

Community Calendar: Fashion show; Fergi Fest

Wednesday, April 1

Spaghetti Dinner benefit, 5 to 8 p.m., Enterprise VFW Hall, \$7 a plate. Supports the Relief Fund that provides necessities for local veterans.

Thursday, April 2

Easter Bake Sale, starts 8 a.m. in the Wallowa Memorial Hospital lobby. Organized by the Wallowa Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Fashion Show, a fundraiser for the Joseph Public Library's expansion, 7 p.m. at OK Theatre in Enterprise. Doors open at 6 p.m. for social hour. Tickets \$10, available at the door or in advance at Old Town Café, Joseph Public Library, Soroptimist Thrift Store, M Crow in Lostine. More info: 541-432-0141.

Friday, April 3

Community Good Friday Service, 6 to 7 p.m. at the OK Theatre in Enterprise. A Wallowa County all-churches event sponsored by the Wallowa County Ministerial Assn.

Saturday, April 4

Community Easter egg hunts in Wallowa, Joseph, and Enterprise, 10 a.m. all locations. In Wallowa, at Lions Park. In Joseph, at Joseph City Park. In Enterprise, at Jensen Fields (behind Safeway).

Fergi Fest, season-ending celebration at Ferguson Ridge Ski Area. 4 p.m. — social hour and "golf." 6 p.m. — potluck barbecue, with live music to follow. For more info, check website, www.skifergi.com.

Sunday, April 5

Joseph Baptist Church celebrates the Resurrection. Easter Brunch at 9:30 a.m. followed by Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Troy's Annual Easter Picnic, 12 noon at Troy School.



Steve Tool/Chieftain

Kathy Hunter performs a ditty about Mother Nature's nurturing advice during the March 28 Women's Concert closing out Women's Art Month at the Joseph Center.

Thursday, April 9

Enterprise Cemetery District meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Community Connection building in Enterprise. Further discussion of irrigation options. Everyone welcome.

"Recreational Trails as Neighbors," discussion on proposed Joseph Branch Rail with Trail, 6 to 8 p.m. at Hurricane Creek Grange. With speakers from the Weiser River Trail in Southwest Idaho, the 100-mile OC&E Wood Line State Trail in Klamath and Lake counties, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

April 10-11

Tamkaliks Rummage and Bake Sale, Fri., April 10, 9

a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., April 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wallowa Band Nez Perce Interpretive Center (across street from post office in Wallowa). Indian tacos, fry bread, chili, pie slices; books, household goods, toys, clothing, sporting goods, more. Annual fundraiser. Proceeds go toward two Tamkaliks scholarship awards each year.

Saturday, April 18

Outdoor Recreation Gear Swap, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Winding Waters' Boathouse, 204 E. Wallowa Ave., Joseph. Fundraiser for the Enterprise-Joseph Lions Club. Gear drop-off days: Weds., April 15, 4 – 6 p.m.; Thurs., April 16, 10 a.m. – noon; Fri., April 17, 4 – 6 p.m.;

Sat., April 18, 8 – 10 a.m. More info: www.skifergi.com; 541-263-1326.

The Community Calendar lists fundraisers, free local events and those with a nominal fee organized by non-profit organizations. Submit information to calendar@wallowa.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. To promote for-profit events, contact sales representative Brooke Pace at bpace@wallowa.com.

Fishtrap Fireside's season to conclude

April 10 is the last Fishtrap Fireside of the season. This month features readings by Kristy Athens, Kathy Hunter, and Maya Polan. An open mic reading follows where audience members have a chance to get up and share their stories too.

Fishtrap Fireside is a monthly event for Wallowa County writers to read and share their work. It takes place the second Friday of every month October through April from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fishtrap House, 400 E. Grant St. in Enterprise.

Kristy Athens is the author of "Get Your Pitchfork On!: The Real Dirt on Country Living" (Process Media, 2012). She lives in Wallowa County, where she works as the outreach specialist for NE Oregon Economic Development District.

Kathy Hunter retired to Wallowa County after a ca-

reer in Alaska as a freelance journalist, college teacher and editor. Since the cancellation of her radio show of 14 years, "Fishtrap Storytime," she has been figuring out, again, what to be when she grows up.

Maya Polan has an appetite for travel. She first drove cross-country when she was 18, and has since been to 47 states. She's lived in Connecticut, California, Indonesia, and Oregon, and graduated with a BA in Literary Arts from the University of Redlands en route. Currently, she's a degree candidate for an MFA in poetry from Oregon State University. She's worked for the Spring Creek Project, OSU Press, and Cloudbank Books. She's nearly finished her thesis, a collection of poems, two of which can be read in the most recent edition of the New Haven Review.

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Forester gives direction on Travel Management

Finish the existing conditions maps. Finish Subpart A of Travel Management. Then pause until Plan Revision is complete before starting Subpart B.

That's the direction from Regional Forester Jim Pena to the Wallowa-Whitman and other Blue Mountain Forests.

"The Regional Forester has directed the Forest to continue to gather information on the existing condition maps as the review period ends on March 31st, as we are close to the end of the public review period and information on the use of roads is still needed," Forest Supervisor Tom Montoya said.

"The purpose of these maps is not to open or close roads, but rather to determine if routes on the maps exist on the ground, and if they are being used."

The existing condition maps are a compilation of information collected from the public, the counties and tribes over the past eight years, plus the Forest Service's own road inventory records. The public review and corrections period ended on March 31.

"To date the Forest has received some valuable information that will aid us in the future when we start back up with subpart B," Montoya said.

In a letter dated March 17, 2015, Regional Forester Jim Pena directed the Wallowa-Whitman to complete Subpart A of the Travel Management Rule by the end of 2015. Subpart A is also known as the minimum road analysis and is separate from the existing condition maps.

Subpart A addresses the administration of the Forest Transportation System. It is not a decision document, but

an analysis of what is needed to administer and maintain the forest road system. According to USFS, it is used to determine what is needed by the Forest to manage the Forest only as a reference for future project-level decisions and planning efforts.

Plan revision addresses roads in a very general way and the re-engagement will include discussions about access, Montoya said. "There will be opportunities for the public to take part in the re-engagement across the Blue Mountain forests and we will announce those on our website and through local media as they are scheduled."

Upon completion of the Forest Plan Revision, which is anticipated to occur in 2016, the Forest will resume the development of Subpart B of the 2005 Travel Management Rule.

"Subpart B will include more opportunities for the public to participate in the planning process," Montoya said. Subpart B will use all the information gathered to date, including any updated information needed for the existing condition maps.

The direction from the Regional Forester also asks that the Wallowa-Whitman continue to implement past road-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decisions and existing Forest orders. This includes travel decisions made under the Hells Canyon Comprehensive Management Plan, Sled Springs and Bald Angel Travel decisions.

The Forests in the Blues have also been advised to continue to look at the road system as a part of their project level analysis, including forest restoration activities.

"Current and future analysis of site specific projects will address the impact of the forest road system on resources while also addressing public access needs — this may include closing roads and/or lifting of restrictions on portions of Forest roads," Montoya said.

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- Intercity Transportation to La Grande** Monday and Thursday Weekly ~ Cost \$5.00 each way. Free access for veterans medical appointments in La Grande.
- Mealsite Bus** ~ providing transportation to Senior Center for lunch Cost \$1.00 round trip.
- Tuesday and Thursday Shopping Bus** provides transportation for shopping and errands throughout Wallowa County ~ Cost \$3.00 from Wallowa/Joseph, \$2.00 Enterprise only.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION OF WALLOWA COUNTY

Make Prom Perfect!

WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT, YOU'RE THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR TEEN WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES.

Remind your teen that you love and care about them, and have confidence in their ability to make good decisions.

Prom Perfect is a project coordinated by the Wallowa County Prevention Coalition, Baker County Prevention Coalition, the Union County Safe Communities Coalition and the Joseph Charter High School Community Health Class.

For more information contact
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Union County Safe Communities Coalition 541-963-1068
Baker County Prevention Coalition 541-523-8364

Talk with them about your expectations and rules for the big night. Talk about:

- Your desire for them to have fun and be safe
- Their plans before and after prom
- A no-tolerance policy on alcohol and other drug use
- A plan with your teen so they can call for a ride if they feel unsafe

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