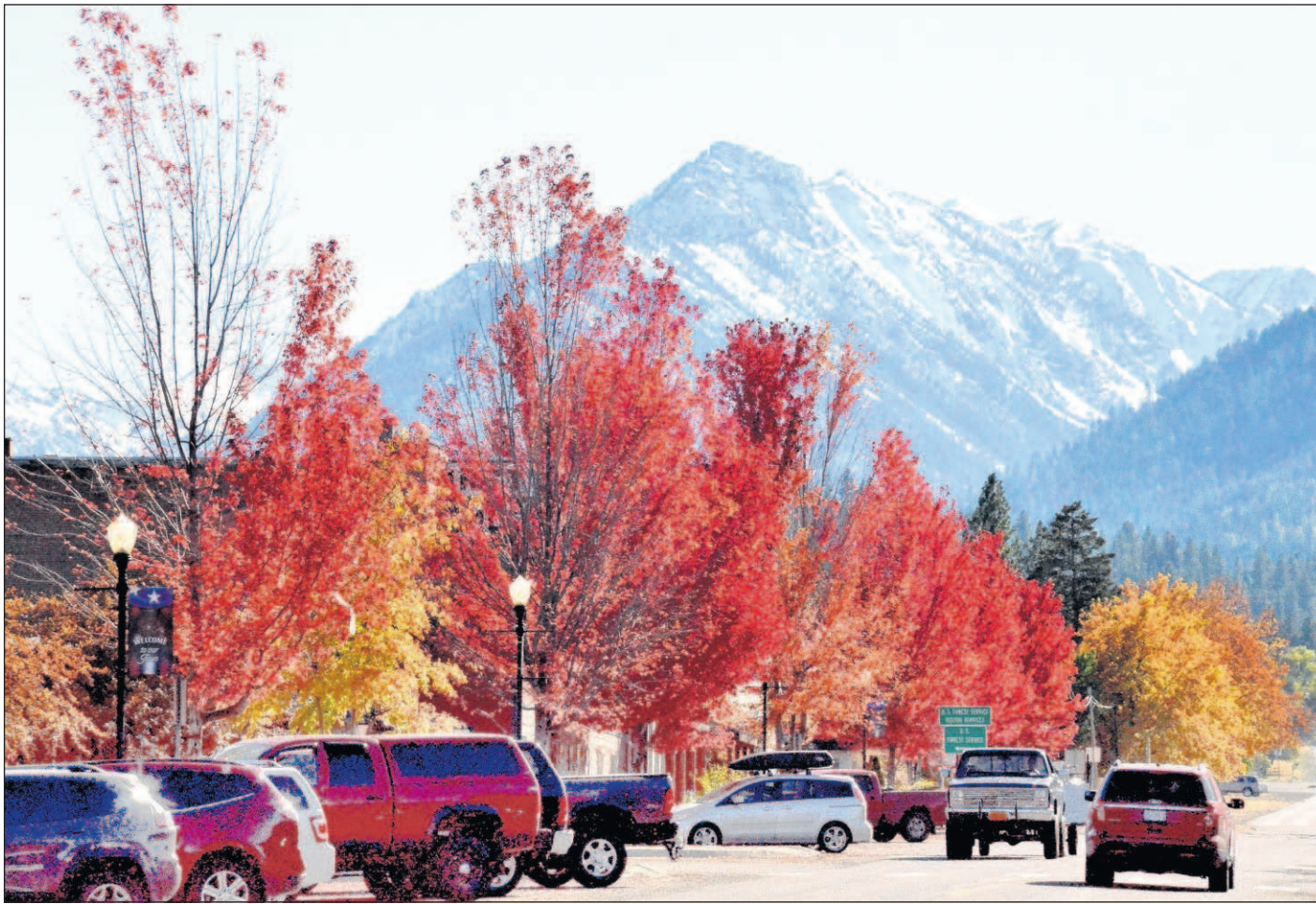


# AUTUMN COLORS



Paul Wahl/Chieftain

The colors of the trees against the snowcapped mountains has brought a bright vista to downtown Joseph. Cooler evening temperatures will hasten the changing of the hues. Sunshine is expected to continue through the weekend.

# SPORTS BUILDING

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space for soccer, pickle ball, kickboxing, walking in bad weather and more.

Wallowa Valley Little League, Joseph High School Baseball, Wallowa Valley Soccer Association, schools and many other groups supported the plan.

The application process had to be completed on short deadline, and because it did not require a detailed budget for submission, the city is now faced with completing that ask. The city is looking at the cost to manage and maintain the building, which the city will own. A committee has been formed to determine what the city can afford.

Enterprise City Council also recently awarded the network \$2,000 from Transient Lodging Tax funds to move fencing to clear the way for construction.

“Our first goal is to raise the \$50,000 match by March 1,” said co-organizer Kate Fent. “Before we break ground, we want to have all the funding to fulfill our grant in place.”

Her group is also looking at options such as sponsorship and user fees to provide regular funding and solar power to reduce monthly maintenance costs.

For Fent and her crew, this is only the beginning. The group has other projects in mind to help make year-round recreation possible for Wallowa County residents from birth to age 80.

“The city has been great,” Fent said. “I think we’ll easily be able to make this work. The process of working through this project only means the city and WCAN will be better prepared for the next project.”

The network is a nonprofit, and donations are tax deductible. To donate to the project, mail checks to Silver Creek Financial Services, 175 OR-82, Lostine, OR 97857. Representatives are also preparing to go around to businesses allowing them the opportunity to donate.

# Stonebrink could face Wallowa County charges

He was arrested on Jackson County warrant

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain



Stonebrink

John Delbert Stonebrink of Wallowa was arrested Sept. 25 on charges of encouraging child sexual abuse in the first and second degree, luring a minor and using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct.

The case began with a complaint filed by parents of an autistic teen-aged Central Point boy in October 2017. The parents told Jackson County Sheriff’s Office detectives that the

alleged victim had communicated online with an adult male and received images of child sex abuse as well as requests to

send nude photos of himself to the man.

Law enforcement officials said the victim told them that the man had said he worked as a firefighter in southern Oregon and even attempted to meet the victim while at work there. Detectives later identified Stonebrink as the man in question. Law enforcement later confirmed that Stonebrink worked as a sanitation truck driver at the Miller Complex fires and around the area 20 miles west of Ashland, Ore., at the time of the alleged incidents.

On Jan. 9, in a collaborative effort, Jackson County detectives along with Enterprise

Police Department and Wallowa County Sheriff’s Office served a warrant at Stonebrink’s Wallowa home and seized mostly electronic devices from the residence. These are being analyzed by forensic personnel within the Oregon Department of Justice.

As a result of the device seizure, a Jackson County grand jury indicted Stonebrink on the charges and a judge issued an arrest warrant Sept. 19.

Stonebrink was arrested at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4307 Sept. 25 by EPD Chief Joseph Fish.

The defendant was lodged in the Umatilla County Jail and shortly transported to the Jack-

son County Jail.

Additional charges are possible as the electronic evidence is examined in detail.

“The Jackson County Sheriff’s Office came up with the Oregon department of Justice on Jan. 9, and we assisted in a search at Stonebrink’s residence.”

Stonebrink was away from the county at the time.

Fish used EPD Officer George Kohlhepp and Wallowa County Sheriff’s Deputy Kevin McQuead for backup.

“We were notified there was a warrant for his arrest,” Fish said. “I was watching out for him, and I saw his rig at the VFW.”

He arrested Stonebrink without incident, although he first had to disarm him.

“I just told him I was taking his gun, and he asked why, and I said ‘you’re under arrest.’”

Fish said it’s unclear if Stonebrink will return to the area to face additional charges. He noted it would depend on what information was obtained from the electronic devices seized from Stonebrink’s residence.

Wallowa County Sheriff Steve Rogers was asked if he believe Stonebrink would face local charges.

“I think he’ll be in Jackson County for a long time.” he said.

# JAMIE McLEOD-SKINNER

FOR CONGRESS

## VETERANS

Our military personnel must receive the support they need – resources, advocacy, and health services – during active duty and their transition back to civilian life.

To care for our veterans, as they have taken care of us, we must invest in Veteran Services and end the 20 daily veteran suicides.

- Care for troops while in uniform and *for all veterans when they return.*
- Provide support, resources, advocacy, physical and behavioral health services *during both active duty and community re-integration for veterans.*
- Prior to troop deployment, *Congress should fully account for the costs of meeting troops needs and be sure they are covered.*
- *Honor the sacrifices* our military families make on our behalf.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Greg Walden voted against:**
- Funding for veteran’s suicide prevention and PTSD treatment.
  - Increased healthcare pensions for veterans.
  - Increased combat pay for troops.
  - Providing assistance to military sexual assault victims.

## HEALTHCARE

Equal access to affordable, comprehensive, high-quality health care, including mental healthcare.

Manage costs, support caregivers, and ensure that people with pre-existing conditions are not denied or charged more for coverage.

- Access to full range of physical and behavioral *healthcare for all.*
- Care must be *universally accessible and universally affordable.*
- *Quality must be to standards* so people are not under-treated by over-worked doctors or over-treated by hospitals and clinics motivated by profit.
- *We must resolve the opioid addiction crisis through prevention and treatment.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- If Greg Walden’s bill to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act had been successful, **64,000 people** (one in five) who live in this (Walden’s) Congressional District would have lost their health care coverage.
- Greg Walden drafted legislation that allows sky-high “deterrence” premiums for coverage of pre-existing conditions.

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