



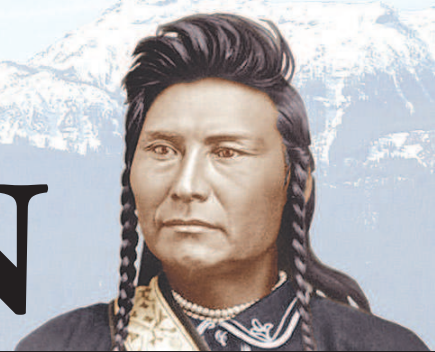
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RUNNING SMOOTHIE

How do you get children to eat their fruits and veggies?

Wallowa School District has discovered one solution

By Paul Wahl
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Schools across the country are looking for ways to encourage children to eat more fruits and vegetables. Wallowa School District has hit upon an idea that appears to be working.

Turn those otherwise objectionable ingredients into a cold and creamy smoothie and students will slurp them down and ask for more.

"Most students look forward to them," said Kathy DeVore, head cook, into whose domain the recently purchased slurpie machine has fallen. "There's very little waste with smoothies."

The tabletop unit was purchased with grant funds and works much like an ice cream freezer.

"We had heard about the success Imbler was having with smoothies and decided we would like to give it a try," said Supt. Bret Uptmore.

The \$1,000 award was announced June 19. Uptmore credits Ann Bloom, Nutrition Education Program Assistant with OSU Extension Service in Wallowa County, for steering the effort.

"I'm always looking for small grants to write for them

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A gallon and a half of mixture (capacity) makes 40 four-ounce servings. High schoolers get 7-ounce servings. The smoothie machine runs every other day.

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Barns are hot topic in county

Owners considering repurposing options

By Kathleen Ellyn
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It's difficult to level a camera in any direction in Wallowa County without snapping an award-worthy picture. And common targets of many shutterbugs are the county's historic barns.

Restore Oregon and the Heritage Barn Task Force have cataloged 11,400 barns built prior to 1960 in the state, and barns of that age are considered worth preserving. But Wallowa County has something even more exciting — a surplus of barns more than 100 years old and a population of barn owners who want to preserve them.

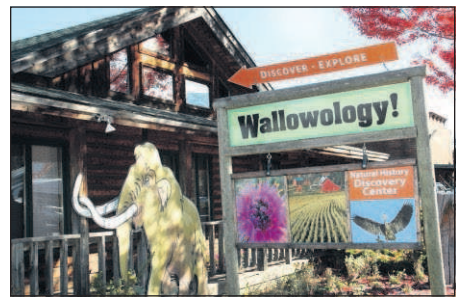
No surprise, then, that the Heritage Barn Workshop held in Union on Oct. 7 featured a capacity crowd (approximately 60) that included a large number of barn owners from Wallowa County.

Among them were Steve and Joella Arment of Lostine, Holly Akinson of Enterprise, Carolyn Pfeaster of Wallowa, Margie Hudson of Wallowa, and Dick and Jan Boucher. Ann Hayes, curator of the Wallowa County Museum, and Vicki Searles, director of Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce were also in attendance.

The group that gathered attracted the most barn-owners of any workshop yet conducted by Restore Oregon. Some of the barns were among the oldest yet considered for restoration with some built in the late 1800s or early 1900s.

Attendees learned how far gone is too far gone (you'd be surprised what can be resurrected), how to identify your barn's archi-

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Wallowology is a fixture on Main Street in Joseph.

Wallowology membership drive a success

By Steve Tool
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Wallowology, a Joseph-based nonprofit dedicated to increasing public interest of the ecosystems of eastern Oregon has finished its first-ever membership drive. Organizers are pleased.

James Monteith, the organization's executive director, called the drive an unqualified success. For a donation of as little as \$20, individuals could become "founding member."

Wallowology is at 508 N. Main. St. in Joseph.

"We went over our goal. I think we're at \$27,000," Monteith said.

One aspect of the funding drive included different Wallowa mountains peak heights to match monetary donations. The idea was the brain child of Wallowology's director of art and exhibits Joan Gilbert.

"I think every peak in the mountains got covered," Monteith said. "We're still not done yet. People are still responding."

Gilbert said one of her visions for the future is expanding the size of Wallowology. The lot behind the building belongs to the organization. Additional space could be used for subjects that require intense focus.

"We don't have a lot of room for really getting into the nitty-gritty of information," she said. She added that the pollination garden could expand to the back lot as well.

Although the founding member group pool is closed, those who missed out on the opportunity can join as regular members. Gilbert mentioned other ways for the public to help.

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A FuelUp2Play60 grant was used for the counter-top style smoothie maker at Wallowa School District.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2017



Halloween will be celebrated in style in Wallowa County. Here is a sample of the options.

- Oct. 27 Range Rider Halloween Party, featuring "Bag of Hammers," 8-11 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Wallowology Family Halloween Party at Wallowa Lake Lodge, an event for the whole family with a kiddie hay maze, face-painting, dipping caramel apples, bobbing for apples, lawn bowling, fortune telling, an Ouija board and the Great Pumpkin Hunt where kids get to search for small pumpkins

around the lodge.

- Oct. 31 Wallowa County Prevention will be showing two movies at the OK Theatre "Monsters Inc." will show at 4:30 p.m. and "The Corpse Bride" will be 7:45 p.m. \$1 suggested admission. Enterprise High School Cheerleaders will be serving popcorn
- Oct. 31 Enterprise Christian Church All Saints Eve Celebration, 6 p.m. at Cloverleaf Hall. Annual event features booths for games and prizes, baked goods, cupcake walk, crafts and fun activities and

lots of candy.

- Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat on Main Street in Enterprise, 4-7 p.m. Come dressed for Halloween and enjoy the public event on the street with businesses, the local constabulary and more offering treats from car trunks. A great photo opportunity.
- Oct. 31 Trick or Treating at Wallowa Valley Senior Living, 604 Medical Parkway, Enterprise 4-7 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Trick or Treating at Alpine House Assisted Living, 204 Park St., Joseph, 6-8 p.m.

