Soroptimist International announces funding awards

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LA GRANDE — Thirteen local organizations and two individuals have received funding totaling more than \$34,000 from Soroptimist International of La Grande.

Net proceeds from the Soroptimist Festival of Trees were disbursed through the club's revised Community Benefits Grant Program. The next round of grant funding begins Sept. 1.

Award recipients

La Grande High School Girls Wrestling Program — \$4,000 to cover travel costs to two tournaments in Boise and Portland for this program with 17 current participants.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) — \$5,000 to provide training for 15 volunteers through attendance at the national

conference in Seattle. CASA is an advocacy organization that serves children who enter care due to neglect and abuse.

La Grande School District Learn to Swim Program -\$3,135 to be used to provide lifesaving swimming lessons to area third graders, plus current fourth and fifth graders who missed out on this program due to pandemic shutdowns. Soroptimists also donate \$4,700 annually to this program in memory of longtime club member and swimming enthusiast Margaret Morris.

Baylee Young — \$500 to cover state certification licensing costs for an Esthiology Program at the Aveda institute in Portland.

La Grande Parks and Recreation Summer Youth Program - \$1,500 to go toward Summer Camp Programs for area children, providing arts, culture, physical activities and field trips.

Child Care Resource and Referral — \$2,500 to provide developmentally and age-appropriate books to local children, making it easier for children to learn to read.

Sandra Meredith — \$967 to cover final costs to obtain her bachelor of science certification in community health work.

Eastern Oregon University Girls in Science Program - \$3,500 to fund the annual camp for middle school girls from rural towns in Northeastern Oregon. The program is a partnership between NEOAHEC and Eastern Oregon University. Participants work alongside EOU faculty members and undergraduate students to use math, chemistry, biology and computer science to solve an open-ended challenge carefully designed to inspire creative, yet scientific thought.

American Red Cross of

Eastern Oregon — \$3,500 to support a local blood drive by offsetting costs associated with collections, staffing, testing, hospital support, storage and delivery.

La Grande Middle School Wildcat Lifting Club — \$1,000 to cover registration fees and transportation costs to a U.S. Powerlifting Association event. This new after-school group, open to seventh and eighth graders, currently is made up of 65% girls.

La Grande Chapter of Armed Women in America's Not Me Event — \$1,000 to support an event open to local girls and women of all ages to teach them situational awareness, self-confidence and empowerment.

La Grande High School FBLA Program — \$1,000 to be used to cover travel expenses for students to attend the state competition in Portland.

Art Center East — \$5,000

for early childhood development classes for local children up to 5 years old. The materials include Take and Make Art Learning Kits and No-School Art Classes for days preschools and public schools are closed.

Union County Little League \$,1000 to help upgrade Imbler's softball field's backstop to ensure the field meets Oregon State Athletic Association standards and is safe for the girls to play on.

Center for Human Development — \$800 to purchase and distribute new baby car seats to area mothers. Educational materials will be provided on child car

For more information on the La **Grande Soroptimist Community** Benefits Program and funding opportunities, call Di Lyn Larsen-Hill at 541-963-5341 or email dilarsenhill@gmail.com.

Local anglers win kokanee fishing derby

By BILL BRADSHAW

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA LAKE — About 45 anglers in 16 boats competed Friday and Saturday, June 10-11, in the Cross the Divide Kokanee Derby at Wallowa Lake.

Cross the Divide Outdoor Director Andy Marcum said he had hoped for more competitors, but believes the high cost of gasoline thwarted the plans of many.

"We lost eight boats and about 25 people in the past week just because of the gas prices," he said. "Yeah, with \$6 gas, people coming from the Seattle area and Southern Oregon, I don't blame them. I'm surprised we had the turnout we did."

Marcum said the catch varied widely.

"We had some boats with zero fish and one that caught 75," he said.

Anglers were allowed to enter the largest 10 fish they caught — five from each day — for the weigh-in Saturday.

First place went to the only local boat, captained by Jeff Micka of Alder Slope and joined by Don Exon of Enterprise. Their total catch was 14.41 pounds.

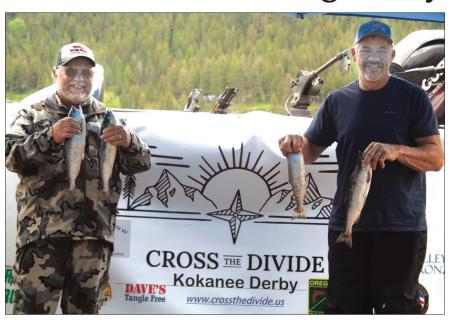
The winners won \$1,000 donated by Viridian Property Management of Enterprise and including an Addicted Fishing Kill Bag, hats, lures, a Pro-Cure sample bag and Takedown Tackle gear.

Barry Ranken caught the largest fish, a 3.68-pound kokanee at 1 p.m. Saturday in about 15 feet of water near the foot of the lake.

'I know all you guys probably trolled over that same fish," Marcum said.

Ranken won \$500 donated by Viridian.

Second place went to a boat cap-



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

Don Exon, left, of Enterprise, and Jeff Micka, of Alder Slope, show off their prize-winning kokanee Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the Wallowa Lake State Park Marina. The pair won first prize in the Cross the Divide fishing derby with a total catch of 14.41 pounds.



Andy Marcum/Contributed Photo

Big fish winner Barry Ranken, center, shows off his nearly-4-pound kokanee caught on Saturday, June 11, 2022, during the Cross the Divide fishing derby at Wallowa Lake. Darel Ty.

tained by John Kaiser and joined by Daniel Isley, Allen Isley and Frank Blough with a total weight of 13.54 pounds.

They won a Yeti cooler, hats and tackle donated by Wallowa County Ace Hardware, Addicted Fishing, Dave's Tangle Free, Takedown Tackle and Pro-Cure Bait Scents.

Third place went to Rod Harmon's boat with Nick Jordan and Kevyn Halazon aboard for a total catch of 11.2 pounds.

They won two Ugly Stix fishing rods and reels, lures and other tackle and hats donated by Cross the Divide, the Wallowa Lake Marina, Dave's Tangle Free, Takedown Tackle and

Pro-Cure Bait Scents. Fourth went to Brad Maesner's boat with Pilar Maesner and Joe Ash aboard along with their catch of 8.68 pounds. They won a \$150 Cabela's gift card donated by Adam Stein Construction.

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Woodlands & Watersheds Festival returns

ENTERPRISE — The 18th annual Woodlands & Watersheds Festival will take place Friday, June 24, at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise. The free family event is hosted by Wallowa Resources and the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. more than 25 local and regional organizations will connect with the community. There will be various activities for all ages such as logging games, live music and a free hot dog lunch and scavenger hunt for kids.

Enjoy quilt show at LG Farmers Market

LA GRANDE — An outdoor quilt show sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Modern Quilt Guild will be on display at the La Grande Farmers Market on Saturday, June 25. The market is open from 9 a.m. to noon at Max Square, corner of Adams Avenue and Fourth

Take a free guided hike in Wallowa County

JOSEPH — The Wallowology Nature Discovery Center is hosting a Discovery Walk every Saturday this summer, from 9-11 a.m. To join the free guided family-friendly hike, meet at the lobby of the Wallowa Lake Lodge.

This summer the Wallowology Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph, is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. To learn more, stop by the center, go to www.wallowology.org or call 541-432-0112.

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June 23 — DAN KRAMER: 2 p.m. graveside service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

June 25 — MARY ELLEN HAWKINSON:

10 a.m. graveside service, Wallowa Cemetery. June 25 — ERIC BATES: 11 a.m. celebration of life, take Forest Service Road 77/Catherine Creek Summit Road from Union and follow teal-colored

signs to the service (casual dress preferred). June 25 — LARRY HANEY: 1 p.m. graveside military service and celebration of life, Wallowa Cem-

etery; reception follows. June 25 — SHARON HARGROVE: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Imbler Christian Church.

June 25 — DAVID HASSE: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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MONDAY, JUNE 20

6:14 a.m. — A caller on the 1900 block of Cedar Street, La Grande, asked to speak to an officer regarding theft of services. An officer took a report.

11:30 a.m. — La Grande police responded to Max Square on a report of a person threatening self-harm. The subject refused any additional assistance.

1:53 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1200 block of X Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Officers trespassed one 6:07 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to

Main and Jefferson streets, Union, on a call about a fight. The dep-8:57 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious person was creating a disturbance at Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., La Grande. Officers

responded and arrested a 34-year-old man for trespass and disor- $9:17 \ \text{p.m.} - \text{A}$ caller reported possible gunshots on the 3000

block of Blue Mountain Drive, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy checked the area but did not hear gunshots. 10:57 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a residence on the

1500 block of 21st Street on a call about a domestic disturbance but the subjects would not open the door.

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11:21 p.m. — A caller reported an intoxicated male on the 1100 block of Fourth Street, La Grande. Officers responded. The male went home.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

2:56 a.m. — A caller reported a person on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, was looking in cars. Local law enforcement responded but did not find any car prowler.

11:00 a.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to an Elgin residence on a report of a person in a crisis. Deputies rendered assistance.

12:53 p.m. — La Grande police conducted a welfare check on the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue and called for medical help.

6:31 p.m. — A caller reported careless drivers about 4 miles north of La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy and Oregon State Police trooper responded and counseled both parties.

7:18 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of malfunctioning crossing arms at Fir Street and Madison Avenue and notified Union Pacific Railroad.

10:17 p.m. — A resident on the 600 block of North 12th Avenue, Elgin, reported harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and advised the person to call again if the subject comes back to the residence.





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