



Wallowa County Voices



Tim Melville
Enterprise

Longtime farmer appreciative of freedoms

ENTERPRISE — Tim Melville has been living in Wallowa County for about 58 years and farming most of that time.

He and wife, Audry, raised two sons here. The elder Melvilles, their sons and their sons' wives own and operate Cornerstone Farms Joint Venture, one of the largest farms in the county at more than 5,000 acres of a variety of crops. Now, some of their seven grandchildren are getting in on the operation, too.

"It's enough to keep us busy," he said.

He has a few favorite things about Wallowa County, such as "no streetlights, the people and the mountains."

On a sunny Tuesday, he was particularly pleased with the weather.

"You can't beat a day like today," he said. "It's fantastic"

Although a farmer relies on rain, he needs dry weather, too. Melville has had enough rain for one season.

"We started putting hay up yesterday," he said. "We need a couple weeks of weather exactly like this. And then, we need another good rain."

With Independence Day coming up, Melville has definite thoughts on its meaning.

"I love the country and what it means to be free," he said. "Because of the freedom of religion and the First and Second Amendments, they're very important. The rest of the world just doesn't realize how bad it can be in other countries and how important these freedoms are to us."

In addition to farming this summer, he hopes to get a little time off for hiking.

"I want to go up to Slickrock, three miles up Hurricane Creek," he said. "It's a beautiful spot to hike up to with a beautiful gorge and the water just rushing down through there."

Like many in the county, Melville likes Wallowa County as it is and has firm advice for anyone thinking of moving here.

"If you want to come here, come here and adapt to this lifestyle," he said. "Don't bring Portland up here."

— Bill Bradshaw,
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County set to celebrate the Fourth

By **BILL BRADSHAW**
Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA COUNTY — The 246th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence will once again get a rip-roaring recognition from one end of Wallowa County to the other, Monday, July 4, with the Old-Time Fourth of July Parade and Celebration in Wallowa.

Parade

The parade, which usually includes 30-40 entries, kicks off at 11 a.m. from the high school football field.

"We're hoping we have a lot," said Carolyn Harshfield, city recorder.

This year's parade is not expected to have the spirit of rebel-



Wallowa County Chieftain/File Photo

The Wallowa Independence Day Parade gets underway July 4, 2021, led by two vehicles from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4307 bearing the colors and gaining a respectful response from parade-goers. Wallowa will hold this year's parade Monday, July 4, 2022.

liousness exhibited two years ago when, against state government orders, Wallowans went ahead and held their Independence Day Parade without government sanction — or an official closure of Highway 82 through town. With the COVID-19 pandemic virtually over, there's no need to close such events, Harshfield said.

Ruby Frazier will serve as grand marshal of the parade.

Last week, Little Miss Fourth of July and Little Mister Liberty were selected. Greta Kennedy and Dylan Wortman will ride near the start of parade behind the grand marshal.

Entrants are asked to sign up by June 30, Harshfield said.

"There can be last-minute ones

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CHIEF JOESPH DAYS RANCH RODEO

FENCE CREEK RANCH

RANCH *cleans up*

CJD events kick off over weekend

By **BILL BRADSHAW**
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JOSEPH — The winners of the 2022 Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo were led by the team from Fence Creek Ranch of Hanley Miller, Hadley Miller and Sy York when all was said and done Saturday, June 25, at the Harley Tucker Arena in Joseph.

The rodeo began the day before as a couple dozen riders took part in a trail ride from the arena, through town and up the East Moraine above Wallowa Lake.

But the real action took place as local teams of wranglers demonstrated working ranch skills of branding, doctoring, sorting and roping, as well as seeing budding young future cowboys and cowgirls try their hands at a stick horse race.

Robin Lewis, one of the rodeo organizers, said about 200 people attended and the event raised about \$5,500, including funds raised through the live and silent auctions and a percentage of the Calcutta. The funds raised go to local high school students who graduated this year.

Scholarship recipients this year were Ian Goodrich of Joseph and Alona Yost of Enterprise. There was no entrant from Wallowa.

Points won for the day among the teams — after the Fence Creek Ranch — were Temple Ranch of Brian Temple, Tristin Bales and Joshua Bales in second; Quail Run Ranch of Barrie Qualle, Casey Little and Jerry Cobb in third; and Smiling M Ranch of Bo Patzke, Damion Patton and Shawn Morehead in fourth.

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Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Queen Maggie Zacharias, right, leads riders across the road from the rodeo grounds Friday, June 24, 2022, at the start of a trail ride to kick off the CJD Ranch Rodeo. The riders rode through Joseph and up the East Moraine.



The Temple Ranch team of, from left, Tristin Bales, Joshua Bales and Brian Temple direct a calf into a pen during the team sorting event Saturday, June 25, 2022, of the Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo in Joseph. The team came in second for both the event and the day.

WINNERS OF THE EVENTS WERE:

TEAM BRANDING

First: Quail Run Ranch
Second: Fence Creek Ranch

TEAM DOCTORING

First: Fence Creek Ranch
Second: Smiling M Ranch

TEAM SORTING

First: Fence Creek Ranch
Second: Temple Ranch

TEAM ROPING

First: Fence Creek Ranch
Second: Campbells — Jaycee Campbell, Amy Campbell and Bucky Campbell

THE CALCUTTA

Hadley Miller, with Lowell Lewis in second and Karen Rahming in third

JIM PROBERT TOP HAND AWARD

Tristin Bales and Jerry Cobb.

BEST COWGIRL AWARD

Amy Campbell

Brown, state lawmakers widely condemn decision

U.S. Supreme Court overturned nearly 50 years of abortion rights protections

By **LYNNE TERRY AND ALEX BAUMHARDT**
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The U.S. Supreme Court's decision Friday to overturn nearly 50 years of abortion rights protections sparked an outpouring of condemnation in Oregon where reproductive rights are protected by law and Democrats hold the majority of state offices.

Political leaders, from the state's U.S. senators and representatives to legislators and candidates for office, called the decision "heartbreaking," "infuriating" and "dangerous" while Republicans praised it.

The decision, written by conservative Justice Samuel Alito, overturns Roe v. Wade and Casey, a subsequent decision affirming abortion rights.

"The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; Roe and Casey are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives," the decision said. That conclusion was anticipated after a draft of the ruling was leaked earlier this year.

Abortion rights are protected by law in Oregon, and the procedure is free, even to undocumented immigrants. But 13 states have "trigger" laws anticipated the court's decision that will make abortions illegal, either immediately or within a certain time frame. Idaho's ban will go into effect in 30 days.

Abortions rights advocates expect those bans to create a dramatic uptick in demand for abortion in states like Oregon, Washington and California, where reproductive rights are protected.

About two hours after the decision was released, the governors of the three states issued a "Multi-State Commitment to Reproductive Freedom" that not only affirmed abortion rights but also pledged to protect from prosecution and extradition those patients who seek care in one of the three states. The pact

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A couple dozen riders rode up the East Moraine above Wallowa Lake on Friday, June 24, 2022, during a trail ride that kicked off the Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo.

