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**73rd Chief Joseph Days Rodeo**

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# WALLOWA COUNTY CHIEFTAIN



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## TAMKALIKS

### Dancing, drumming and feasting

Perfect weather greeted the hundreds who attended the Tamkaliks Celebration July 20-22. The Sunday friendship feast in Wallowa enjoyed a record number of visitors this year. There is no charge for the event, so visitor count was based on the number of people fed (plates), which featured the usual spread of buffalo, elk and salmon and dozens of homemade side dishes and desserts. There were 600 plates allotted for the feast, and organizers ran out of plates.

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Lewis Allen, a Nez Perce of Lapwai, Idaho, competes with another dancer in the Junior Boy's Traditional dance at the 2018 Tamkaliks.



During a pause between dances at the 2018 Tamkaliks in Wallowa, Robert J. Tewawima, Hopi-Apache of Lapwai, Idaho, adjusts the head-dress for his son, Robert Jr., 7. Robert Jr. is an enrolled Nez Perce.

## Feds put flesh back on county budget bones

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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After three years of down year financially that saw road crews shrink, the end of the county library and gaps in the Sheriff's Office budget, Wallowa County is benefiting from an infusion of approximately \$1.8 million in PILT and SRS funds.

"Payments in Lieu of Taxes" are federal dollars given to local governments to compensate for losses in property tax revenue due to an abundance of nontaxable federal lands within their boundaries.

Wallowa County has 1.17 million acres of such land. PILT funds help pay for services such as firefighting, police protection, construction of schools and roads and search-and-rescue operations.

During 2015-17, counties across the country received what the feds called an underpayment of PILT funds. Wallowa received \$442,296 in 2017; \$425,291

## HEMP

Wallowa County farmer joins national trend

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If you smoke hemp, nothing exciting happens.

"You might be disappointed," said hemp grower Shayne Kimball of Joseph.

That's because although hemp and marijuana are both cannabis plants, hemp contains less than 0.3 percent of the psychoactive component THC — the chemical that makes you high.

The only thing "high" about Kimball's own five-acre hemp farm on Tucker Down Road outside of Joseph is the altitude at which his plants grow.

But if you ingest or apply a hemp oil product it may successfully treat a whole host of ailments from chronic pain to the symptoms of neurological diseases. Although the oil, known as CBD, is widely believed to have these beneficial effect, the



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Shayne Kimball of Joseph works on his five-acre plot, planting high altitude hemp as part of an Oregon Department of Agriculture Pilot Project.

medicinal potential remains largely untapped.

The rest of the plant is equally broad spectrum; fibers can be used either pure or in combination with other materials for everything from food products to clothing to biodiesel to a form of biodegradable nontoxic plastic.

"It's the Swiss Army knife of all plants," Kimball said. "I think this plant has the ability to revitalize small farms in America. I think it can bring

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