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continue to operate the Oregon Coast branch at Bay City and Wheeler. The Metlens also founded the Vance Creek Railriders near Shelton, Washington. The Joseph Branch Railrider headquarters is at 501 W. Alder St., Joseph. For more information, visit jbrailriders.com.

Dinner cruise a chance to get out, support businesses

WALLOWA COUNTY — Inspiration from Wup Winn's Facebook post has led to the Wallowa County Dinner Cruise Night to help locals get out after being shut in during the coronavirus pandemic and to help local businesses. Tuesday was Wallowa's turn for the dinner cruise. The plan is to do it next week — Tuesday, May 19 — starting in Joseph, according to co-organizer Laina Fisher. Participants are urged to call ahead to their favorite restaurant to order a meal or snacks at a store from 6 to 8 p.m. Pick up your order and

enjoy some limited socialization, she said. The following week will be Enterprise's turn. "This will give local eateries a shot in the arm mid-week even if it's just a soda pop to enjoy while watching cars go by," she said. "Buy a little bit of fuel from the filling stations, park on Main Street — skip a spot to keep our distancing — and enjoy your dinner while watching some cool rides." Winn wrote there will be a dedicated page on Facebook with updates on cruise night.

Terminal Gravity gives to help food bank

ENTERPRISE — Terminal Gravity Brewery & Pub is donating 1% of all packaged beer sales to the Wallowa County Food Bank during May, said Grady Nelson, TG's marketing manager. "The reason is our community here in Wallowa County inspires us and is really important to who we are," Nelson said in a press release. "We want to do our part to give back during these difficult times, and say thank you to everyone who has been supporting us."

Proceeds from six-packs — or larger — sales at grocery stores, liquor stores and other establishments where TG's beer is available will go to the food bank. Terminal Gravity exports its beer from the county to stores all across Oregon, western Idaho and southeastern Washington, Nelson said. Terminal gravity is open for takeout from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

La Grande, Baker City employees among Banner Bank's best

LA GRANDE — Banner Bank announced eight of its Eastern Oregon Banner employees received the Banner's Best award, representing the highest level of recognition in the company. Wallene Daggett, senior personal banker at the La Grande branch, and Mary Jo Talbott, senior teller at the Baker City branch, received the award, along with Bibiana Cisneros and Blanca Maldonado, tellers at the Umatilla branch; Randi Garrett, assistant vice president and branch manager, Umatilla/Boardman/Stamfield branches; Steve Campbell,

vice president and senior relationship manager, Eastern Oregon Commercial Banking; Cristina Aguilar and Liz Nunez, tellers at the Boardman branch. The bank in a press release reported the award recognizes employees for surpassing their individual professional goals in 2019, demonstrating excellence within their professions and exemplifying outstanding service. "During challenging times, and perhaps especially during such times, it's important to honor those who exemplify our value proposition of being connected, knowledgeable, responsive," said Mark Grescovich, Banner Bank president and CEO, in a press release. "It is my pleasure to recognize our Banner's Best employees for delivering outstanding service to our clients, communities and one another." Fewer than 4% of all Banner employees receive the award. For 130 years, Banner Bank has been offering a wide variety of financial services and products to individuals and small- and medium-sized businesses. To learn more, visit Banner Bank at www.bannerbank.com.

Online roundtable addresses remote decision-making

ENTERPRISE — The Northeast Oregon Economic Development District is inviting nonprofit leaders to the next roundtable discussion about the value of diversity, equity and inclusion.

The online event runs from 9 a.m. to noon June 3; cost to attend is \$5 per person. Participants will need a computer with internet, video and audio. Register at <https://bit.ly/2zksKPa>.

The online roundtable, led by Alexis James, is entitled "Establishing and Maintaining Trust: How to Connect and Speak up in Virtual Spaces When Working with Remote Decision-Making." Participants will identify challenges to inclusive decision-making, and learn about tools they can use to encourage more equitable and innovative practices. The online training also will use a digital platform that offers virtual "breakout" rooms, allowing for small group discussions.



James

MENTORS

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attendance, participation and going the extra mile for the program was shared between Katrina Haines and Aubrina Melville, both juniors at Enterprise High School. "These two were always the first to show up for class and helped me get set up," Green said. "They had near perfect attendance and both stepped up in other ways, Aubrina to help lead the pizza ticket fundraiser and Katrina by selling the most tickets."

Of nine entrepreneurs who began the program in September, six completed, developing their own business idea, launching and learning along the way. Wesley Johnson, a senior at Enterprise, founded "Wallowa County Ski and Snowboard Wax," and could be seen at Ferguson Ridge Ski Area this winter, working in the shop waxing skis and snowboards. "Charlie (Kissinger) let me

share the space, and I paid him \$2 out of the \$10 I charged," Johnson said.

He admitted to not being above bribes of free sodas and snacks and also shared the challenge of being in the shop when the powder was fresh and his friends were out on the slopes. "That was the hardest part for me," he said.

Enterprise senior Zion Mark created "High Quality Cow Hides," which he sold in his mother's Joseph Main Street boutique, To Zion. Mark said the experience helped him learn how to read customers' cues to improve sales techniques.

The program's mission is to get more teens interested in business and entrepreneurship as a career and educational path so they can create economic opportunity for themselves and others, preferably in Wallowa County.

"My favorite session was when Natalie Millar (general manager of Terminal Gravity Brewing, Enterprise) came and talked about accounting," Aubrina Mel-

Dam operators must make water temp control plan

Associated Press

LONGVIEW, Wash. — The Washington state Department of Ecology in an historic move has required federal operators of eight dams on in the Columbia-Snake rivers to create a plan to keep the waters cold enough for adult salmon survival.

Conservation groups said the "game-changing decision" is needed to protect endangered salmon species, which struggle when river temperatures exceed 68 degrees. Hydropower proponents said they are concerned meeting the temperature standards could be unattainable without costly rate hikes for utility customers in hydropower-reliant areas, The Daily News reported.

"What this decision risks doing is saying, 'We are going to regulate the temperature of the river because there are dams there.' But the reality is even without the dams, those temperatures could be the exact same," said Kurt Miller, executive

director of Northwest River Partners, a group of utility districts, ports and businesses.

Ecology last week issued Clean Water Act 401 Certifications for Bonneville, John Day, McNary and The Dalles dams on the Lower Columbia River and for Little Goose, Ice Harbor, Lower Granite and Lower Monumental on the Lower Snake River.

The certification enables Ecology to work with federal dam operators to review studies and plans for meeting the state's water quality standards, which include a rule to keep river temperatures below 68 degrees.

The goal is to keep the water cool enough for adult salmon to survive their migration through the river to spawning habitat.

"Society is doing a lot of work restoring tributaries for spawning ... which is all really important. But if the river is too hot for adult salmon to migrate up, we have a huge problem," said Brett VandenHeuvel, execu-

tive director for Columbia Riverkeeper, a Hood River-based conservation group. He added that parts of the Columbia River routinely reach 72 degrees.

Most dams are certified when they receive their operating license. But the dams were built before the rules were in place, so the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates the federal dams, has been operating them without the certifications.

Riverkeeper opened an opportunity for certification with a 2013 lawsuit that required the Corps to seek oil discharge permits from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Before the EPA could issue the permit, it had to make sure it met state standards.

"This is the first federal action that has prompted the state's certification requirements, so it's been our first opportunity to look at the dams and put these certifications in place," said Vince McGowan, Ecology's water quality program manager.

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