



Wallowa County Voices



Kala Linville
Lostine

She's lived all over the county

ENTERPRISE — Currently a resident of Lostine Canyon, Kala Linville has lived all over Wallowa County.

"We've lived in Enterprise, Joseph and Wallowa, too," she said.

After moving away for four years, she and her family — husband, Terry and 5-year-old daughter, Evey — moved back in 2018.

"We'll probably be here forever because we love it," she said.

Linville operates a communications and professional development consulting business. But that's not her favorite thing about the county.

"The mountains are my favorite," she said. "Everything else is a bonus. I also love it that we don't have a stoplight in the county. People don't believe it when I tell them, but it's true."

The Linville family had a low-key Independence Day celebration, staying home and cooking hot dogs over a campfire.

But later this summer, she is looking forward to the arrival of family to attend the Chief Joseph Days festivities.

"This'll be my daughter's first rodeo," she said.

Living seven miles up Lostine Canyon, the threat of wildfire is always a concern. But she's not as worried this year as she was in 2021 amid the drought and real wildfires that occurred in the county.

"I'm not as worried this year as I was last year," she said.

Linville doesn't urge those interested in moving here to change their plans — just be ready for the slower lifestyle.

"Be prepared to slow down your pace of life," she said.

— Bill Bradshaw,
Wallowa County Chieftain

Commissioners aim to ban psilocybin

By **BILL BRADSHAW**
Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — Wallowa County voters will be asked to consider an outright ban on the establishment of psilocybin facilities here once county officials complete work on a ballot measure for Nov. 8.

The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners discussed the matter with county counsel Paige Sully at its meeting Wednesday, July 6,

and instructed Sully to prepare an ordinance that could be passed after two public hearings are held on the issue.

Commission Chairwoman Susan Roberts instructed Sully to work with Tera Elliott, the commissioners' administrative assistant, to schedule the public hearings. The hearings would have to be completed and a resolution passed by Sept. 8 to get on the November ballot, the county clerk's office said.

The proposed ballot measure would ban psilocybin facilities just in unincorporated areas of the county. The way the law is written, Roberts said, allows each jurisdiction to act for its own interests.

Legalization of psilocybin products and the provision of psilocybin services was approved by Oregon voters in November 2020 under Ballot Measure 109 that created Oregon Psilocybin Services as a new section within the Oregon Health Authority.

Psilocybin mushrooms — commonly known as "magic mushrooms" — are believed to be therapeutically helpful for some.

The Johns Hopkins Center for Psychodelic and Consciousness Research has treated psychiatric and behavioral disorders with psilocybin, as well as on healthy patients, saying positive results extend for up to a year, according to its website.

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HIGH FLYING

Wallowa County Fly-In puts on a soaring spectacle

By **JACK PARRY**
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — On Saturday morning, the sun blazed down on Joseph State Airport from up above and bounced off the tarmac lined with planes as various families, aerodynamic fanatics, and people filed through the gates right off of Airport Lane in Joseph.

Vendors selling a slew of foods and iced treats and pilots sitting next to their planes free to answer any questions from curious attendees and community members socializing up and down the airport set the stage for an event that had been in the making for months and months.

Requiring tons of Federal Aviation Administration regulations and with over 100 volunteers helping to put the event together, it was finally coming to fruition. The Wallowa County Fly-In and Airshow were about to begin.

J.D. Clay, the chairman of the North East Oregon Aviation Foundation, explained that they had to make a three-dimensional box in the sky and evacuate everyone who lives under that



A Super Cub waiting to take off sits on the runway in Joseph on July 9, 2022.

box. Just another example of the work and coordination this tiny airport in Joseph needs to do to make the show possible.

"It takes a lot of work to make something like this happen. You just don't see it at smaller airports, especially an airport this small," Clay said.

One of the most unique air shows in the northwest, part of the allure for pilots and spectators comes from the stunning view that gives the airshow its setting. A bright yellow field of flowers sits below the Wallowa Moun-

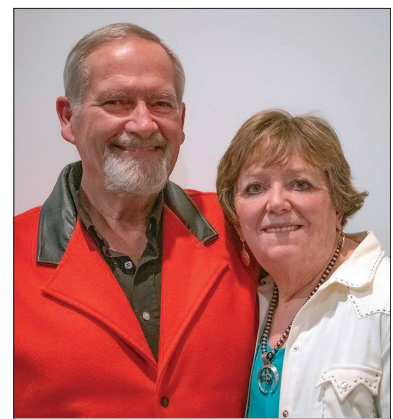
tains just south of the airport to create a beautiful scene for planes to pierce through.

"I've been to quite a few airshows, but I've never been to one in this dramatic of a setting. The backdrop, it is incredible," said Brent Blakely of Sandy, who accompanied friends to the show.

Gary Miller came from Bend to watch the show, and keeps coming back after previous years partially because he admires the scenery so much.

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CHIEF JOSEPH DAYS



Ellen Morris Bishop/Contributed Photo
Longtime Chief Joseph Days volunteers Tim and Shelley Marshall have been named this year's grand marshals for the 76th Annual Chief Joseph Days.

Marshalls named grand marshals

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JOSEPH — Longtime Chief Joseph Days volunteers Tim and Shelley Marshall have been named this year's grand marshals for the 76th Annual Chief Joseph Days.

Tim was raised as a city boy and Shelley was a country girl when they made their home in Joseph 40 years ago. They raised two daughters, Abby Sutfin of Homedale, Idaho, and Heather Marshall of Valdez, Alaska. Both daughters graduated from Joseph High School, and served on the Chief Joseph Days court.

Shelley started volunteering for Chief Joseph Days in 1990, helping with the queen coronation dinner.

"Tim has been a volunteer for 30 years," joked Shelley, "but he has never actually 'volunteered.'"

That first year, they spent many hours creating decorations, props and making the dinner a fun and festive event.

In 1998 Shelley turned over the reins from the coronation dinner to help in the hospitality room. Shelley and Tim spent the next 23 years dedicating their time, energy and service there. In that time, the hospitality room grew from a simple tent that served cold cuts and soft drinks to a large building. The Chief Joseph Days hospitality room is known by cowboys and cowgirls as one of the best in the Northwest, serving hungry contestants breakfast, lunch and dinner. On average, over 400 contestants and sponsors are served dinner nightly.

Shelley and Tim were there from sunup to sundown. Shelley kept everyone on their toes, and her energy and dedication meant volunteers better be ready to get to work.

Tim was the master of the grill. He had his own dedicated barbecue area right out back. Whether he liked it or not, he continually had a steady stream of visitors stopping in to compliment his cooking, have an ice-cold beer, and steal a small bite of amazing food straight off the grill.

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TOP: The West Coast Ravens lay down smoke in formation during their performance at the Wallowa County Fly-In in Joseph on July 9, 2022. Above: Stephen Christopher poses with his plane before taking part in the air show.

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