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Lighting up the lake

Fireworks reflect Monday night, July 4, 2022,
on the water of Wallowa Lake during Shake the Lake.
Yasser Marte/East Oregonian

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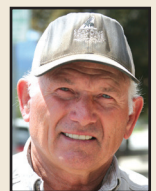


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Ed Powers
Joseph

Contractor has done work for most

ENTERPRISE — Ed Powers has been operating his excavation contracting business from his home outside of Joseph for more than 40 years.

"I've done work for everyone around," he said.

His favorite thing about living in Wallowa County has changed a bit over those four decades.

"I liked it at first because there were fewer people and fewer regulations," he said.

He still likes the low population.

With Independence Day just past, he had some thoughts on what the holiday means to him.

"I like to think about our country and its founding," he said. "I'd like it to keep going like it has in the past, but it's not. To me, it means a day off and a day of celebration and giving thanks for the country we live in."

As for summer activities, he'll be keeping busy.

"I don't have much on my plate except more work," he said. "I thought I might get to go to Alaska for my 70th birthday, but it doesn't look like that's going to happen."

He does plan to go to Chief Joseph Days.

"We always go there," he said, adding that he doesn't have a particular strategy for getting in and getting a seat. "We just go early enough."

Like many, Powers has his own thoughts on what people who are thinking about moving here should be thinking.

"The reason they move here is because they like what they see and want to be part of it," he said. "I would stress that wherever they came from, leave that there and come and live our way. ... You're going to have to put up with some potholes. You're going to have to put up with fewer services than you do in the big city, so don't complain so much and take responsibility."

— Bill Bradshaw,
Wallowa County Chieftain

SHAKE THE LAKE

Wallowa County celebrates Independence Day



Fireworks launch into the sky Monday night July 4, 2022, and fall into Wallowa Lake for the Shake the Lake celebration on Independence Day.

What a show

Fourth of July Parade a slice of Americana

By JACK PARRY
Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — Gray skies clouded East First Street in Wallowa just moments before the town's annual Fourth of July Parade was set to begin with onlookers sporting long sleeves and umbrellas in case of the downpour.

But right before the scheduled start, the sun crept out into the sky and

shone to create the perfect setting for this celebration of freedom.

American flags of all sizes flapping in the light wind, lawn chairs and cars lined up each side of the street with eager spectators. Trucker caps, cowboy hats, bikes and motorcycles all around the downtown. The attention shifted to the start of the parade with two men walking down the road holding the nation's colors and those of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4307 in Enterprise as the cheering began from onlookers.

Roger Curtis, owner



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain
The national colors and those from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4307 in Enterprise lead the annual Fourth of July Parade in Wallowa on Monday, July 4, 2022.

of Three Bears Towing in Wallowa, said that recognizing veterans is what the Independence Day means to him.

"It's [for] the people that have given everything for our country," he said.

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