

MCT casts ‘Blackbeard’

Audiences will enjoy the April 18 performance of the swashbuckling adventure of “Blackbeard the Pirate” as over 45 local students crew up with Missoula Children’s Theatre for the 32nd consecutive year. The local cast features Jacob Falk as Blackbeard, as well as Guylen Snyder, Georgia Falk, Meredith Brann, John Paul Matthews and Isabella Brann as Blackbeard’s pirate crew.

Layla Snyder will perform as Lt. Maynard, with Molly Curry, Noah Meyer, Kameron Poulson, and Cami Word starring as his sailors. Gabriel Hawkins-Connolly, Laramie Hess, Sharon Hurley, Paige Lattin, Elizabeth Matthews and Anna Moholt star as beach bums. Hartwell Brann, Roan Flynn, Ashlynn Greer, Parker Siebe and Mary Thiel star as the cantankerous crabs. Lucy Garland, Oriahna Kyle, Iona McDonald, Ariana Samples, and Bella Snyder play seaweed creatures.

Iris DeLury, Raechel Lester, Bernadette Matthews,



Sam Ricci (black dress), of Missoula Children’s Theatre, directs auditions for “Blackbeard the Pirate” at the Joseph Charter School cafeteria on April 13. Approximately 45 children attended the auditions.

Mary Catherine Matthews and Charlotte McDonald will play mermaids. Mica Altringer, Cece Curry, Ellie Davis, Jacoby DeLury, Ione Flynn, Emery Schmidt, Freyja Hostetter, Kohlton Mardis, Opal McDon-

ald, Emrys Hobbs, Annie Rose Miller, and Andrew Nordtvedt round out the cast.

The play will be staged at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the OK Theatre in Enterprise. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students K-12,

and \$2 for preschoolers. Tickets available at the door. Arrive at least 15 minutes before curtain.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Terra Snyder at 541-398-2191 or Erin Baynes at 541-398-1577.

Ketscher, Warnock plan July wedding

Phillip and Charity Ketscher are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Paige Ketscher, to Brandon Joe Warnock, of Imnaha.

BJ is the son of Joe and Shari Warnock, also of Imnaha.

Emily is a 2014 Enterprise High School graduate and is studying Agricultural Science and Accounting at Eastern Oregon University. BJ graduated from Joseph High School in 2012. He now ranches in Imnaha.

A July 11 wedding is planned at the Zumwalt ranch of the bride’s family. The couple will then work together to build their cattle operation while Emily finishes her degree online.



Courtesy photo
Brandon Joe Warnock and Emily Paige Ketscher.

Joseph Bike Path info meeting set

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will host a public open house meeting Tuesday, May 5, to provide information and hear comments regarding the Joseph to Wallowa Lake Bike Path Project. The meeting will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Joseph Community Center, located at 102 E. First Street.

Construction is projected to start in 2016. The goal of the project is to provide a separated path to allow bicyclists and pedestrians to travel between Joseph and the north end of Wallowa Lake in a safe manner.

The project will be approximately three-quarters of a mile long and will provide a 10-foot-wide

path along the west side of the highway from College Street to the north boat ramp area.

The purpose of the May 5 meeting is to share project plans and provide an update. Key project staff will be available for questions.

Governor Otter says Chief Joseph more significant to Idaho

Letter asks Oregon to reconsider statue

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Oregon lawmakers are considering a recommendation that Nez Perce leader Chief Joseph and suffragette Abigail Scott Duniway replace two other symbols of the state among the statues on display at the U.S. Capitol.

But Idaho Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter says not so fast.

In a letter to Oregon leaders, Otter says Chief Joseph might have more of a historical connection to his state.

“Chief Joseph’s story and legacy in the Northwest is indeed historically notable,” Otter wrote. “But a close examination of history may indicate a more significant historical tie to Idaho than any other state in our region. I therefore would urge a careful analysis of the chief’s history, and I will be grateful for your kind consideration of Idaho in this regard.”

Otter’s letter came up during an Oregon Senate Rules Committee meeting last week, the Statesman Journal newspaper reported (<http://is.gd/ATir64>).

It stemmed from proposal to replace Oregon’s statues at the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C. Each state has two statues on display

there.

Since 1953, Oregon’s statues have been pioneer Jason Lee, a 19th century missionary who founded what became Willamette University, and John McLoughlin, a fur trader known as the father of Oregon.

The Oregon Statuary Hall Study Commission recommended the replacements after studying the issue with the Oregon Historical Society.

Chief Joseph led 750 Nez Perce tribal members on a 1,700-mile journey from Oregon to Montana in an unsuccessful bid to reach Canada and avoid being confined to a reservation. They were forced to surrender in 1877 after U.S. troops stopped them about 40 miles south of the Canadian border.

In a famous speech made after the surrender, Chief Joseph said: “From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever.”

Duniway was a women’s rights advocate whose efforts were key in gaining their voting rights.

A bill to replace the existing statues remains in committee. It must be approved by the Legislature and governor.

Thank You

A big thank you to Dr. Powers, Dr. Boyd, the emergency room staff at the hospital, and especially the Enterprise Fire Dept for your kindness and care of Gary Leffler.

You were all wonderful and I’m very grateful.

Barbara Schultz



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State park to upgrade trails

Nancy McLeod, manager of Wallowa Lake State Park, said the park is planning a trail refurbishment tentatively slated for an April 15 start. Approximately one mile of walking trails will be refurbished and even upgraded to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Residents with the Oregon

Youth Authority will assist park rangers in the trail repair.

McLeod wants to remind park visitors to keep their pets leashed and clean up after them.

She also wants visitors to stay on designated path areas as wandering off path possibly threatens endangered plants.

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BIRTH

A daughter,
Faith Kathleen Bates,
was born March 28, 2015,
in Enterprise to
David and Roberta Bates of
Enterprise. Grandparents
are Kathy and Tim Rankin,
and Sheryl and Dale Bates.

A son, Abel Kruz Zuercher,
was born April 1, 2015,
in Enterprise to Tesla
DeLury and Jesse Stinnett
of Joseph. Grandparents are
Kari Stinnett and Joanna &
Nathon Zuercher, and Doris
Kuhn, Linda Hawley and
Eugena Simmons (deceased).

A son,
Joseph Brian "Jobe" Mahon,
was born April 3, 2015,
in Enterprise to Drew and
Lisa Mahon of Wallowa.
Grandparents are Karen and
Brian Cron, and Kathy and
Mike Mahon.

Thank You

Kim, Kit, Taylor, Chris, & Jacey wish to thank everyone for their kindness, food, cards, flowers and help putting on Lee's wake. We couldn't be more grateful. Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you.

Thank You

Community Connection of Wallowa County and the Wallowa Senior Center thank those who gave a gift of love to the Senior Center Memorial Fund. Memorial donations support Meals on Wheels, Senior Lunches and Wallowa Senior Center Building maintenance.

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