



Standing in the stern, Sweep Dennis Kolb helps steer the Dragons in the Wallows Grand Masters team through the Slalom races during Sunday morning's heats of the Seven Wonders Cup. Ellen Bishop/For the Chieftain

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Bruce Dunn

Dunn remembered as a man of principle

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Wallowa County commissioner-elect Bruce Dunn passed away from a suspected cardiac incident while on a tour of timber stands on the Lower Joseph Creek Project Aug. 21. He was 74.

When Dunn came to Wallowa County from Idaho in 1986, he looked for work as

a forester in a steadily decreasing industry. Upon his death, Dunn was a Wallowa County icon, a commissioner-elect for retiring Paul Castilleja's seat, chairman of the county's Natural Resources Advisory Committee and the personification of the county's struggle to maintain control of the utilization of its natural resources.

Born in Michigan, Dunn attended Michigan Tech, where he obtained a degree in forestry

management and went to work for the U.S. Forest Service but ended up in the private sector at a sawmill. He briefly returned to the USFS when the mill he worked for washed away in a dam failure.

He eventually landed a forestry job at the Sequoia Forest Industries mill in Joseph. RY Timber of Boise eventually purchased the mill, which closed in 1995. Only Dunn was retained

to manage the company's extensive forest lands in the county, a job he held until his death.

Among his accomplishments while serving on the Wallowa County Planning Commission were the creation of the Wallowa County and Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan to preclude the endangered species designation of Chinook salmon.

Because of the technical demands needed to imple-

ment the plan, the commissioners, along with Dunn, formed the county's Natural Resources Advisory Committee, which has two facets: A technical committee that reviews projects and makes recommendations and a standing committee that develops recommended policy on natural resource issues for the board of commissioners.

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SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS



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Alyse Shetler, kindergarten teacher at Joseph Charter School, reads from "The Night Before Kindergarten" on the first day of school Monday. Joseph and Wallowa schools both opened for the year Monday, Enterprise schools open Sept. 4.

County TLT plan faces new challenges

Suit says state's open meeting laws violated

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Wallowa County Commissioners have been hit with two new challenges to the proposed increase of the Transient Lodging Tax in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Attorney Benjamin Boyd, representing David Hurley, owner of Eagle Cap Chalets at Wallowa Lake, submitted a suit and a challenge with regard to the way the measure was brought forward.

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Joseph will vote on marijuana measure Nov. 6

Effort to place it on the ballot in Enterprise fails

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Two measures seeking the repeal of ordinances banning marijuana sales in Enterprise and Joseph met with opposite results last week.

Marty Thompson of Enterprise, who had hoped to open a shop on her property on Florence Avenue in Enterprise, collected 257 signatures in the city in favor of putting the measure on the Nov. 6 ballot. She turned them in at the Aug. 13 meeting of Enterprise City Council.

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Chesnimnus Pack strikes again



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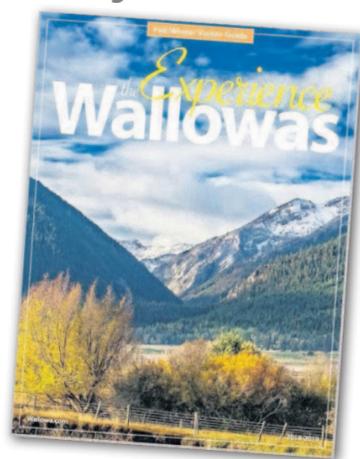
The Chesnimnus Wolf Pack claimed its fourth victim in a confirmed wolf depredation of a calf. A range rider found the five-month-old 300-pound animal on the morning of Aug. 20. Estimates indicate the calf was most likely killed on Aug. 19.

Investigators found that a significant portion of the carcass, including all the calf's intestines, had been consumed. The remains were skinned and investigators found five canine puncture wounds along with assorted scraps and tooth spacing, which indicated a wolf depredation. Wolf tracks and scat were also found near the kill site.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said it has had five confirmed wolf depredations in the area since mid-June. This attack, as well as the other four, are attributed to the Chesnimnus Pack.

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