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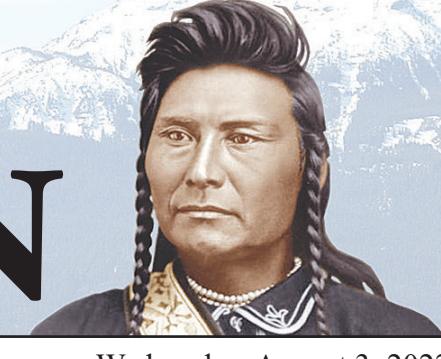
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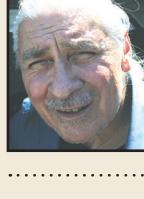


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Joe McGue
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He has faith in firefighters

ENTERPRISE — Joe McGue has lived in Joseph for about 15 years, having moved there from Redding, California.

He cleans rooms at the Eagles View Inn and Suites in Enterprise.

McGue said his favorite thing about Wallowa County is the scenery, in particular the mountains.

He doesn't have much planned this summer in the way of recreation beyond working in his yard. He did plan to attend Chief Joseph Days last week.

McGue said his favorite part of it is the various vendors' booths and all of the offerings.

"I like to see the booths people set up," he said.

His favorite food vendor is Ember's Brewhouse and Pub.

"Ember's makes a great pizza," he said.

With wildfire season underway and memories of last year's blazes still fairly fresh, McGue has faith in those who fight the fires.

"There was one recently out east of Joseph," he said. "But they seem to get them under control fairly quickly around here."

As for advising newcomers to the county, that strikes home for McGue, who said his brother is going to move here once he retires in a year or two.

"Just enjoy it," he said he'll tell his brother. "He's kind of a quiet guy who stays to himself. He's looking for a house to buy for his dog and him."

— Bill Bradshaw,
Wallowa County Chieftain



DEREK KOLBABA HOLDS ON FOR LEGENDARY BULLRIDING GREATNESS

Caleb McMillan wins Harley Tucker award

Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Caleb McMillan of Soap Lake, Washington, was named the winner of this year's Harley Tucker Rodeo Series Award at the conclusion of the 76th Chief Joseph Days Rodeo on Saturday evening, July 30, at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena in Joseph.

McMillan, in his first win of the award, won \$3,000 and a silver belt buckle for the honor. Two more wins and he has a chance at an accumulative fund that goes up \$1,000 each year, Allison France, rodeo secretary, said Monday.

The series award goes to the contestant achieving the highest cumulative scores at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union, the St. Paul Rodeo in St. Paul, the Elgin Stampede in Elgin and Chief Joseph Days in Joseph.

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Rylee Heath takes a hard fall from his bareback bronc head first after holding on for the full eight seconds and garnering a score of 71 Saturday, July 30, 2022, during the final night of the 76th Chief Joseph Days Rodeo in Joseph.

Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County Fair packed with action

By JACK PARRY
Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — The clip-clopping of hooves on dirt, the smell of baked goods reaching into people's nostrils and the speedy verbiage of auctioneers selling livestock. These signs all point to one simple thing, the Wallowa County Fair is back this August.

The fair will take place from Friday, Aug. 5 through Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds and Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise.

Some of the spectacles for this year include the junior rodeo, which features kids from 8-18

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The 2021-22 4-H Court for the Wallowa County Fair shares a closeness and enthusiasm for 4-H. A8

competing in contests, including steer wrestling, chute dogging and calf roping to kick off the fair on Aug. 5-6 at the fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Animal weigh-ins will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 10 before the markets and judging contests are held the next day. Beef, swine, sheep and goats will be sold to the highest bidder while onlookers

can observe these old-time traditions take place.

To close the last few days of the event, showmanship will take place on Friday, Aug. 12 along with some team roping and bessie bingo. The fair will close out on Saturday, Aug. 13 with the fat stock sale starting at 3 p.m.

Last year and in 2020, even though the fair took place, the COVID-19 pandemic's restrictions had an impact on its original format and turnout.

"With COVID restrictions obviously everybody was scared to come," said new fair board manager Tony Boyd.

Notably last year, no spectators were allowed in the stands at the

junior rodeo during the fair. But now, with restrictions lifted, the event looks to get back to more than a full week of fun for Oregonians of all ages.

Even though Boyd has never attended the fair himself, he has been doing a lot of work to prepare for this year's festivities and it hasn't all been easy.

"Leading up to it, it's busy," Boyd said.

However, he thinks that people should come out to the fair because it is a cheap way to have fun in the summertime.

"I know that we're one of the two remaining fairs [in Oregon] that does not charge an entry fee," he said.



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