now works full-time for NEON assisting residents in finding health insurance.

She is also the coach of the Broncs and Bulls Drill Team, a director for the Mountain High Broncs and Bulls event, the 4-H leader of Rusty Spurs horse club and vice president of Miss Rodeo Oregon.

Q. Why live in Wallowa County?

A. When I graduated from high school I remember that 38 of the 42 of us that graduated had gone to school together since kindergarten. We couldn't wait to get out of here. But now, most of us live in Wallowa County. We were this class that couldn't wait to get out of here and now we're all back here raising our children.

Once I got out and saw what was out there it was . . . yeah, no.

I like the lifestyle in Wallowa County; that slow pace. You don't have to live up to anything. In the city you're like, "Oh, I need to get a pedicure!" but when you live here you don't need to do anything, you just are. People aren't fake, when you see them that's who they are. If you go to the city you'll watch people and see them all trying to look like other peo-

ple and here everybody is just who you are. I don't think anyone tries to be somebody else here — because you're probably going to get called on it.

Q. What has Wallowa County taught you?

A. The county has changed in that there are a lot more perspectives, personalities and cultures. Wallowa County has taught me that it's okay to be me.

You have friends and you may have enemies and you're still going to co-exist. We have differences, there are huge differences, and yet we're still co-existing. We may ride in a car with someone who is completely polar opposite to us, and we may work right next to them. Everyone is functioning. And we don't have a safe room to go cry in and hold a pillow. We co-exist.

One of the biggest things it's taught me is budgeting. When loggers lost their jobs and the father was a displaced worker with skills that were not transferable, the family would stay here and adapt so they could raise their kids here.

People here adapt. People who survive here learn how to do it.

The situation in the county is completely different than when I was a kid, but I feel like I'm raising my children very similar to the way my parents raised me even though the county is changing.

Q. How has Wallowa County surprised you?

A. That even though the county has changed in people and perspectives it hasn't changed in other ways. We have all these different people who live here and we still have just the basics: one large grocery store, a radio station, a newspaper, a theatre, restaurants that close at 8 p.m. and are not open on Monday or Wednesday.

A "Wallowa county traffic jam," that's just sheep in the road. As much as we've changed we're still a small town.

FOR THE RECORD

July 11

- 1:59 p.m. — 911 call to report a one-vehicle rollover, rural Joseph.
- 6:46 p.m. — After responding to a 911 traffic complaint in Lostine, the operator was cited.

July 12

- 7:21 a.m. — 911 call reported a traffic complaint in rural Enterprise.
- 8:16 a.m. — 911 call reported reckless driving in rural Enterprise.
- 10:43 a.m. — Arrested on a parole and probation detainer was Caden Jay Christman of Enterprise, 18, for probation violation, original charge was DUII. He was transported to Umatilla County Jail.
- 3:47 p.m. — Traffic Stop in Enterprise, citation issued for illegal parking.
- 7:03 p.m. — Judith Denise Clark of Lostine, 37, was arrested on a Wallowa County Circuit Court Warrant. Charge is failure to Appear. She was cited and released.
- 8:15 p.m. — Disturbance complaint in Enterprise.

July 13

- 9:51 a.m. — 911 call reported a bear at the lake.

- 8:50 p.m. — 911 call reported a disturbance in rural Joseph. Jammie Joaquin, 28, was arrested for burglary, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and assault. David Franklin of Joseph, 26, was arrested for menacing and disorderly conduct. Christopher Lenhart of Joseph, 33, was arrested for menacing, disorderly conduct and felon in possession of a weapon. All subjects were arrested by Wallowa County Sheriff's Office and transported to Umatilla County Jail.

July 14

- 11:50 a.m. — Identity theft reported in Enterprise.
- 1:02 p.m. — Boat and jet ski speeding complaint at Wallowa Lake.
- 1:56 p.m. — Harassment complaint in Wallowa.
- 2:51 p.m. — 911 call reported a traffic complaint in rural Wallowa. Referred to OSP.

July 15

- 911 call — Report of a small fire near Lower Slate Lake in the Gospel Hump Wilderness (Idaho). Referred to NE Dispatch.
- 6:34 p.m. — Report of violation of stalking order in Wallowa.
- 7:04 p.m. — Bradley Allen Samard, 37, was arrested by Linn County Sheriff's Office on a Wallowa County Circuit Court Warrant for assault, robbery, menacing and harassment. Samard was lodged in the Linn County Jail.

Farmers market in Joseph to open community booth

Wallowa County Farmers Market is pleased to announce the launch of a special pilot project -- the Community Co-op Booth. The booth will accommodate gardeners, aspiring farmers and other nonprofessional growers and producers taking advantage of Oregon's "cottage food" laws to offer small amounts of food to the public.

"Because of our climate and short growing season, Wallowa County's small farmers struggle to supply the great demand at the Wallowa County Farmers Market for fresh local produce," said the market's board president Kristy Athens. "Many peo-

ple in the county grow gardens but not enough to justify a full booth every week. Or, they have fruit trees that provide an abundance once per year. We want to give them a way to share their bounty and maybe make a few extra dollars as well."

In addition to other community benefits, the market intends the community booth to increase access of local citizens, including those with low incomes, to produce. People who use the Oregon Trail Card to access SNAP (food stamps) can also take advantage of a program that provides an extra \$10 of scrip per week to purchase fresh

produce and plant starts.

The market was awarded \$1,200 by the Oregon Food Bank to develop the idea and purchase equipment and supplies. Slow Food Wallowa has pledged the use of a canopy and volunteers to help run the booth.

The booth will accommodate growers on a drop-in schedule beginning Aug. 5. Those interested in participating can consult the guidelines at wallowacountyfarmersmarket.com or contact market manager Carol Bartlow at 541-398-8435.

The market runs Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Joseph through Oct. 14.

Paint Recycling Event

Saturday, August 5, 2017
8 am - 12 pm

ONE DAY ONLY. IT'S FREE!

Now's your chance to clean out your garage. Drop off your old leftover paint for recycling.

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HOUSEHOLDS

Bring any amount of latex or oil-based house paint, stains and varnishes.
No aerosols.

BUSINESSES

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