

War causing labor, material shortage in area

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1917

City fathers in Enterprise are mulling a plan to pave the business streets in the city, but the idea may have to wait. Those opposed say this is a poor time for any new undertaking with materials and labor expensive and scarce owing to the war conditions. The streets are in poor condition, however, and paving is considered the ultimate solution.

Sawmill and logging companies all over the northwest are operating shorthanded, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Companies are making special inducements to men to stay. Entities with spruce to sell are in luck, the U.S. Government is buying as much spruce as it can find for airplane propellers.

The first lawsuit in the history of Wallow Circuit Court involving an automobile crash has gone to a jury. The accident occurred in downtown Joseph. More suits arising from the automobile fad are expected in the coming months.



The 1956 Lostine High School Boys Varsity Basketball team included, front, from left, Dale Bartness, Teddy Gaston, Gary Winters, Duane Jones and David Crow. Back, David Cherry, Don Hammack, Bill Hunter, Glen Bowen and Ross Courtney.

70 YEARS AGO
Nov. 13, 1947

The first butter to be made commercially in Enterprise for some time is coming out of a new churn installed at Raven Foods plant. The equipment had been held in readiness until the market situation had improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fleenor purchased the Sweet Shop in Joseph from Mr. and Mrs.

Hall. They are rooming at the home of Mrs. Emma Patten.

Wallowa County Grain Growers had its biggest year in ever, co-op members were told at the organization's recent annual meeting. A 150,000-bushel capacity grain elevator in Enterprise is the next major goal for the organization. Nearly a million dollars worth of grain was sold last year.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 12, 1967

A suit stemming from a car accident in June 1965 has been filed in Wallowa Circuit Court. The William A. Shoopman family is seeking more than \$25,00 in damages from defendants John David Long and Gary Kiesecher. Shoopman's widow alleges Long was operating his vehicle at speeds greater than would permit exercise of proper control and failing to keep a proper lookout.

Capt. David R. Hockett, U.S. Army helicopter pilot and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hockett of Joseph, returned home recently after spending the last year in Vietnam. He has been awarded the distinguished flying cross, 24 air medals and the bronze star.

The Wallowa High School football team remains unbeaten for the season and has advanced to the state play-off after defeating Maupin. They will face Sacred Heart in Klamath Falls in the first round of action.

25 YEARS AGO
Nov. 12, 1992

The developers of the Joseph Point Subdivision scored a victory in their battle to put expensive homes on the Wallow Lake moraine last week when their case was considered by the Oregon Court of Appeals. Twenty-six lots averaging about an acre each have been proposed.

A group of Wallowa County Churches has requested the Wallowa Valley TV Association begin rebroadcasting KMBI-FM, a popular Christian radio station in Spokane. A survey of members will be undertaken.

Wallowa Valley Players are preparing a production of Neil Simon's comedy hit "Barefoot in the Park" at Joseph Civic Center. Desert will be served. Seating is limited.

Native American artists sought for downtown Joseph artwork

More — and more authentic — Native American art may soon be making its way to Main Street in Joseph.

The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture has received a large grant from the Oregon Community Foundation to engage a Plateau Indian Artist to add his or her work to the bronze streetscape in the city.

Joseph is named after Nez Perce leader Chief Joseph, as is the annual rodeo. In the past several years, local foundries and galleries, working with city officials, have developed a streetscape that features a dozen bronze sculptures. The city has recently been designated by the state of Oregon an art district.

"Four of the dozen bronze sculptures currently on Main Street depict Indians; none of them are the work of tribal artists," said said project manager Rich Wandschneider.

"The Josephy Center, with its unique position as a window between local people and descendants of tribal people who once lived here, wrote the grant, and, along with tribal representatives, will select an artist to do the work."

The Josephy Center is named after Alvin M. Josephy, Jr. the noted historian of the Nez Perce and long-time advocate for American Indians.

The matter of names Josephy and Josephy is purely coincidental, "but it is a nice coincidence," Wandschneider said.

The center is home to a library of books that Josephy collected over his long career.

Many of the books deal with Plateau Indian culture and history, and students and writers come frequently to explore Indian themes and share their work with local and visiting audiences.

Tribal artists interested in the opportunity have until Jan. 15 to send resumes and portfolios to the center.

The project calls for three-dimensional public art but is not restricted to bronze sculpture — the medium is artist's choice.

As many as three artists will each receive \$1,000 and six weeks to develop proposals for a sculpture to stand in the Josephy Center courtyard or on Joseph's Main Street.

One artist will then receive one-third of the \$25,000 award and have a year to complete the project.

Info: 541-432-0505.

Fundraiser set for Joseph Library

Joseph Public Library fundraising committee will host a benefit to help fund the planned library building expansion project.

A "Soup-er Bingo Night" will be 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at The Place, adjacent to the Joseph United Methodist Church. The event includes bingo, all you can eat soup dinner and a raffle of various gift baskets. All ages are welcome.

Salad, breads and bottomless bowls of homemade soups will be available for a \$10 per person donation or \$25 for families of three or more. A children's discount is available.

Bingo cards are \$1 apiece, and the game will be ongoing. Attendees are welcome to come and go or stay throughout the event.

Themed baskets to be raffled include cooking, art supplies, outdoors, children, knitting and crafting, romance and more. Raffle tickets are \$5 apiece or \$20 for five. The drawing will be held 7 p.m.; must be present to win.

Plans for the library are to have the building remain at the same site with a new addition and improved areas for community gathering and library services for all ages.

Each dollar raised at the fundraiser will be matched with funds from a project grant authorized by the Wildhorse Foundation in Pendleton.

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