

Students promote wilderness safety

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Sisters Johnelle and Victoria Suto, students at Joseph Charter School, put their heads together and organized a wilderness safety assembly for fellow students. The sisters organized the event as part of a project for their role in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

After students packed into the gym bleachers, Johnelle and Victoria introduced Wallowa County Search and Rescue volunteers and K-9 specialists Glenn McDonald and Holly Akenson. S&R dogs Sky, a German Shepherd, and Kea, a Golden Retriever accompanied the two. Following short lectures on wilderness safety and preparedness, Akenson and McDonald demonstrated the dogs' searching skills with both a simulated cadaver search and air scent search.

Mischelle Hileman followed with a harrowing tale of losing her way during a November 2002 afternoon jaunt

hunting elk in McAllister Creek Canyon in Wallowa County. Hileman spent eight days and seven nights of numbing cold in the wilderness.

Hileman did not cut herself any slack while recounting the tale of her odyssey. She thoroughly outlined each error that helped lead to her extended wilderness stay, including neglecting to wear warm clothing or tell anyone where she was going. Most poignantly, Hileman sat down in a chair at one point and removed both of her prosthetic legs to audible gasps from the audience. Hileman's legs froze during the wilderness ordeal and doctors subsequently removed them just below the knee.

The Suto sisters said their mother's friendship with Hileman led to the invitation to speak. They added that they had known Hileman most of their lives.

Both sisters also credited FCCLA adviser and teacher Marla Dotson for helping plan the event.

Community Calendar: 'Black Bear Biology'; community dance

Wednesday, Feb. 18
Presentation on Pet Dentistry, 7 p.m., Wallowa County Humane Society Information Center, 104 N. River St., Enterprise. Presenter: Dr. Rice of Enterprise Veterinary Clinic. Runs 60-90 minutes.

Thursday, Feb. 19
"Black Bear Biology and Hibernation," 7 p.m., Wallowology! Natural History Discovery Center, 508 N. Main, Joseph. Slideshow and presentation by Jim Akenson.

Friday, Feb. 20
Screening of documentary film, "Damnation," 7 p.m. at the Joseph Center in Joseph. An audience discussion of issues raised in the film will follow. Discussion could also touch upon related local issues.

Feb. 20-21
Project Heartbeat will be

conducting a first aid/CPR/AED class on two separate dates in Enterprise. The class will train lay responders to assist those suffering medical emergencies, both minor and major, until the ambulance arrives. Upon completion of the course attendees will get two-year certification from the American Red Cross. Cost of the 7-hour class is \$45. For more information, the location of the class or to register call 541-432-0259.

Saturday, Feb. 21
Old-Time Community Dance, 7 to 10:30 p.m., Odd Fellows Hall in Enterprise. Squares, circles, reels, contra, waltzes, polkas, with a live string band and caller. Beginners welcome, all dances taught. No partner or special clothing required. Admission \$5/person, \$10/family, children under 12 free. More info or to volunteer: Laura Skovlin, 541-398-0800.

Wednesday, Feb. 25
Volunteer Orientation, 7 p.m., Wallowa County Humane Society Information Center, 104 N. River St., Enterprise. Class for new and existing volunteers. More info: Karen Mason, 541-432-7310.

Thursday, Feb. 26
Young People's Concert by the Wallowa Valley Orchestra, 9 a.m., Enterprise High School. Free. Includes interactive and informational activities.

Film (50 minutes), "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible," followed by a discussion about race and culture with Gwen Trice of Maxville Heritage Center and Bennie Moses-Mesubed of EOU's Multicultural Center, 7 p.m. at Joseph Center in Joseph. Event is part of Black History Month.

Sunday, March 1
Community Concert by the Wallowa Valley Orches-

tra, 4 p.m., Enterprise High School. Free.

Saturday, March 7
Blue Mountain Fiddle Show, 6 p.m. at Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise. Admission \$5. Dinner at 5 p.m. catered by Apple Flat Catering. More info: 541-432-3195.

Friday, March 13
Joseph FFA Alumni Dinner/Auction. Doors open 5 p.m., Joseph Community Center. Tri-tip dinner. Tickets \$12, at the door or in advance at Sports Corral. More info: Karen Rinehart, 541-432-0770.

The Community Calendar lists fundraisers, free local events and those with a nominal fee organized by nonprofit organizations. Submit information to calendar@wallowa.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. To promote for-profit events, contact sales representative Brooke Pace at bpace@wallowa.com.

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The family of Joyce Terry would like to thank this amazing community for the cards, phone calls, food, flowers and prayers that have been extended to us. While Joyce only wore a size 8.5 shoe, she has left size 22 footprints to be filled. She was a strong loving woman who loved and served those around her. This is the legacy she has left for us to follow. Please know your actions have been like hers, and have made a difference in our lives.

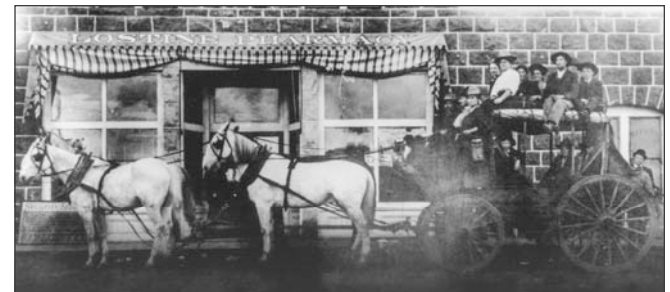
Lawrence Terry, Cathy Johnson, Connie Howard and our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren



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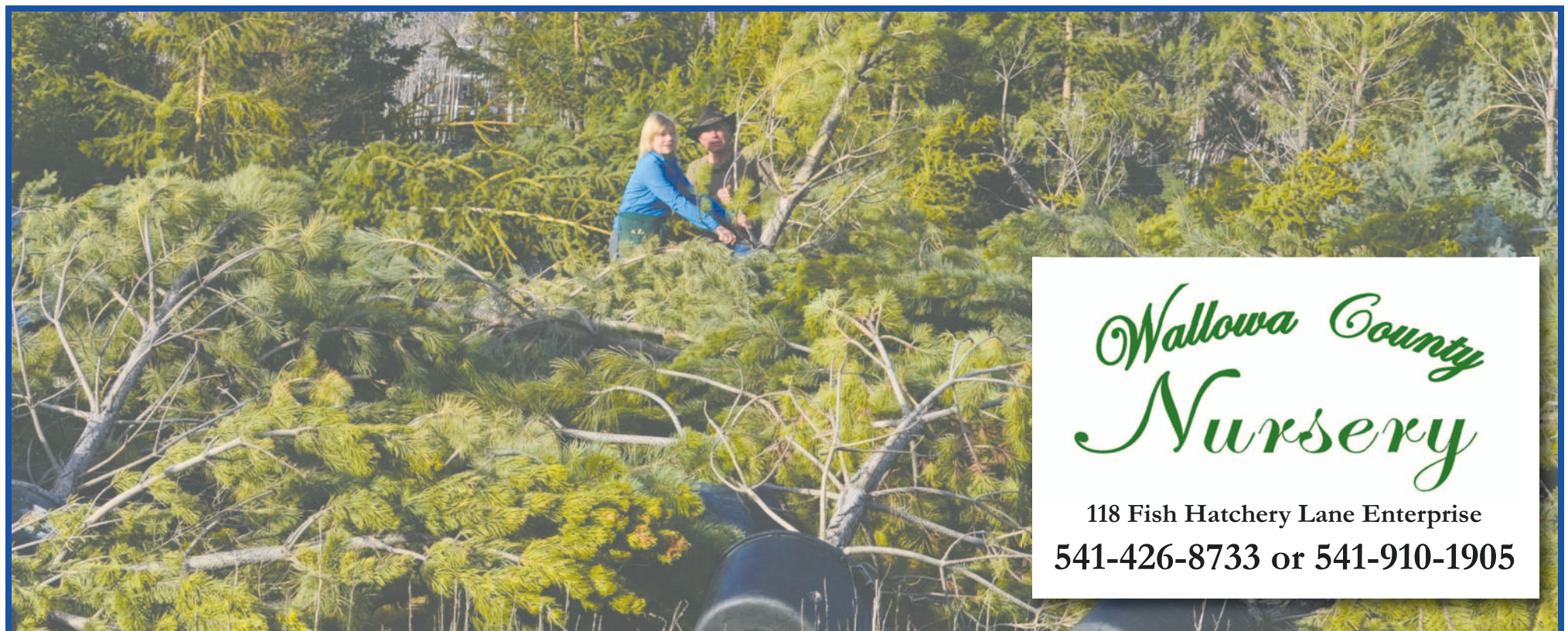


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