

What's happening at the Josephy Center?

NEWS

JOSEPH — Thanks to a successful capital campaign, community support and cultural grants, the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture became a permanent part of Wallowa County Wednesday, June 23, when it

assumed official ownership of the building it has been leasing at 403 N. Main St. According to a press release, the center has received a \$230,000 grant from the Ford Family Foundation to help with much-needed accessibility renovations, such as

an elevator, wheelchair ramps, ADA bathrooms and a hearing-impaired sound system. Also, the center was recently informed it will be receiving \$600,000 from state lottery funds, endorsed by the Cultural Advocacy Coalition, for the expansion and renovation of the building. "We're in it for the long haul," Development Director Kellee Sheehy said in the release, "and can keep growing slowly and steadily with our amazing community."

IN THE GALLERY

"Nez Perce Treaties & Reservation" explores the Nez Perce Treaties of 1855 and 1863, and a "Proposed Reservation for the Roaming Nez Perce Indians in the Wallowa Valley in Oregon,"



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promulgated and then rescinded by President U.S. Grant's executive orders. The exhibit features historic drawings and paintings, facsimile pages from the treaties, and explanations of treaty language that show their relevance to the present day. Three tribal artists, Kevin Peters, Phil Cash Cash, and Kellen Trenal, will address the treaties in beads and paint. The art will be on display during the exhibit, and will be available for sale. The exhibit runs through July 26. Gallery hours are Monday to Saturday

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

David Liberty is the first Writer-in-Residence at the Josephy Library of Western History & Culture. He was born within his treaty boundary on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, where he spent his younger years. He is using this time with the Josephy Library to write his own story and to pursue his idea of an annulment of the Nez Perce Treaty of 1863. For more, go to www.library.josephy.org/writer-in-residence.



Yellow Wolf, a participant in the Nez Perce War, is shown with Lucullus McWhorter, the transcriber of the book "Yellow Wolf: His Own Story." (Josephy Center, Contributed Photo)

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