

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Nez Perce celebrates return of property

WALLOWA — A celebration marking the return of the deed and keys of the now-closed Wallowa United Methodist Church to the Nez Perce Tribe is planned.

After 144 years, the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church is returning the property as a gesture of gratitude, respect and repentance. This is the second piece of property the Oregon-Idaho Conference has returned to the Tribe. In 2018, the conference returned 1.5 acres of riverbed property from its Wallowa Lake Camp to the Tribe to be used for fish spawning habitat.

The event is Thursday, April 29, at 11 a.m. outside of the church, located at 102 W. First St. Wallowa. Leaders from the Nez Perce Tribe and the Oregon-Idaho Conference will be on hand for the celebration. The gathering will include singing, prayers and the ceremonial sharing of gifts, followed by fellowship.

Those planning to attend are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing during the ceremony. For more information, contact Kayeloni Scott, Nez Perce Tribe communications manager, at kayelonis@nezperce.org or 208-621-4772.

Live music event at Echo winery

ECHO — People are invited to enjoy country and western music as Echo Ridge Cellars welcomes Joni Harms for its first live music event in more than a year.

The Canby native was inducted into the Western Music Hall of Fame in fall 2020. Her hits “Bless the Farmer” and “Let’s Put the Western Back in the Country” reveal her roots in the family ranch that was homesteaded by her great-great-grandfather in 1872. She has 14 albums, which include the tunes Two-Steppin’ Texas Blue and “Cowboy Coffee” that often get people on their feet on the dance floor.

The event is Sunday, May 2, from 1-3 p.m. at the winery, 551 Thielsen St., Echo. There is no cover charge. For questions, call 541-376-8100.

Power House to hold screenings of ‘Halfway to Zen’

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — A pair of viewings of “Halfway to Zen,” an independent film about a group of misfits who are reunited and begin to relearn what it means to be a family, is planned at the Power House Theatre.

The initial screening is Friday, April 30, and an encore viewing is Wednesday, May 5. Showtimes for both events is 7 p.m. Power House is located at 111 N. Sixth Ave., Walla Walla.

Originally released in 2016, the drama is 96 minutes and includes strong language. Each screening will be followed by a pre-recorded conversation between Warren Etheredge, the director of film programming, and the filmmakers.

General admission tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Seating for each screening is capped at 100 patrons. Also, masks are required and physical distancing between households will be observed.

Tickets are available at www.phtww.org or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500. Also, view the website

for information about other upcoming events at the theatre.

Lunch & Learn addresses sleep disorders

HERMISTON — If you have trouble sleeping at night, the upcoming virtual Lunch & Learn event may provide some answers to your slumbering problems.

Dr. Jak Ni of Good Shepherd Sleep Solutions will share about sleep disorders and how to get a better night’s sleep. The virtual event is Thursday, May 6, at noon. People are encouraged to grab a bite to eat and log on to learn how sleep disorders can impact other areas of their life.

Presented by Good Shepherd Health Care System, register at www.eventbrite.com. For questions, call 541-667-3509.

FFA sets spring plant sale

PENDLETON — Flowers, herbs, and vegetables can be purchased and picked up at the Pendleton High School greenhouse on Friday, May 7, from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 8, from 8-10 a.m. Plants may be ordered online.

A catalog and prices are posted on the chapter’s Facebook page. For more information, email khunt@pendletonsd.org.

pendletonsd.org.

Music alliance livestreams Tunesmith Night

WALLOWA COUNTY — The final Tunesmith Night of the season will be livestreamed on several platforms.

Presented by the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, the event features Jezebel’s Mother and Wanderlodge. People can view the event Saturday, May 8, at 7 p.m. on YouTube, the WVMA website and via several social media platforms. People are invited to show support for the program that showcases independent musicians by

making an online donation.

Jezebel’s Mother features songwriters Carolyn Lochert and Janis Carper, who blend their talents to form a bluesy-rootsy-lively sound. Each performance is a musical adventure that reveals the bond of best friends — whether they’re belting out blues on a big concert stage or crooning in the corner of a cozy coffeehouse, these two seasoned musicians entertain with soul and style. For more information, visit www.jezebelmother.com.

Hailing from Portland, Wanderlodge spends most of its time on the road. Forming in 2016, the duo of Matt Cadenelli and Kris Stuart combine their love of classic

rock and country with their own tunes, those of other favorite local songwriters, and a taste for the sunny, country rock sounds of Los Angeles and its surrounding canyons. The result is a new West Coast, including their recent recording, “Cypress Mountain Drive.” To learn more about Wanderlodge, visit www.wanderlodge.bandcamp.com.

Formed in 2004, the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance aims to foster the growth of music throughout the Inland Northwest. For more information, contact 541-426-3390, info@wvmusicalliance.org or visit wvmusicalliance.org.

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