

# World War veteran laid to rest with military honors

## OUT OF THE PAST

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### 100 YEARS AGO

Aug. 4, 1921

With military honors at the grave, the body of Grover C. Eckley was laid to rest in the Enterprise cemetery. He was killed in action in the Argonne, Sept. 28, 1918 and buried temporarily not far from the battlefield. His body was removed later to an American cemetery in France, and then was brought to the homeland by the government last month.

A pleasant open air natorium has been evolved out of the creamery pond, a short distance south of Enterprise. The water was drained off

and teams deepened the basin. The water was turned in again and it is about six feet deep at the deepest. Dressing rooms have been provided and 2 dozen bathing suits have been ordered. In the winter the sheet of water will become a skating pond.

### 75 YEARS AGO

Aug. 8, 1946

The Joseph Garden club has joined with 300 other organizations in Oregon to "adopt" one of the undernourished and underclad children of France. The club will undertake to send two or more packages of food and clothing each month to the child.

The first serious forest

and range fire of the 1946 season broke out on the Snake river and swept over an estimated 1500 acres of brush and range before it was extinguished by a crew of 70 men.

Bert Caudle of Lostine discovered the coal in the bin joining the Lostine school gym was on fire Monday morning. Melvin Crow showed up with an extinguisher and the blaze was soon subsiding. In the afternoon Harley Caudle found that the coal was smoldering and it became imperative to remove the entire contents of the bin. As there were 25 tons of treated coal, the men worked well into the night getting it spread on the cement floor of the ten-

nis court.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 5, 1971

Fire struck at the Clyde and Kenneth Wulff ranch at the edge of Flora, burning a hay barn and all its contents to the ground. The metal barn contained about 5000 bales of hay, for a loss of \$12,000.

Eight to twelve thousand acres of range and crop land in the Lost Prairie and Troy areas are in dire need of spraying as millions of grasshoppers are chewing a wide path of destruction that could virtually strip the infested areas of all plant life. However, it's too late for a successful spray since the grasshoppers are begin-

ning to lay eggs.

One hundred seventy-five people assembled at the Wallowa Church of Christ, including old timers and charter members of the church who came from all over Oregon and eight western states. The occasion was a week long family encampment on the South Fork of Lostine River at Irondyke.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 1, 1996

The Imnaha Store reports that the rattlesnake count is increasing rapidly. The bear and rattlesnake feed is coming up in September, so bring your snakes in.

Gene Palmer, a cowboy from Terrebone, scored an 88 aboard Major Wolf, top-

ping a field of 47 bull-riding entrants at last weekend's Chief Joseph Days rodeo. He took home \$1,853.71 of an \$18,500 jackpot.

The Wallowa Senior Center patrons are negotiating on how their center will be managed. The Wallowa seniors have been fighting to keep their new facility a senior center and not a community center.

The Wallowa County Court met for a special session on the topic of siting an Oregon state correctional facility in Wallowa County. The facility would be a men's minimum security prison (work camp) housing a maximum of 400 beds. A committee was formed to study the situation.

# Wallowa County hits one-day record for COVID cases

By RONALD BOND  
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ENTERPRISE — Cases of COVID-19 were up in Wallowa County last week — and on Friday reached the highest one-day total to date since the start of the pandemic. And at least two businesses in the county have already been affected by the spike.

The Oregon Health Authority on Friday, July 30, reported 10 new cases of COVID-19 in the county, surpassing the previous one-day record of nine back in February. However, there was just one new reported case over the weekend, despite the state announcing 2,056 new cases in that time.

The county's total since the start of the pandemic in early 2020 is at 239.

Brooke Pace, Wallowa Memorial Hospital communications director, encouraged residents to follow the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Oregon Health Authority guidelines of masking up.

"The precautionary mea-



Ronald Bond/Wallowa County Chieftain  
**The Red Rooster Cafe had to close indefinitely Friday, July 30, 2021, after posting that members of its staff had been exposed to COVID-19 and had to quarantine.**

asures have not changed," she said. "Get a vaccine, wear a mask indoors, avoid crowded areas."

Red Rooster Cafe, on Main Street in Enterprise, posted a note Friday afternoon saying the restaurant was going to be closed "until further notice" and that part of its staff had been exposed to COVID and was in quarantine. R&R Drive-In in Joseph was closed Saturday

during Chief Joseph Days. A recorded answer to their phone said R&R will be closed until Thursday, Aug. 5 because of coronavirus.

Additionally, the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph canceled last Friday night's opening reception for "Instance in Time," which was set to kick off an art display by Rick McEwan and Adele Buttolph. The gallery is still open, an

email from the Joseph Center said.

Throughout the pandemic, Wallowa County has been one of the locations with a relatively low number of cases, due in part to its sparsely populated nature with roughly 7,000 people living in the county.

Even with the number of overall cases still below the state average — less than 3.5% of the county's popula-

tion has tested positive, compared to more than 5% of the state — the number of recent cases has caused that total to swell. The county had 196 total cases at the start of July, and didn't have its 200th case reported until July 19.

Since that day, though, 39 more cases have been reported — a 19.5% increase in total cases close to two weeks.

Health officials have pointed to the Delta variant as part of the reason for a statewide increase — Oregon reported more than 1,000 new cases in three days during a last four-day stretch last week, including 1,076 on Friday. Earlier last week, officials said they believed the Delta variant — which they have said is much more transmissible — is responsible for about 80% of new cases.

All four northeast Oregon counties, in fact, are seeing a rise, with the biggest of the spikes being in Umatilla County. It has had more than 100 new cases a day in recent days, Friday reported 82 cases and had another

112 over the weekend. Both Baker and Union counties had 22 cases on Friday. Union County had 41 more over the weekend, but Baker County added just nine.

Jackson County had the highest total in Oregon Friday with 188 new cases, and 132 more over the weekend. Multnomah County reported 340 over the weekend.

In Wallowa County, 48.6% of the entire population has been vaccinated, and 58.3% of those 18 and older have received a shot of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Those who statistically are more susceptible to hospitalization or death — the 60 and older population — have made up the majority of those getting vaccinated in the county. As of Friday, OHA data showed that age group in Wallowa County has accounted for 57.4% of the county's vaccine total, despite being just 41.4% of the population. In all, just over two-thirds of that age bracket — 67.5%, or 1,998 people out of 2,962 — have received a COVID-19 vaccine.

# Residents have 60 days to comment on moraine management plan

Chieftain staff

ENTERPRISE — Wallowa County residents will have the next two months to comment on the management plan for the East

Moraine. A 60-day public comment period on the current East Moraine Community Forest Management Plan has been announced by the Wallowa County commissioners and begins today,

Wednesday, Aug. 4, and runs through Saturday, Oct. 2.

The moraine, a parcel of land of roughly 1,800 acres, was purchased and moved to county ownership in January 2020. A draft management plan has since been worked on by the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership — made up of Wallowa County, the Wallowa Land Trust, Wallowa Resources and Oregon Parks and Recreation — and members of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Nez Perce Tribe cultural and forestry divisions, as well as community members. The final plan will ultimately be what governs management and stewardship of the property.

"Securing the RY Timber preserved the opportu-



Wallowa County Chieftain, File  
**Horseback riders and their dogs enjoy a ride on the East Moraine above Wallowa Lake. The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners has opened a 60-day public comment period on the East Moraine Community Forest Management Plan.**

nity for the public to access and enjoy the East Moraine and is a huge win for the community, preventing permanent development of this iconic landscape," said

Kathleen Ackley, executive director for Wallowa Land Trust. "We invite the public to review the draft plan and provide comments to ensure the future management of the property is in line with the community's vision."

An opportunity for the public to comment is necessary, Commissioner Susan Roberts said.

"Purchasing the property

was a big step, but only the first, in providing economic and recreational opportunities while taking into consideration the overall health of the landscape," Roberts said.

The plan can be found to review online at [co.wallowa.or.us](http://co.wallowa.or.us) under the "News and Announcements" tab, or there is a single bound copy that can be read onsite at the commissioners' office on the third floor of the Wallowa County Courthouse. An online survey is also on the county site as a place for comments. Comments can be submitted to [east-morainecommunityforest@gmail.com](mailto:east-morainecommunityforest@gmail.com) or to 101 S. River St., Enterprise, OR 97828, attention: East Moraine Community Forest Management Plan.

A name, contact information and reference to a page and section of the plan must be included in any comment for them to be considered. A meeting for public input is set 6 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.

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**WRESTLING OF THE WEEK**

**JESSE BROWN**

For the second time in a row, Baker City's Jesse Brown is a champion at Chief Joseph Days. Brown won the all-around steer wrestling title in 2019, tying for first in both rounds in the process. In 2021, he was at it again, winning the all-around with a time of 10.1 seconds on two steers, and winning Round 1 with a rodeo-best time of 4.2 seconds.

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