

Enjoy mountain wildflowers through September

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For the East Oregonian

With dry conditions in the mountains now, this is the last article until next spring. I hope the articles and flower photos have brought some relief from the stresses of the pandemic.

Road to Mount Emily: Here is a flower fest along the road to Mount Emily in July. The color is provided free of charge by yellow arnica, yellow false lupine, red and yellow columbine, white valerian, and lots of leaves.

Burke's lupine (*Lupinus burkei*): This plant was described in an earlier article this summer, but I just couldn't pass up this photo between Heppner and Ukiah. This species of lupine, along with Sabin's lupine shown last week, are both stunningly spectacular plants.

Prairie lupine (*Lupinus lepidus*): Nearly as impressive as the two other lupines mentioned here, the prairie lupine is a close second, especially when coming on several large, showy mounds growing right in the gravel edge of the road. I found no reference indicating uses for this species.

Green false hellebore (*Veratrum viride*): This is the green version of the California false hellebore featured in a previous article. Everything on this plant is green. The plants in the photo are well over 6 feet tall, and the upper half of the single, erect stem is covered with drooping branches heavily loaded with green flowers. The lower half of the central stem is hidden by large, overlapping, broad leaves. Indian tribes considered the plant to be deadly poisonous, though with appropriate preparation was used for many medicinal purposes. It was also used for charms and ceremonial events. The plant will likely be blooming into September along the road to Jubilee Lake.

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Photo by Bruce Barnes

Wildflowers bloom in a meadow on the road to Mount Emily in the Blue Mountains.



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Prairie lupine, *Lupinus lepidus*.



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Burke's lupine, *Lupinus burkei*.



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Green false hellebore, *Veratrum viride*.

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Library cards empower students and fuel their academic success



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LIBRARIES PROVIDE — COUNTYWIDE!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the libraries of the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) join the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

Libraries offer programs for all ages, helping transform lives and communities through education. Even with the changes in hours during this time of pandemic, at each library in Umatilla County, you'll find a wide variety of educational resources and activities.

Public libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. There are library programs that serve students of all ages and backgrounds. Even if your library isn't open to the public, there are so many online resources and programs available.

UCSLD libraries, along

with libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, please visit the following link, which will take you to the UCSLD webpage with links to all of the Umatilla County libraries: <https://www.ucslid.org/our-libraries>.

This year, DC's Wonder Woman is embarking on a mission to champion the power of a library card as Library Card Sign-up Month Honorary Chair. In her new role, Wonder Woman will promote the value of libraries and encourage everyone to get their very own library card. During September, contact your local library and get a library card. If you already have a library card, find out what services your library offers.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure that every child signs up for their own library card.

The Umatilla County Special Library District was formed in 1986 and is governed by a five-member, voter-elected board of directors. The mission of the UCSLD is to work in partnership with our libraries to advance and make available excellent library services, programs and continuing educational opportunities for all.

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22nd annual 'Art at the Crossroads' opens Sept. 4

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BAKER CITY — Crossroads Carnegie Art Center announces the 22nd Annual Open Regional Show, "Art at the Crossroads," beginning Friday, Sept. 4, from noon to 8 p.m. at 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City.

The judge, Malcolm Phinney, will be making awards decisions prior to the public showing. Patrons will be able to cast their votes for the People's Choice Award until 8 p.m. Among the awards presented, the new "Realistic Watercolor Award" is sponsored by Quail Crossing Studio & Gallery.

All those attending the First Friday event may enter a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate from The Main Event Sports Bar & Eatery and enjoy the musical talents of David Salo, both in the courtyard downstairs.

"Art at the Crossroads" will be available for viewing this eclectic body of work from Sept. 4-26, Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the upstairs gallery of Crossroads.

The community is also invited to attend the show's discussion and critique on Saturday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon with judge Malcolm Phinney. If required, to maintain state mandate to COVID, the discussion may be moved to largest space available to be in compliance of social distancing.

Malcolm Phinney, of Wallowa County, is a painter and sculptor who owns and operates Phinney Gallery of Fine Art in Joseph with his wife, Tammy. He is a designer, model maker and point up



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"Nature Girl," a linocut print by Laurel Macdonald, won Best of Show during the 2019 Art at the Crossroads regional art exhibit.

artist for private and corporate commissions, including designing architectural ornamentation for the Capitol Grounds in Washington, D.C.

"The September Open Regional Show always has an excellent turnout for local and regional artists to exhibit their newest cre-

ations. 'Art at the Crossroads' is a great way to give recognition to these creative artists and the opportunity for the community to safely see unique work during these strange times," said Crystal Rainwater, community art director.

COVID-19 rules and

regulations for Phase 2 include 50 people in the building at any one time, face coverings are required indoors and outdoors, contact tracing, social distancing, and hand sanitizer/hand-washing is available. After 5 p.m., patrons will enter through the Second Street entrance.

Sheriff's deputy to graduate from corrections training

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PENDLETON — Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Deputy Darci Rhinehart is among the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Basic Corrections Local No. BCL041 class that will graduate at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for

social distancing, the ceremony will be closed to the public.

DPSST provides training to more than 25,000 students each year throughout Oregon, and at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. DPSST certifies qualified officers at various levels from basic through executive; certifies qualified instructors; and reviews and accredits training programs throughout the state based on standards established by the board.

BIRTHS

ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL, PENDLETON

AUG. 21, 2020

SELLERS — Amanda Berdahl and Cody Sellers of Pendleton: a boy, Bowen Jay Sellers.

AUG. 23, 2020

NAVE-KING — Melanie Nave of Elgin and Shawn K.C. King of Milton-Freewater: a girl, Finley Ann Nave-King.

AUG. 24, 2020

BEEHNER — Monica J. Beehner and Jordan M. Beehner of Pendleton: a boy, Henry Matthew Beehner.

GOOD SHEPHERD MEDICAL CENTER, HERMISTON

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CARDONA ORDONEZ — Catalina Ordonez Gregorio and Crisanto Cardona of Hermiston: a boy, Walfre Cardona Ordonez.