



THREE minutes with ...



DIANE KNOX

Diane Knox and her husband, the late William Knox, moved to Wallowa County in 1986, and Diane now lives in Joseph. She enjoys hiking, fishing and hunting and shot her first

cow elk five years ago. She likes to spend time with her dogs Fiona (a Snorkie) and Fanny (a Porkie).

She came by her love of nature naturally; her parents taught her all about nature as she grew up in Minnesota. She learned about lakes and hunting, toured the states and spent nearly every vacation in nature.

So it's probably no surprise she married a fish biologist and they first came to Wallowa County when William got a job with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Diane had been working seasonally with the U.S. Forest Service as a silviculturist and in wildlife and continued that for a 20-year career.

They came for the jobs, but they knew about Wallowa County beforehand, Diane said.

When William was getting his masters at University of Idaho, they'd taken rafting trips and hiked the trail down the Imnaha River.

Diane's day job now, working as administrative assistant for the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, is pretty much a civic endeavor, but she's also run banquets for Ducks Unlimited, is on the board for Hells Canyon Mule Days and hosts conservation tours — this year the sixth-grade conservation tours and another tour for Wallowa Land Trust.

Q. Why did you come to Wallowa County?

A. William's job, and when we got the job here we were happy — it's beautiful country. Where else can you get the diversity of ecosystems that you have here from down in the

canyons to the wooded areas to the high elevation. Looking at the mountains every day is an awesome view.

Q. What has Wallowa County taught you?

A. Love of nature. I'd seen a lot of nature, but with the number of ecosystems here, I experienced even more. You get everything here. I spent years working in the woods, hiking in the canyon lands and the forest through my work. I got to see a lot.

It's important to see different things — I never begrudge anybody coming to view a beautiful place. Plus with the people here, you get some diversity: you see the different aspects of culture: agriculture, timber and tourist cultures.

Q. How has Wallowa County surprised you?

A. I think in the time I've been here it's surprised me at how much Joseph has grown. When I first moved here, most of the storefronts in Joseph were closed.

Thirty years ago, it was pretty much almost a ghost town. There wasn't much. Now it's really growing. I love all the sculptures they have downtown on Main Street. I think that's really cool. I think it's changed for the better. I like it.

And it's fun visiting with the visitors who come from all over the world: China, South Korea, France, Germany, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand. I really do like that, and I think it's amazing that they find this place.

Earthquakes hit in Joseph area

Two earthquakes struck the Joseph area last week. The first hit at 11:01 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 and registered 3.0 on the Richter Scale. The quake occurred about 1.2 miles beneath the surface and lasted for nearly two minutes.

The second quake occurred at 11:33 a.m. Monday, and registered 2.2 on the Richter Scale. That quake occurred 2.75 miles beneath the surface and lasted 67 seconds. Both quakes were about 20 miles southeast of Joseph. The area has registered 64 quakes in the last 10 years of similar magnitude.

Wallowa County dispatch received no calls about the quakes.

— Steve Tool

Meetings set for state parks

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled public meetings to begin the planning process for the Wallowas Management Unit. The state's advisory committee will meet 1:30 p.m. at the Joseph Community Center in Joseph Sept. 7. The pub-

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lic portion of the meeting will be 6 p.m. A second meeting is planned in Hermiston Sept. 6.

The public is welcome to attend the committee meeting; however, only comments from the committee will be heard.

Additional information on the plans are available at wallowastateparksplan.com.

Auditions set for murderous play

MidValley Theatre Co. will hold auditions for roles in its upcoming production of "A Murder is Announced," an Agatha Christie classic. Two sessions will be held 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4 and Tuesday, Sept. 5 at the Lostine Presbyterian Church.

An announcement in the local paper states the time and place when a murder is to occur in a Victorian house. The victim is not one of the house's occupants, but an unexpected and unknown visitor. What follows is a classic puzzle of mixed motives, concealed identities, a second death, a determined inspector grimly following the twists and turns, and Miss Marple on hand to

provide the final solution.

A cast of 12, including men and women, will be required for the production.

Info: 541-569-2302.

Transit advisory committee meets

Community Connection will hold a Transportation Advisory Council meeting 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Community Connection office, 702 NW 1st St., Enterprise. The meeting is open to the public. Input, comments and questions regarding public transit are welcome.

Foundation gives to county groups

Five Wallowa County entities have received grants from The Wildhorse Foundation, a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to support organizations in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington.

Friends of Wallowa County Museum received \$4,000 for publication of the Wallowa County History Book, Vol. 2; Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center received \$2,000

for its Unlocking Hidden Histories and perspective photo exhibit; North End Grange 820 received \$2,931 for upgrades to the North End Grange Hall; Wallowa Avalanche Center received \$4,500 for Beacon Basin and Wallowa History Center received \$16,000 for restoration of the Bear-Sleds Ranger Station in Wallowa.

Lostine reunion set Saturday

Anyone who has attended Lostine Schools over the years is invited to attend an all-school reunion 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. The event will be at Lostine Grange Hall on Rosewell Street in Lostine. A potluck is served at noon. Bring a dish to pass and your own drinks, plates and utensils are provided.

If your group, church or organization has a news brief to be included in this section of the Chieftain, please send the details to editor@wallowa.com. There is no charge for "In Brief" items.

FOR THE RECORD

AUG. 14

12:36 a.m. — A 911 caller reported two black bears were raiding coolers at Wallowa Lake Campground.

12:50 a.m. — Harassment complain from rural Lostine.

1:05 a.m. — A bear was reported in a campsite at Wallowa Lake Campground.

7:12 p.m. — Enterprise Police reported arresting Errol Clarence Bullock Jr., 35, of Wallowa on a probation warrant. Original charge was contempt. He was transported to Umatilla County Jail.

AUG. 15

5:24 p.m. — A motorist in the Enterprise area reported a vehicle that was losing trash off the back. Officers contacted the driver, and he retrieved the trash.

1:55 p.m. — Two 911 calls were received reporting a motor vehicle crash in rural Joseph.

AUG. 16

10:50 a.m. — Report of a dog killing a chicken in Enterprise.

4:51 p.m. — Felony warrant issues for the arrest of a 17-year-old from Enterprise on charges of Burglary and criminal mischief.

AUG. 17

2:39 p.m. — 911 call reporting a fire in rural Enterprise. The call was referred to La Grande dispatch.

AUG. 18

12:48 p.m. — Theft reported in Joseph. Property was returned to the owner.

6:31 p.m. — Report of a fire in Joseph. It was extinguished.

AUG. 19

8:54 p.m. — Report of a criminal mischief incident in Troy.

AUG. 20

9:26 a.m. — Officers investigated an animal neglect case in rural Joseph.

11:35 a.m. — Otilia Thiel of Enterprise, 52, was arrested on a warrant. Original charge was criminal trespass and theft.

AUG. 21

5:22 a.m. — A juvenile was arrested in Tigard on a Wallowa County warrant for burglary and criminal mischief.

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Questions: Call Becca 541-310-0092

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BULL AND BUCK TAGS

To be donated to local charities by the Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is currently seeking applications from Wallowa County charitable organizations interested in receiving a Landowner Preference Tag (LOP) for Bull Elk or Buck Deer on the Zumwalt Prairie Preserve property for the 2018 season.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of community members and ranked based on the following considerations: the benefit to the community; the marketing plan for raising funds with the LOP tags; the budget for the project and the ability to use the tags to leverage additional funds or support.

Interested organizations may request an application from Justin Jones by e-mail (jjones@tnc.org) or phone (850-982- 9224). The application deadline is August 31st, 2017.

Each year The Nature Conservancy donates LOP tags to qualified local organizations. The LOP tags for the 2017 season were donated to Building Healthy Families, Community Connections, Enterprise Joseph Lions Club, Friends of the Wallowa School District, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Wallowa Mountain Chapter, Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. Since 2002, this program has raised over \$425,000 to support charitable organizations in Wallowa County.

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