

# Brown Bag presentation to focus on suicide

Chieftain Staff

**WALLOWA COUNTY** — Due in part to the pandemic, suicide rates across the country have surged over the past three years. Wallowa County is not immune to this national problem, and the Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness is the focal point for dealing with suicide locally.

Center Director Chantay Jett and clinical Director Mollie Cudmore will address the issue at a Josephy Center Brown Bag at noon on Tuesday, June 14. The event will be live and livestreamed.

Jett grew up in Wallowa County, earned degrees in business and psychology, and worked with children in an in-patient psychiatric unit at Children's Hospital in Seattle. She returned to the county and picked up her mental health career, becoming director of the Center for Wellness in 2015. Jett and husband Lem have two teenaged children. Cudmore is a licensed

clinical social worker, and the new clinical director at the Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness. Mollie earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Oregon and a master's degree in social work from the University of Montana. She has worked in the mental health field since 2001, and came to Wallowa County from Bethel, Alaska, seven years ago. She focuses on challenges in loss, including divorce, death, stress, anxiety, depression, trauma and transitional changes.

The Brown Bag presentation will address the rising tide of suicides, and talk about seeing early signs of potential suicide and finding help.

Brown Bags are free and open to the public with donations appreciated. Directions for distance attendance will be published on the Josephy Center webpage at josephy.org. For further information, contact Rich Wandschneider at 541-432-0505.



Fifth-graders from Enterprise and kindergarteners from Joseph dress in old-time clothing during a field trip to the Wallowa County Museum in Joseph on Thursday, June 2, 2022. They were there for a scavenger hunt and to donate a dress from around the turn of the 20th century and some decades-old Wallowa County Chieftains.

Jude Graham/Contributed Photo

## Grade schoolers donate vintage dress, newspapers

### Enterprise, Joseph students embark on joint effort

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**JOSEPH** — A dress from more than a century ago and a stack of old Wallowa County Chieftains were donated to the Wallowa County Museum in Joseph by kindergarteners from Joseph Charter School and fifth-graders from Enterprise Elementary School during a field trip Thursday, June 2.

The Enterprise fifth grad-

ers donated the vintage Chieftains dating as far back as 1928 to museum curator Jude Graham. The century-plus old dress, worn by Hallie Duncan, also was gifted to the museum.

Enterprise teacher Lorri Fischer joined with her daughter, Joseph kindergarten teacher Aliyse Shetler, in a field trip they have planned for about 12 years. The pair meet at the museum each year and pair the older students with younger counterparts to complete a museum scavenger hunt uniting the two schools in a common purpose, Fischer said in a

press release.

The kids then usually travel to the R&R Restaurant in Joseph for an ice cream treat, she said.

This particular donation was prompted when a pile of discarded Chieftains found in the back of a classroom file cabinet prompted the Enterprise fifth-grade class to learn more about local history. The papers started in 1928 and progressed through the 1930s and 1940s.

"They added much to class study of Wallowa County history," Fischer said.

During the filming of the 2016 movie, "The History

of the Enterprise School," which was a tribute to the 100th birthday of the main building built in 1917, Linda Bright, owner of B. Bright Vintage, a vintage and thrift store in Joseph, donated a vintage dress. It was said to be 100 years old and was worn by a student in the class movie as she was portraying an early teacher, Suzie Zurcher.

Fischer said that after researching the dress, she was unable to determine exactly where it came from.

Fischer is retiring from Enterprise School this year after 38 years.

## Parks commission to meet in Enterprise

### Tour of sites at lake also planned

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**ENTERPRISE** — The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission announced Wednesday, June 1, it will tour local sites and convene June 14-15 at the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise.

On June 14, commissioners will tour Wallowa Lake State Park and Iwetemlaykin State Heritage Site starting at 8 a.m., followed by a work session and training at Cloverleaf Hall at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise.

On June 15, commissioners will convene an executive session at 8:30 a.m. at the same location to discuss real estate and legal issues. Executive

sessions are closed to the public. A business meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be open to the public.

Anyone may attend or listen to the business meeting; instructions on how to listen will be posted on the commission web page prior to the meeting. The business meeting includes time for informal public comment related to any items not on the agenda. Registration is required to speak at the meeting, and is available online at bit.ly/registerjunecommission. Time per speaker is limited to three minutes. Written public comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. June 13 to chris.havel@opr.oregon.gov.

The full agenda and supporting documents are posted on the commission web page at <https://www.oregon.gov/opr/CAC/Pages/CAC-oprc.aspx>.

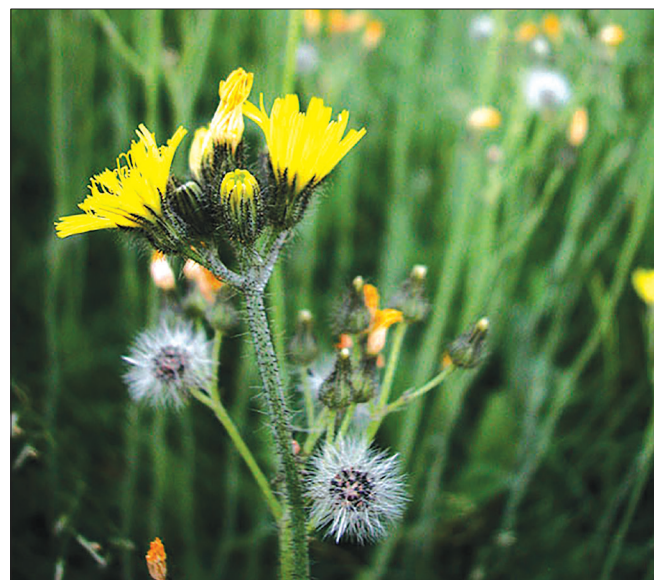
## Noxious weed of month is meadow hawkweed

Wallowa Resources

**ENTERPRISE** — As part of the Wallowa County Vegetation Department and Weed Board's ongoing education efforts, in conjunction with Wallowa Resources, the Chieftain features a noxious weed each month that is on the county's list of noxious and invasive weeds.

This month's noxious weed is meadow hawkweed.

**What:** Meadow hawkweed is a perennial that grows up to 3 feet tall, with rosettes that contain narrow, spatula-shaped leaves that are up to 6 inches long. Leaves exude milky sap when broken. The flowers grow in yellow clusters near the top of the plant



Joe Sims/Wallowa Resources

Meadow hawkweed is this month's weed of the month. It is a perennial that can grow up to 3 feet tall.

and bloom from May to July.

**Where:** Meadow hawkweed prefers moist, grassy areas. In Wallowa County, it's typically found in forested and riparian areas but can even be found in flowerbeds and lawns.

**Dangers:** Meadow hawkweed is an invasive intruder that produces highly mobile seeds. It prevents desirable plants from establishing or surviving.

**How you can help:** If you find meadow hawkweed either on your property or while out and about, take note of the location. Contact Wallowa Canyonlands Partnership Program Manager Joe Sims at 541-426-8053, ext. 61.

## Wallowa Resources youth programs resume in person

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**ENTERPRISE** — Outdoor in-person educational programming is back. Wallowa Resources Youth Stewardship Program has had a busy spring full with Friday WREN (Wallowa Resources Exploration of Nature) Science Adventures and a return to in-person outdoor school for every sixth-grader in Wallowa County.

The weather this spring hasn't been able to decide

if it's winter or summer, but despite some snowy days, students have had a blast learning outside. The last few years have made running programs as usual challenging, so the youth education staff at Wallowa Resources have been thrilled to be back up and serving the county's youth and schools with free in-person programs that get kids outside exploring nature.

This spring Wallowa Resources had seven full-day Friday Science WREN classes that took local fifth-through eighth-graders out into the county's landscape to learn about different natural science and place-based topics. Big highlights were the birds of prey lesson

where students got up close and personal with some falcons and herpetology exploration, which includes finding frogs, snakes and turtles out at local ponds.

Wallowa Resources facilitated three weeks of outdoor school serving all fourth-through sixth-graders at Joseph Charter School and each sixth-grade class from Enterprise and Wallowa.

Outdoor school was held at Wallowa Lake State Park, where kids learned about salmon migration, soil science, forest structure and tree ID, animals and survival skills. Staff also facilitated one day of outdoor programming for a class of fifth-graders from the neighboring town of Halfway.

"We can't stress enough how excited we are to be able to be running full, in-person programs again, and to have a full summer of outdoor programming planned to teach our youth," said Lindsay Miller, youth education manager for Wallowa Resources. "Not only in our own programs, but also working with our school districts and other camps to deliver the best possible experience for our county's kids."

For more information about programs or upcoming classes, visit [www.wallowaresources.org/education](http://www.wallowaresources.org/education). For additional information, contact Miller at 541-426-8053 or [lindsay@wallowaresources.org](mailto:lindsay@wallowaresources.org).

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