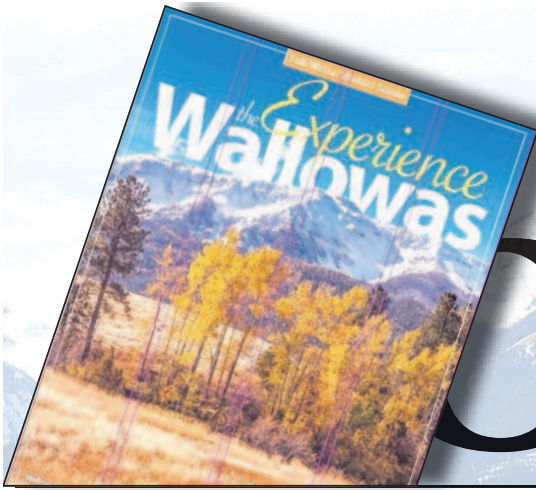


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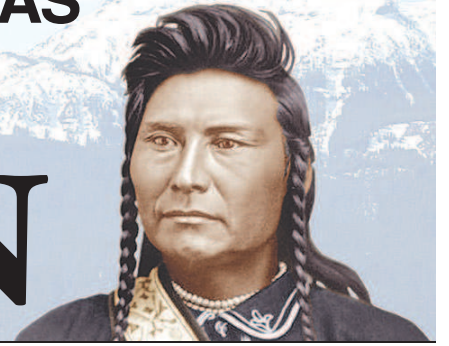
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## DRAGONS TAKE SILVER

### Women's team takes three silver medals in Seven Wonders Cup

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Dragons in the Wallowa roared, and roared, and roared last weekend. They turned in blazing times both days of the second annual Seven Wonders Cup dragon boat races on Wallowa Lake — and they did it while doing double duty.

The Wallowa team had decided to field two

boats this year, a mixed team and a women's team. With just 26 Wallowa County racers, that meant that 80 percent of the women were competing on both teams. The roster was bolstered by two top "orphans" who helped fill the boat, Tessa Fennimore of Salem and Ruth Fox of Salem, who come in as orphans for the team at the Portland races in June as well.

The two boats ran a combined total of eight races the first day and six the second with the

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Paul Wahl/Chieftain  
"Orphan" Ruth Fox takes a selfie with her adopted team during the second annual Seven Wonders Cup Dragon Boat Races on Wallowa Lake on Aug. 19. In the dragon boat world, orphans are on hand to help out any team. Ruth is from Salem.

Ellen Bishop/Special to the Chieftain  
The Dragons in the Wallowa mixed team turns in another blistering time at the 2017 Seven Wonders Cup Dragon Boat Races on Wallowa Lake Aug. 26-27. Denny Kolb is at the tiller.

“I want to thank everybody who made this thing grow to what it is now.”

— Mike Lockhart,  
event organizer

## Interest in addressing Wallowa County housing issues grows

Working groups are beginning to take shape

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

On July 18, some 40 landlords, tenants, builders and interested citizens gathered at the Josephy Center for a brown bag lunch to talk about the housing situation in Wallowa County. Since then the discussions have continued, through a



series of articles in the Chieftain and private conversations throughout the county.

“I don't know who rubbed this thing raw, but it turns out that housing is a huge issue on all kinds of fronts in Wallowa County,” said Josephy Center

brown bag luncheon organizer Rich Wandschneider.

Wandschneider organized a second meeting Aug. 22 with Jeanette Hibbert, emergency heating, food and housing specialist with Community Connection in Enterprise as moderator.

Hibbert kicked off the discussion by explaining the difference between assisted and low-income housing and expanding the public's understanding of voucher programs.

According to Hibbert, the need for assisted housing and HUD vouchers is still keen in the county despite the existence of hundreds of hous-

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## BACK TO THE BOOKS



Paul Wahl/Chieftain  
Enterprise Elementary School instructor Mishelle Williams begins orientation with her second graders minutes after the school year began Monday morning. Joseph children also reported for classes Monday. Wallowa schools were in session last week.

## Warnocks honored as Cattlemen of the Year

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The most anticipated agricultural award of the year, the Wallowa County Stockgrowers Cattlemen of the Year Award, went to an entire family this year. The award was presented Aug. 19, to the Imnaha-based Warnocks: Debi and Charlie, Cynthia and Dan, and Shari and Joe.

Stockgrowers Vice President Cynthia Warnock made the first presentation to her brother- and sister-in-law Charlie and Debi, not knowing that she and husband Dan were next up to accept the triple award.

Cynthia Warnock praised lifetime cattleman Charlie, who operates and manages Bragg Investments Ranch on

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## Support for Lostine Corridor project strong in Wallowa County

This is the latest in an intermittent series of stories on the Lostine Corridor Public Safety Project.


By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Lostine Corridor Public Safety Project, a U.S. Forest Service fire mitigation plan for the forests along a stretch of the Lostine River

Road, has supporters and detractors. A lawsuit on the part of two conservation groups hoping to stop the project is moving forward.

Local groups such as Wallowa County's Natural Resources Advisory Committee, of which Wallowa Resources is a part, stand behind the project both as a public safety project and as an

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