



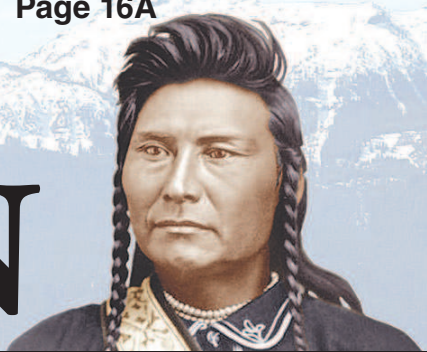
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## Holiday happenings

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Wallowa County as a spate of holiday-related events is about to begin.

### Jingle Through Joseph

The Jingle Through Joseph Holiday Bazaar runs two weekends, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Joseph Community Center at the corner of East 1st and S. Lake streets, Joseph. A variety of gifts, chocolate, edibles, pottery, antiques, jewelry, handmade textiles, decorations and greenery, including fresh Christmas wreaths and swags, will be available. The kitchen will be open and volunteers will serve food as a benefit for the Joseph Library Expansion. A few booth spaces remain at \$35-\$40 for the weekend.

### Jingle Through Joseph Parade

Joseph will come alive for the annual Jingle Through Joseph Parade 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, on Main Street. Shops downtown offer shopping specials all day. The parade features entries from individuals, clubs and businesses.

### Wallowa County Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show

The Wallowa County Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec., 1, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Cloverleaf Hall on the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise. Expect to find a Sees Candy fundraiser for the hospital, handcrafted items, clothing, jewelry, edibles and much more from local vendors. One lucky shopper will win Buckskin



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Santa Claus usually arrives by sleigh, but he's been known to make at least one appearance in Wallowa County on a tractor.

Bucks sponsored by Enterprise Chamber of Commerce. Photos with Santa, live music, a fashion show and workshops are also planned. Some booths available for \$35.

### Enterprise Winterfest Celebration and Parade

The 18th annual Enterprise Winterfest Celebration and

Parade will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9. Shop all day on Main Street and throughout the business district. This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays."

In addition to store discounts and drawings, there will be a Holiday Gift Market, fudge contest, caroling, Christmas karaoke, barrel train rides for kids, chestnuts roasted on an open fire, fire barrels for warming, Enterprise Fire Department chili feed and more.

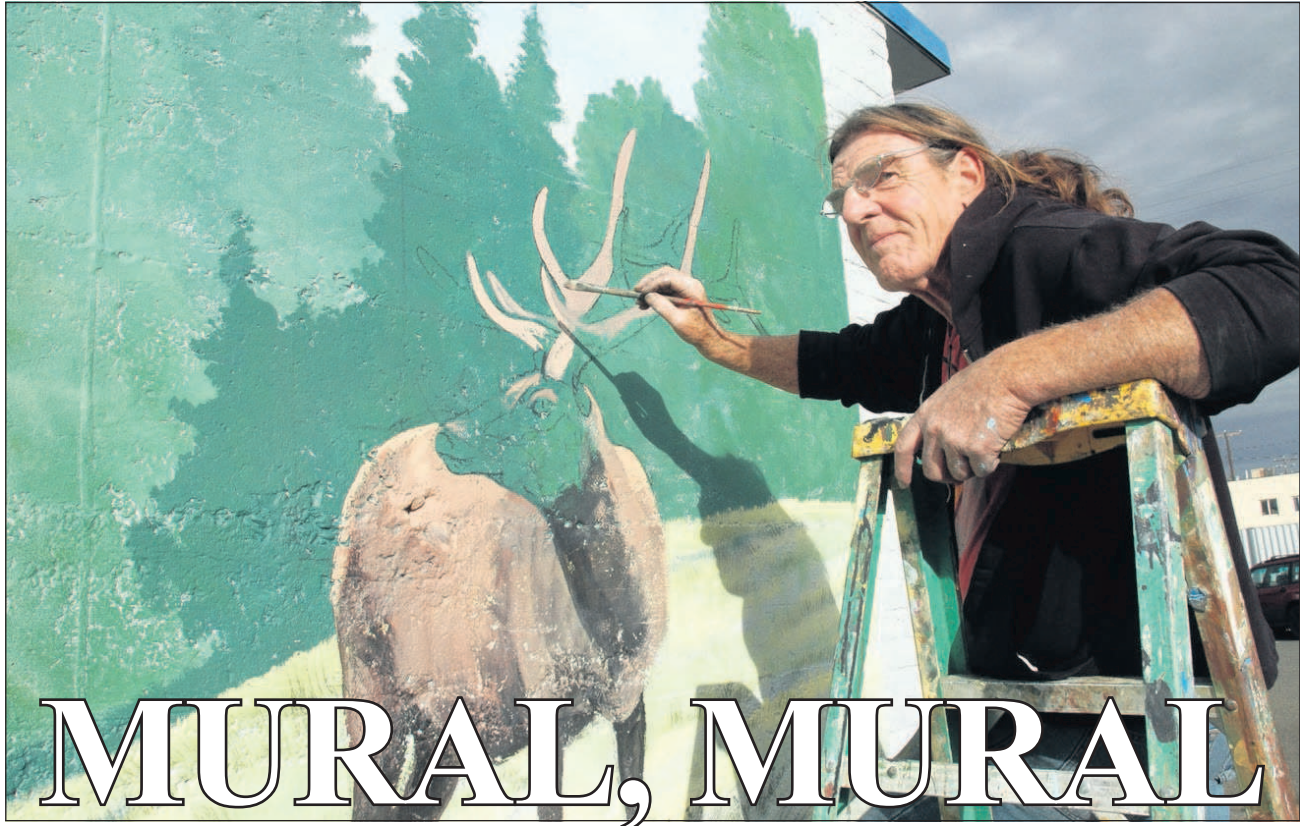
Pictures with Santa and the Elves at Wild Carrot. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday with Santa on his sleigh and numerous club, business and individual entries. Parade winners will be announced following the parade along with drawings for children's stockings and gift certificates.

### City of Wallowa Christmas Bazaar

Vendors will have crafts, children's clothing, goat soaps and creams, art, collectibles, jellies and baked goods, jewelry and more for this event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Wallowa Senior Center, corner of N. Pine and East 2nd streets in Wallowa. Expect a family-friendly day of shopping which also benefits Wallowa Senior Center. Red Hat Ladies will be bringing baked goods. Soup, cinnamon rolls, cornbread and drinks will be available.

### VFW Holiday Bazaar

Homemade candy, candles, crochet items, woodworking, gifts, quilts and other textiles and more will be offered Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at VFW Hall, 800 N. River St. in Enterprise. Breakfast and lunch available.



## MURAL, MURAL ON THE WALL

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The work of muralist John Michener is most visible in Enterprise on the exterior of El Bajio Mexican Restaurant. But that's just one of his contributions to the beautification of the city. His work is also featured on the façades of The Red Rooster Café and Ruby Peak Naturals and inside the Little Store in Enterprise. His newest piece is being created on the south wall of Thompson Auto Supply and another is

planned for the west side of the Elk's Lodge next spring. Michener is a Canadian with a green card who has been in the states since 1989. He began his career in Ontario where he attended University of Guelph west of Toronto and graduated in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in art before going on to art school in Toronto. He knew he'd be an artist from high school on and was at work as an artist while at

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**Muralist John Michener paints the antlers on an elk that adorns the 120-foot mural along the south side of Thompson Auto in Enterprise. The artist is also responsible for the paintings on the front of Ruby Peak Naturals, inside and outside El Bajio, outside the Red Rooster Cafe and inside The Little Store in Enterprise.**

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## Tree-trimming, snow removal fodder for controversy in Joseph

By Steve Tool  
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A discussion of winter snow removal led to a second round of bantering over removal of a tree downtown at the Nov. 2 Joseph City Council meeting. Mayor Dennis Sands noted that several Main Street businesses had used ATVs to clean snow from their sidewalks and had damaged several of the flower boxes. He suggested letting city workers initially clean the sidewalks to avoid property damage. Council member Teresa Sajonia suggested the city leave clearing the sidewalks to businesses entirely unless two or more inches of snow fell. It was also suggested that city workers only do the initial snow removal, before 8 a.m., with the

businesses responsible for additional snow removal. Council member Tom Clevenger suggested adding a clause to the ordinance that prohibits businesses from using ATVs for snow-clearing, but allowing snow removal with shovels or snow blowers to avoid damage to the sidewalk pavers and flower boxes. Joseph business owner Becky Rushton said she did not understand the ordinance. "Now you're going to tell all these people that they can't take four-wheelers out there?" Discussion ensued. "We're getting damage from this," Clevenger said. "We're getting planters damaged ... we're trying to prevent damage. It's not because we want to make it

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## Water issues leach on to Joseph Council agenda

By Steve Tool  
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The Joseph City Council voted Nov. 2 to establish a cross-connection control program as required by the Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Program. The program will ensure that back flow from yard irrigation systems and such does not flow back into drinking water lines due to a sudden lowering of water pressure. An ordinance to hold property owners and landlords responsible for unpaid sewer and water bills should a renter depart without payment was also explored. The ordinance stated that the city would not turn on water to the property until the bill was paid. Mayor Dennis Sands said the city formerly had no recourse to collect the owed funds except through a collection agency, which generally proved marginally effective. Joseph business owner Becky Rushton said she wanted to speak to the mat-

ter, but Sands said he wasn't taking questions. Council member Teresa Sajonia said the affected public should be allowed to comment. Sands replied that he was the one who had instituted public comment on agenda items when he was elected to office because he appreciated their insight. He said recent council meetings had become town hall meetings with excessive discussion, and he was only trying to keep order. Rushton asked how she was supposed to keep track of renter bills when it was likely an invasion of privacy. Council member Tom Clevenger said it was her responsibility as she owned the property. City administrator Sandra Patterson, who crafted the ordinance, said it was her understanding that landlords could check on a bill's status since they were property owners. The council decided to check with the city attorney on the matter.

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## FLAGS FLY FOR VETERANS



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Devan Zollman was dressed sharply for his part of the program during the "A Salute to Our Veterans" Nov. 9 at the EHS gym. The half-hour event included a number of patriotic-themed musical pieces and plenty of action. More photos on Page 5.

