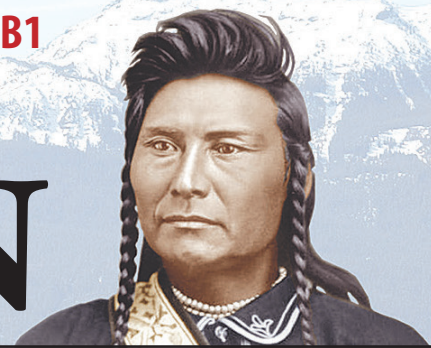




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**Anthony Thomas**  
Joseph

### Joseph man finds 'best of both worlds' here

ENTERPRISE — Anthony Thomas has lived in Joseph most of his life and wouldn't live anywhere else.

Other than a stint in the Army, he has always lived here.

"I came back and married a local girl and we've been hanging out here ever since," he said.

He and Karen have raised three daughters here.

A longtime construction and mining worker, he expects to spend most of the summer doing that.

Thomas said his favorite thing about Wallowa County is the safety.

"I know that when my kids are walking to school, I don't have to worry about them," he said. "I've lived places where my kids walk to school and find hypodermic syringes and stuff and they'd say, 'Dad, what's that?' and I'm like, 'Don't touch it.' But here, I know my kids are safe."

He believes the law enforcement and the schools here contribute greatly to that safety.

In addition to work, he hopes to spend time this summer flying his remote-controlled airplanes "and the basic summer stuff and hanging out with the family."

He plans to attend at least some of the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo, although the crowds put him off a bit.

"There's just so many people there," he said. "But it's kind of fun to go."

He said he "likes to eat" and has his favorite food vendors. Among them are the hamburger stands, the fried bread and pretzels.

"I like them all. They're all pretty good," he said.

With wildfire season upon us, he's not too worried.

"People are pretty safe and keep their property safe," he said. "I work for people around here mowing high grass to help if they do get a fire to keep it minimal."

He said he offered to help the new housing development on Joseph's northeast side eliminate any fire hazard.

"There were a few people concerned and the city and I were able to take care of some of it," he said.

Thomas is not at all hesitant about encouraging those interested in moving here to do so.

"It's a great place; we can use the people," he said. "It's a beautiful, safe place. The people are great, you're never bored, even in the winter, you've got the best of both worlds. For the outdoor enthusiast, it's all around. And, there's a little city life here."

— Bill Bradshaw,  
Wallowa County Chieftain

## 30TH ANNUAL TAMKALIKS CELEBRATION



The grand entry led by the whip man, the eagle staff and the American flag serves as a prelude to the dance contests as the various dancers follow Saturday, July 23, 2022, during the 30th annual Tamkaliks Celebration in Wallowa. Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

# 'FROM WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE MOUNTAINS'

## HUNDREDS GATHER FOR ANNUAL POWWOW

By BILL BRADSHAW  
Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — After a hiatus of two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the tribes gathered once again last weekend for the 30th annual Tamkaliks Celebration at the Nez Perce Tribal Homeland Project just outside of Wallowa.

An estimated 450 people from numerous tribes all across the West, as well as non-Indians, were served at the friendship feast that concluded the three-day event, said Nancy Crenshaw, one of the organizers. Many others came just to enjoy the dancing by tribal members in their colorful regalia, as well as the sound of the drums and accompanying songs in native languages. Stories of the Nez Perce and other tribes also abounded.

About 26 vendors also were on site,

offering food, crafts and various displays, Crenshaw said.

### Competitions

Although Tamkaliks isn't intended as a big fundraiser, Crenshaw said, it does bring in some money that's generally given out right away.

Two main memorial scholarships honor Taz Conner and Terry Crenshaw.

This year, the winners of the two primary \$1,000 scholarships awarded were Teresa Leighton of Lapwai, Idaho, who won the Taz Conner Scholarship and Adalyn Bennett Deal of Wallowa, who won the Terry Crenshaw Scholarship.

In addition to the scholarships, the dancers competed for a chance to win money in a variety of categories.

First prize earned \$500, second was awarded \$300, third earned \$200 and fourth got \$100.

The winners and their categories included:

- **Temiketset Memorial Slickstyle Dance:** 1. Sam Slickpoo 2. Jeremy Wolf 3. Atish Williams 4. Levi Blackwolf.
- **Mens Traditional:** 1. Marquis Leighton

- 2. Nathan Bob 3. Eric Broncheau.
- **Mens Traditional Sr.:** 1. Syd John 2. Terry Heemsak Sr. 3. Phil Allen.
- **Fast and Fancy:** 1. Redhorse Wesley 2. Gary Smith 3. Garrett Begay.
- **Boys 7-12:** 1. Seton Powaukee 2. Dustin Hart 3. Tiger Lilley.
- **Boys Teen:** 1. Atish Williams 2. Elijah Gauer 3. Sky Smith.
- **Women's Traditional:** 1. Tyera Pete 2. Lidia Skaham 3. Katrina Miller.
- **Women's Traditional Sr.:** 1. Pat Heemshah 2. Denae Calame 3. Sophie Hunt.
- **Grass Dance:** 1. Dalton Madera 2. Sequoia Roubideaux.
- **Jingle Dance:** 1. Alayna Bevis 2. Wetalu Henry 3. Teata Ellenwood.
- **Fancy Shawl:** 1. Alayna Bevis 2. Kenyen Singer 3. Julia Gould.
- **Missing Children Memorial Dance Special:** 1. Sonnie Altaha 2. Lydia Skahan 3. Denae Smith.
- **Girls 7-12:** 1. Cavell Sammuels 2. Abigayle Kordatsky 3. Raven Lloyd.
- **Girls Teen:** 1. Breezy Appency 2. Lauren Gould 3. Layla Sohapp.

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## Joseph resident hopes to help peace prevail in Africa with new database

By JACK PARRY  
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — If you drive past Seth Kinzie's home in Joseph, you'll see a tall, maroon, wooden stake planted in the middle of his garden among various trees and flowers.

A Peace Pole, it has the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" etched in eight different languages. This message was first uttered in 1955 by Masahisa Goi in response to the destruction of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in his country, Japan.

Now, Kinzie has placed one in front of his house to help spread the message of peace on earth. But when it comes to advocating for peace, he's been doing a lot more than just putting up wooden poles.

After graduating from Lewis & Clark University



Jack Parry/Wallowa County Chieftain  
**Seth Kinzie stands next to the Peace Pole in his garden in Joseph on July 12, 2022.**

in 2008, where he studied religion, Kinzie knew he didn't want to write any more papers or take tests, but found big-scale problem-solving to be of interest.

"I do love the intellectual battle of figuring out something and putting it together for the sake of a

good cause," he said.

So he started doing various peace work throughout the continent of Africa. He focused on interfaith work with different religions, and doing conflict transformation workshops with his mom in Nigeria.

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## Planning for the best Chief Joseph Days

Veteran CJD-goers share their tips

By JACK PARRY  
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Chief Joseph Days is a major event for Wallowa County, drawing locals and visitors alike. So, who better to ask how to get the most out of it than some Chief Joseph Days veterans.

Chief Joseph Days Office Manager Miranda Tickner thinks it's best for people to show up an hour before the rodeo starts.

"It's best usually to arrive at the rodeo grounds around 6 p.m. cause that's when the gates open to our grandstands, and we have a preshow going on until 7 p.m. when the rodeo starts," she said.

Joseph resident Vicky Hanigan makes sure to show up for the rodeo with

her reserved tickets.

"When the gates open, I'm there," she said.

Hanigan said last year there was quite a long line of people to get in, which is part of the reason she and her fiancé left early last year.

"We normally leave about maybe an hour early," she said, "because we know a lot of people and they're out there packed before they even go in the gate."

Picking out what to wear can be a hassle, but J.D. Clay's outfit is mandated by the PRCA because he helps organize the event. So he must wear appropriate rodeo attire to work at the grounds.

"You have to have on jeans, boots and a cowboy hat," Clay said.

He prioritizes sunscreen,

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