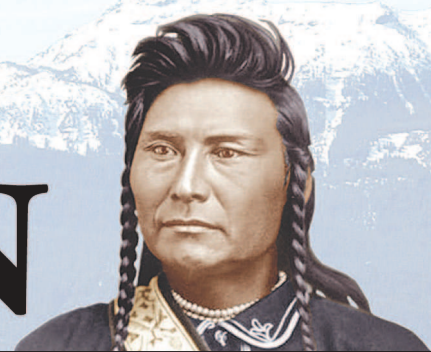




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Wallowa County medical pioneer retires

Kathy Siebe spent more than three decades serving patients here

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Kathy Siebe hung up her stethoscope Nov. 13.

She was a pioneer — the first woman practitioner in Wallowa County. She has served for more than 30 years, was instrumental in estab-

lishing Winding Waters Clinic, the Wallowa Valley Health Care District and bringing rotating residents to the county. She cared for hundreds of Wallowa County children and youth.

Back in the day, as all of these programs and entities were being developed, folks like Kathy and her husband Dr. Scott Siebe worked 80-hour weeks.

Siebe initially was part of a small crew of four doctors, four registered nurses and office support personnel who covered the entire county.

“We did the work that needed to be done with health care and saw lots of patients,” she said. “It’s been very satisfying for the last 30 years.”

The scale of care has increased over the decades.

Now Winding Waters Clinic employs more than 70 practitioners, medical providers, residents in the rotating rural care program, a dentist, behaviorists, mental health counselors, acupuncturists and more.

“It’s more of a team approach now,” Siebe said. “We have an understanding of each other’s patients because we cover for each other. Also, in this day



Kathy Siebe

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WALLOWA FOOTBALL



Paul Wahl/Chieftain

Wallowa’s Gus Ramsden meets up with a St. Paul player determined to block his pass. On this play, Ramsden chose to scramble and picked up yardage.

IT'S OVER

Cougar season concludes as St. Paul wins second match-up

Wallowa Varsity Football Team finished its season the way it began — with a loss to St. Paul. This time it was in the semi-final round of the State 1A Championship Playoffs in Hermiston Nov. 17. The Cougars fought valiantly but came on the bottom of a 16-46 score. Complete story and photos on [Page A10](#).



Firefighters from county on the job in California

Camp Fire is still at less than 60% containment

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Wallowa County firefighters have been on the front lines of the Camp Fire in northern California. Although they are all safe, they have sent back terrifying reports.

Dean Brown from Enterprise Fire Department and Amanda McHatton from Joseph joined Oregon Dept. of Forestry Protection Supervisor Matt Howard as part of the Northeast Oregon Taskforce Strike Team earlier this month.

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Senior living center thriving under new management

Enterprise facility is full and has a waiting list

By Steve Tool
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Wallowa Valley Senior Living Center is thriving under its new management said Lisa Hilty, president of Vitalita, the company that manages the facility. Vitalita took over July 1. Hilty addressed the Rotary Club of Wallowa County Nov. 14.

After a brief introduction from Nick Lunde, chairman of the Wallowa County Health Care District Board, Hilty gave the crowd a rundown of how the community support from a number of groups, along with the professionalism of the center’s staff, put one idea into her head: “This is the place I needed to be.”

Hilty, who contracts with Wallowa County Health Care District, manages several other senior centers and an addiction center.

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Schreder named new Wallowa County Extension Agent

Wallowa County will shortly have a new OSU Ag Extension Agent.

Pete Schreder has been named to the post effective Jan. 1, 2019. He replaces John Williams who retired June 30.

The plan is that Schreder will begin a half-time appointment in Wallowa County then move to full-time on July 1, 2019.

In the sixth-month period, he will divide his time between Lake County, where he has served as an extension agent for more than a decade, and Wallowa County, an OSU spokesman said.

Schreder has several projects in southern Oregon he will be finishing before going full-time in Wallowa County. However, even when he is in Lake County, he will be available to Wallowa County residents, the spokesman said.

According to his biography, Schreder has worked in the agriculture

and natural resource industry for the majority of his career. He began as a rangeland manager for the U.S. Forest Service where he dealt with the regulatory issues facing resource managers and livestock producers.

Returning to graduate school, he focused his education on rangeland ecology and, following the completion of his graduate degree at Texas A&M University, he returned to the industry as a county extension agent with Oregon State University.

Schreder has spent the past 18 years of his career working to provide livestock producers the tools they need to be as successful as possible in the natural resource and production agriculture industry.

He has been instrumental in developing reliable rangeland monitoring protocols for livestock producers to implement on their ranches and allot-

ments. Other notable programs he has worked on include sage-grouse habitat, drought management and mitigation, juniper and upland restoration, noxious weed control and herd health.

For the past eight years, Pete has been part of an international rangeland management team instrumental in providing the U.S. Department of Defense guidance in managing the open space on several U.S. military bases in Europe.

He has provided leadership to the Lake County Extension Office as staff chair and county leader for the past 12 years. In 2017-18, he was selected to attend Real Oregon, a five-month Leadership Development Program where he enhanced his leadership skills. He is an active member in the Society for Range Management and recently served as the Pacific Northwest section president.

MEET AND GREET

To welcome Peter Schreder to the community, OSU Extension will hold a public meet-and-greet 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the extension office in Enterprise. Schreder will share his experiences and answer questions. Sam Angima, OSU’s Extension’s agricultural and natural resources program leader, and Natalie Kinion, Extension’s eastern region director, will also be there.

