

HONORS: Chamber recognizes outstanding citizens

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The recognition of Lozier touted his working knowledge of agricultural machinery parts, a benefit to the agricultural community, as well as his dedication to volunteering for community events, especially Hells Canyon Mule Days. He gave much of the credit for the award to his wife, Sondra.

Marnee Norton won "Employee of the Year." Ruby Lathrop nominated her based on Norton's stellar work in all areas as an employee of Umpqua Bank. Lathrop praised Norton for her people skills in rancorous situations as well as her volunteer work with the Enterprise School Library on a weekly basis.

Beth Gibans received the "Leader in Agriculture" Award after her nomination by Sara Miller of Northeastern Oregon Economic Development District on behalf of Wallowa Resources.

The nomination praised Gibans for her business acumen with her own Backyard Gardens Produce & Catering LLC, as well as her work in establishing the Wallowa County Community Farmers Market in Joseph. Gibans also helped pioneer the offering of Community Supported Agriculture shares. Gibans gave a pre-recorded thank you speech from a catering job in St. Croix of the

U.S. Virgin Islands.

Mary Edwards received the nod for "Leader in the Arts" after nomination by Kelly Wick and Shelley Curtiss on behalf of the Wallowa Valley Arts Council.

A letter of recommendation praised Edwards' dedication to the arts as co-director of the Festival of Arts the past two years and also mentioned that she helped organize a calendar to coordinate the event and streamline the entry process for artists. Edwards also spends her spare time as an underwater photographer.

Lee Daggett of Wallowa Mountain Properties received the "Leader in Events" award after nomi-

nation by Tim Soares. The nomination and supporting letters told of Daggett's dedication to the sport of rodeo, including all facets of the Broncs and Bulls event. Daggett also volunteers announcement duties at the Chief Joseph Days queen tryouts, parts of the CJD Rodeo and parade, the Eagle Cap Extreme sled dog race and other events.

Rhonda Shirley, principal and superintendent of Joseph Charter School, received the honor of "Educational Leader Award." Shirley was nominated by teachers Kendall Hayes and Marla Dotson, as well as a number of letters of recommendation by Tim Soares.

The nomination congratulated Shirley for her efforts on behalf of the Joseph School District, where she received her childhood education. She returned upon graduation from college, embarking upon a 35-year career that included stints of teaching, coaching, principal and superintendent.

Shirley's latest accomplishments include gaining charter school status for Joseph, as well as finding funding for three new classrooms and a practice gym, the latter, soon to carry Shirley's name.

Ken Coreson received recognition in the final presentation with the "Unsung Hero" award. Jack and Judy

Burgoyne nominated Coreson and several letters of support commended him for his past ministry and stewardship of the Nazarene Church and most recently for establishing Creating Memories, an organization that helps disabled children and adults enjoy the outdoors and participate in activities such as hunting and fishing.

During a moving speech, Coreson took virtually no credit for his accomplishments, rather, giving it to the disabled people he said were his inspiration. Coreson received a standing ovation, a fitting conclusion to the night's awards presentations.

DEER: Number of deer in city limits 'out of control'

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Over time, the deer decided "Why migrate here every day? Let's take up residence in town."

Sands also stated his opinion that the deer stay in town because of wolves and other predators that reside just outside the city limits.

According to Sands, the deer pose a daily problem for Joseph citizens. "There's so

many of them now, what's an acceptable level? We're never going to get rid of them, but how do you minimize them?"

Citizens, including Sands, point to issues with deer destroying gardens and flowers, and even daring to climb up steps to mooch a free vegetation meal off of decks and porches. "That's how bold they are," Sands said.

During one walk last summer, Sands counted 73 deer

inside the city limits. "It's just gotten to the point where it's out of control. The only thing we get more complaints about than the deer, are the streets," Sands said.

Another problem is the disposal of dead deer, whether hit by cars or succumbing to other maladies, including disease. During the summer months, the city's public works department buried the deer, while the frozen turf of

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winter prohibits that method of disposal. Sands said the city temporarily burned the carcasses as an alternative, which resulted in dogs raiding the burn pile for bones, which is unacceptable to the city.

The ODFW disclaimed re-

sponsibility for the live deer or disposing of dead deer, blaming local landowners either for disallowing hunting or on residents for feeding the deer. "A few people may do that, but not many. You could accuse me of that since they

come up on my porch and eat my tomatoes and roses," Sands said.

The Jan. 20 letter addressed to the ODFW asks the agency to respond to the letter before the February city council meeting and also requests that an ODFW official attend the meeting and speak to the council.

"It'll be interesting to see what kind of response we get," Sands said.

Rollover in canyon; tiny kitten found at lake

Dispatch Log

Jan. 19
12:17 p.m. Lost Border Collie cross in Enterprise. Owner found.
2:13 p.m. Horse loose in rural Joseph.
Jan. 20
8:50 a.m. Ambulance transport to Joseph Airport.
1:16 p.m. Information about unlocked business in Joseph.
Jan. 21
6:19 a.m. Assault report in Enterprise, unfounded.
9:57 a.m. Found very small kitten at Wallowa Lake.
2:02 p.m. Public assist in Enterprise.
3:31 p.m. Scam reported.
6:54 p.m. Request for a welfare check in Joseph.
Jan. 22
6:58 a.m. Alarm at a business in Enterprise.
2:23 p.m. Wallowa County Circuit Court issued an arrest warrant for Jeffery Jason Wingo, 44, of Enterprise. Charge is probation violation, original charge of disorderly conduct-2.
2:48 p.m. Possible fraud scam in Enterprise.
6:41 p.m. Two 911 calls reporting a rollover crash in Minam Canyon.
7:22 p.m. Report of a large boulder blocking the road in the southbound lane on Hwy 3.
10:24 p.m. Medical call in Joseph. False alarm.
Jan. 23
3:45 a.m. Barking dog complaint in Joseph.
11:01 a.m. Arrested Jeffery Jason Wingo, 44, of Enterprise, for failure to comply with probation terms, original charge for disorderly conduct-2. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.
3:16 p.m. Traffic complaint

FOR THE RECORD

in rural Wallowa.
5:37 p.m. Stalking complaint in Wallowa.
5:40 p.m. Community Corrections home visit.
9:47 p.m. 911 re: suspicious circumstances in Enterprise.
10:04 p.m. 911 ambulance request in Enterprise.
Jan. 24
7:59 a.m. Information for Community Corrections.
12:21 p.m. 911 criminal mischief complaint in Joseph.
3:22 p.m. 911 report of domestic in Enterprise.
6:22 p.m. Follow-up investigation.
6:37 p.m. Theft complaint, property returned.

7:16 p.m. Controlled burn in Wallowa.
7:19 p.m. Follow-up investigation.
7:25 p.m. Found Border Collie in Lostine. Reunited with owner.
9:58 p.m. Attempted assault in Enterprise.
Jan. 25
7:19 a.m. Missing horses in rural Wallowa. Horses were located.
2:37 p.m. Animal complaint, rural Enterprise.
4:32 p.m. 911 call reporting gun shots in rural Enterprise.
4:43 p.m. Report of missing female black Lab/boxer mix in rural Enterprise. Reunited with owner.
7:01 p.m. Traffic stop in Enterprise.
11:39 p.m. 911 domestic in rural Enterprise.



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