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Wallowa High School gridders come out tough but lose a to St. Paul, one of the highest ranked teams in the state | **A9**



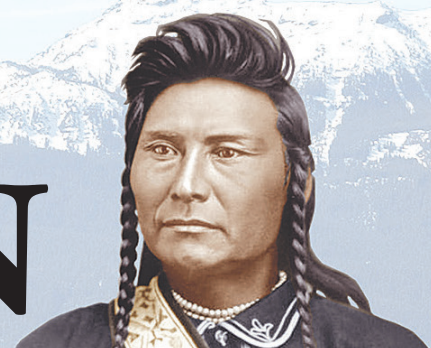
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Joseph City Council OKs draft plans for new subdivision

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At its regular meeting on Thursday, September 5th, the Joseph City Council gave final conditional approval to the Mountain Meadows subdivision. Located on the northeast boundary of Joseph, the project will bring 49 new single family residence homes to the city, and one small park that will serve as the subdivision's open-space. It may help ease the growing pains and housing shortage in the county.

Wallowa surveyor Matt Brockamp presented plans updated since an earlier (May) meeting in which the preliminary plan was sent back for some redesign.

The Mountain Meadow subdivision will extend the present Daggett Street approximately 500 feet eastward. Its design includes a loop road and two short interior cul-de sacs. It also extends the city limits and "urban growth boundary" about 500 feet to the east.

Several local residents expressed concerns about the subdivision. Kathy Norman asked whether the city's sewage system and sewage treatment plant was adequate for this large number of new family residences. Mayor Teresa Sajonia assured her that the present treatment facilities were sufficient, and that improvements and upgrades to the plant, scheduled for 2021, would boost the plant's capacity even farther. Other concerns included the sharp radius of a curve in the subdivision's roadway (It meets state standards according to Brockamp and the project engineer,) whether wet areas of the subdivision would be regraded so that homes could be more easily built (Yes.) and whether the extension of Daggett Street should be named Daggett Street or Daggett Lane. ("Street" was the hands down winner.)

In other matters before the council, Scott Schmidt and Lisa Dawson's application to construct a 40-foot-long storage and wood-working building on their property was approved. James Monteith, the neighbor whose home is just 55 feet from the proposed woodshop, had filed an appeal citing noise, sawdust, and the potential for a commercial, small-diameter sawmill operator to be established in that business. In response, Schmidt noted that the hand-turned bowls and other artistic objects that he creates in wood manufacturing do not require much wood to produce, and certainly not enough to establish a commercial sawmill.

The Joseph City Council approved Mr. Schmidt's application to build his shop, with several caveats. They include allowing operating hours only between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Other agenda-based items included accepting firefighting payments in the amount of \$6,281 from the Joseph Fire Department as well as other funds.



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The new, 49-home Mountain Meadows subdivision will be built on the land east of East Street, and south of Daggett Street.



Tyanne Jacksin of Rathdrum, Idaho, gallops Starbucks Baby toward the finish line in the Speedball race. It was the winning ride in the event.

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MULE DAYS BOASTS LONG-EARS GALLORE



Mary (left) and Jean wait patiently for their next event, while Brian Cook holds the reins.

Weather dampens attendance, but not competition

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The 39th annual celebration of Hells Canyon Mule Days went off with plenty of hitches. Four mule hitches, two mule hitches, and single-mule hitches that is, along with races and riders. There were lots of other fun events, including the annual Dutch Oven Cook-off, Cowboy poetry, and Kristyn Harris' outstanding concert.

"We had great attendance, considering the weather" said Mule Days president Sondra Lozier, "and an increased number of entries." What was really important, Lozier emphasized, was the larger number of youth who participated in the events.

The weather cooperated on Friday, September 6th, with mild temperatures and fitful sunshine. But Saturday the weather changed, and in the afternoon around 4 p.m., a thunderstorm generated rain, hail,

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37th annual Wallowa Valley Festival of the Arts opens Sept. 13

Weekend show held at Joseph Center

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The Wallowa Valley Festival of Arts, held this year at the Joseph Center in Joseph, will open its doors at 7 p.m. on Friday September 13th for a gala opening night reception. The exhibit will remain open only through September 15. This year's show features paintings, photographs, sculptures, and other creative works from artists across the Northwest. This year the Festival again features plein air watercolors, and a plein air

competition which will be a featured exhibit, opening at the Wallowology Natural History Center across the street. The festival also has a new emphasis on music, with performances throughout the weekend.

The Wallowa Valley Festival of Arts was initially established in 1982 to celebrate the bronze sculptures for which the town of Joseph is renowned. In its 37 years, the festival has grown into the largest juried art exhibit in eastern Oregon, and is now recognized as one of the finest of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Each year, it consistently attracts talented artists



Courtesy photo

Part wood, part glass, this intriguing sculpture will be on display at the Wallowa Valley Festival of the Arts.

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