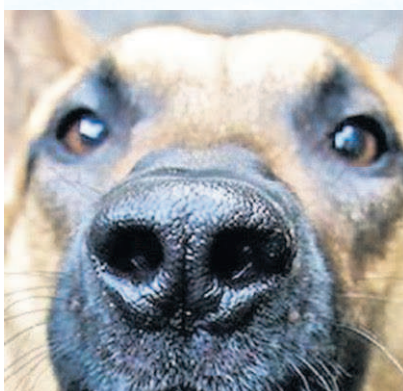


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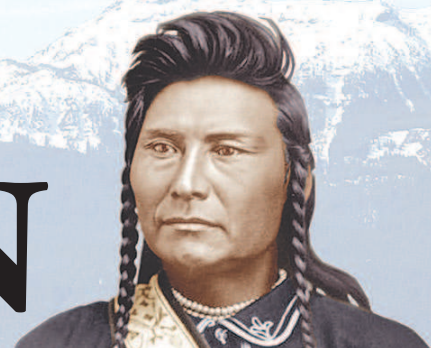
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AT RIGHT Montana Post of Wallowa gives her steer Blue Bear a thorough cleaning, including a vacuum job, at the county fair.



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## HOT TIME AT THE FAIR

Sisters Page Freels, back, and Cara Freels of Lostine were part of the opening class in sheep judging at the fair Thursday.

**T**he barn door has closed on a hot and dry Wallowa County Fair 2018. Temperatures during the three primary livestock showing days — Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — topped out at 104 degrees.

In contrast, high temps during last year's fair week reached 91 and in 2016, the highs were in the 80s. The heat didn't stop the action; however, it may have slowed it a bit.

The fair wrapped Saturday evening with the traditional livestock auction. More than 160 animals were entered, the largest block being market swine. Temperatures were in the 80s by Saturday night with a gusty northwest wind.

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## Herinckx, Knifong earn top honors

Homemaker of the year accolades for best fair entries

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

**M**arietta Herinckx, 71, of Enterprise started a marathon of creativity for a shot at Senior Homemaker of the Year at the Wallowa County Fair the day after the 2017 fair ended.

She knew what she was in for. "I had friends who had done it in past years, and I pretty much kept it in focus this year," Herinckx said.

It was intense.

The winner of the coveted prize, which is a bit of money and a lot of bragging rights, must have the most ribbons in four categories: horticulture, food preservation, baked goods and textiles. Competitors also enter other categories, but wins there don't count toward Homemaker of the Year.

Herinckx's plan was simple: keep on top of it and make multiple entries for every category. She got off to a good start.



**Marietta Herinckx of Wallowa won it walking away this year. She took Senior Homemaker of the Year at the Wallowa County Fair with 182.5 points — more than three times more points than the next competitor. She did it by entering 93 different items including the peppermint cookies and Cosmos floral arrangement and the quilt behind her.**

"I started canning things in season immediately," she said. "Then, I froze fruit for jam, thinking I could can in the winter."

But even when the plan is



**Kennison Knifong, 16, of Enterprise, won Junior Homemaker of the Year at the Wallowa County Fair for the second time. He entered dozens of items, including this Best of Show lattice crust cherry pie.**

good, some leaning into the finish line tape was necessary.

"I made the jam last week!" Herinckx said.

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## Sojonia raises stink over Joseph bathrooms

Administrator hiring process moves ahead

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

The city's public bathrooms were the subject to discussion again at the Joseph City Council meeting Aug. 9.

Council member Teresa Sajonia said that the bathrooms remained in filthy condition after the council ordered the public works employees to make cleaning a priority. The restrooms are located at the corner of East Wallowa Avenue and North Lake Street.

She noted that the city's utility clerk Crystal Bronson had created a signoff sheet for the public works crew to complete, and the sheet was signed daily.

"I made a point of stopping by on the way here, and they're not getting cleaned. There is no way in two-and-a-half hours that happened," Sajonia said.

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## Lodging tax boost heading toward ballot

Wallowa County is moving forward with a plan to place an increase in the transient lodging tax for specific hoteliers.

The issue will appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot, "Shall Wallowa County Transient Lodging Tax be increased three percent in unincorporated areas to benefit the sheriff's department and fairgrounds operation?"

The county collects a voter-approved lodging tax of five percent, paid by tourists, business travelers and other visitors.

The tax is divided up 20 percent to Wallowa County Health Care District Emergency Services, 10 percent to Wallowa County Search and Rescue, 5 percent to Wallowa County Solid Waste Program, 15 percent to county projects recommended by the board of commissioners.

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## Ban on publicly-funded abortion on Nov. 6 ballot

By Paris Achen  
For the Chieftain

A constitutional amendment to ban publicly-funded abortion in Oregon has qualified for the statewide general election.

The Stop Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act — which will likely be called Measure 106 — had just enough valid signatures to secure a place on the ballot. "We are really excited because we have been working at this since 2012," said Brooks resident Marilyn Shannon, one of the initiative's three chief sponsors. "We had a lot of road blocks."

The measure would prohibit the use of public funds to pay for abortions, unless medically necessary or required by federal law.

"This does not outlaw abortions," Shannon said. "It just does not allow public money to pay for it."

The state spent around \$1.9 million in 2017-18 for abortions paid under the Oregon Health Plan, the state's version of Medicaid, according to the Oregon Health Authority.



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