

# War-induced male labor shortage continues

**OUT OF THE PAST**  
*Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins*

**100 YEARS AGO**  
**July 25, 1918**

The Wallowa National Forest again led all reserves of the Pacific Northwest district in receipts from grazing permits for the past fiscal year — \$28,830.

A deluge of rain fell late yesterday afternoon in the valley. After a few minutes of the downpour, water stood in the streets of town, and every hollow was a lake.

The shortage of labor due to the war has induced Mrs. K. S. Rogers to announce that the dining room of the hotel in Enterprise will close Saturday night and will not reopen until after the harvest. While all kitchen and dining room help is scarce, the new order is found necessary particularly on account of Toy Young, chef of the hotel. He has a 320-acre ranch largely in wheat, which he must harvest, and there is nobody to take his place for a few weeks at the hotel.

**70 YEARS AGO**  
**July 22, 1948**

A new road from the city limits of Joseph to the lower

end of Wallowa Lake will be completed this summer under a contract with the Pappin Construction Co. The road will be routed to eliminate the numerous sharp curves now on this section of the highway and it will be wider than the old road.

Sixteen hundred acres of excellent pasture and farm land at the head of Beaver Creek between Swamp and Crow Creeks has been sold by A.M. Pace to W. S. Strickler and W. G. Buchanan. The pasture land is considered of superior quality with an abundance of water and a heavy stand of grass, which makes very early pasture.

The Wallowa County Hospital has received a contribution of \$1,000 in cash from S. L. Magill of Lostine in memory of his wife, and this donation has been matched by \$500 of federal funds to make the largest single contribution to the hospital building fund to date.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**July 25, 1968**

The Board of Directors of High Wallows Inc. met in what is anticipated to be one of their final sessions prior to closing their loan with FHA to construct a gondola lift at the



1974 Chief Joseph Days Queen Kristi Johnson with princesses Pam Wilson Stitzel and Janet Josi Delatori.

head of Wallowa Lake. They reported that they have reached their goal of local funds for the project and have surpassed their goal of subscribers.

Mary Lou Brink returned to her home in Enterprise

after a trip to Calgary where she was one of 16 contestants in the Toastmistress International contest. Speaking in the contest on the subject, “Do Not Write In This Space,” a humorous talk, Brink was cho-

sen during the first day of the contest to go on to the finals.

In order to comply with current personnel limitations imposed by Congress, the Post Office Department has ordered that all Saturday window ser-

vice will be discontinued.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
**July 24, 1993**

“We’ve had wind, rain, rainbows, sometimes sunshine and a lot of fun,” Early “Taz” Conner of Wallowa said of last weekend’s third-annual Wallowa Band Descendants Nez Perce Friendship Feast and Pow Wow at the new outdoor grounds, while hundreds of people were arriving to enjoy the friendship feast Sunday. Despite the weather, there were still five drums, 60 Native American dancers from at least four states, more than 20 tepees and dozens of assorted tents and RVs, many craft and food concession.

A Texas company is negotiating with Union Pacific to take over the operation of the 84-mile Joseph branch line between La Grande and Joseph. Rio Grande Pacific of Fort Worth is negotiating for control of five Union Pacific lines in Oregon and Idaho.

Despite cold wind and falling rain, last weekend’s Jazz at the Lake Festival was fun for performers and spectators alike. Entertainment included the acappella group The Persuasions and dancers from the Elm Street Dance Studio in La Grande.

# Second Back Country Bash will be in Joseph Aug. 4

**By Steve Tool**  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Back Country Bash, an alternative country music festival held at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena at the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Grounds, is back for another year of music fun.

The Saturday, Aug. 4, event features the music of Shane Smith and the Saints of Austin, Texas, Canadian cowboy singer Corb Lund and headliners Reckless Kelly, also of the Austin music scene.

Brooke Pace, one of the festival organizers, said this version will outshine last year’s inaugural event. She said organizers have a better perspective on how to stage the show.

“I felt like we staged the music a little early last year,” she said. “We felt like we were trying to cram too much music in.”

Rather than filling in between sets with local musicians, supporting act Mark Kroos will play a longer set than usual. A 30-minute break between sets will also give attendees a chance to eat or peruse concert merchandise.

Pace said that the cooperative hard work of the organizers and local sponsors allowed much wider promotion for the festival.



Courtesy photo  
**Corb Lund will be among the heavy-hitters performing at the 2018 Back Country Bash in Joseph Aug. 4.**

“Hopefully, we’re reaching out to some new people who may not have discovered Wallowa County otherwise,” she said. “People from nine states, including Texas and Washington, D.C. — and even Canada — have bought tickets for the event. It’s great exposure with a different demographic of people for Wallowa County.

The organizer said that the festival’s tag line, “Come for

the Music, Stay for the Adventure,” is meant to show what Wallowa County has to offer.

“We try to highlight the area’s beauty and the recreational activity and pinpoint the people who might stay a few extra days and go camping or hiking or spend time downtown to enjoy the community.”

The event’s main performers were partially selected based on a poll conducted by the event’s organizers after last year’s concert.

“The most fun in the planning is picking the acts,” Pace said. “The biggest surprise was that everyone wanted Corb Lund to come back. Reckless Kelly was right at the top as well. We felt really proud that we were able to book two of the top acts people were wanting to see.”

She added that the organizers got to Shane Smith and the Saints earlier this year because their popularity has exploded in the ensuing months. “People are going to want to get in

the doors to see them as well because they put on an amazing show,” she said.

One thing that won’t change is the After-Party Breakfast that takes place after the closing act.

“We’ll probably start that at 11 p.m. and go until 1 a.m. or so,” she said. Food and beer vendors are slated for the event.

The organizing committee is already looking ahead with the idea of expanding the festival.

“We’re hoping to grow this into a two-day festival where we can have local acts throughout the early part of the day building up into the larger acts in the evening,” Pace said. “That’s definitely our long-term goal. We had such positive, resounding feedback last year, and it was

great to know people had a really good time.”

Tickets are \$50 and are available online at [backcountrybashjoseph.com](http://backcountrybashjoseph.com). The event

gates open at 3 p.m. Opener Mark Kroos begins at 4 p.m. Camping is available at the 23-acre park next to the arena for \$10.

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