

Crowd packs Divide Camp dinner

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Wallowa County Chieftain

Multitudes of Wallowa County supporters of veterans attended the Divide Camp Wild Game and Salmon Banquet at Cloverleaf Hall on April 25. Divide Camp is a non-profit program for treatment of both physically and/or psychologically wounded veterans, focusing mainly on post-9-11 vets. It is located in the Wallowa Mountains between Joseph and Imnaha.

So many people attended the banquet that volunteers ended up having to get more tables and chairs for the overflow crowd. Both elk stew and salmon were served as the main courses as well as potatoes, salad, and various des-

serts. The event also featured speeches, music by "Last Call," as well as a live and a silent auction.

Veterans Shawn Phillips and James Nash gave detailed talks regarding their service in the Middle East as well as the positive experience that Divide Camp brings to veterans.

Julie Wheeler, Divide Camp executive director, and several volunteers spoke of their commitment to Divide Camp and about how working with veterans and the camp changed their lives.

In an interview, Wheeler expressed amazement that their first event went so well. "I didn't really expect that much support for a first event," she said.

Wheeler said that the event

raised over \$13,000 for the camp and left everyone impressed with the community support.

The money raised will help pay for the camp's summer activities, including a Grande Ronde fishing trip, along with hikes and horse packing trips into the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

"It'll be a busy year. We didn't have funding for these trips, and this banquet is making a huge difference, and that's exciting," Wheeler said.

Not everything is coming up roses, however. Wheeler said Divide Camp is still looking for a headquarters with office space, sleeping quarters and storage. "I believe it's out there. We just haven't connected yet," Wheeler said.



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Divide Camp President/Director Julie Wheeler addresses the audience at the first Divide Camp Wild Game and Salmon Banquet held at Cloverleaf Hall April 25.

Youth Arts Fest returns on Saturday

JOSEPH — The 26th annual Wallowa Valley Youth Arts Festival, sponsored by the Wallowa Valley Arts Council, takes place Saturday, May 2, at the Joseph Community Center from 10 am to 4 pm. No admission is charged though donations are welcome.

Kids grades K-12 can enter up to three pieces each. To print an entry form visit www.wallowavalleyarts.org. Ready-to-hang work can be delivered to the following businesses during their regular business hours on Thursday, April 30: The Blonde Strawberry in Wallowa, Gypsy Java in Enterprise, or Uptown Art in Joseph. Work can be delivered on Friday, May

1, to the Joseph Community Center from 8 to 11 a.m.

Musical performances by Wallowa County students start around 12:00 p.m. Performers will include Kana Oliver and Casey Kiser, among others.

Visitors to the show may vote for People's Choice until 3 p.m. on Saturday. The winner will be announced at 3:30 p.m. A \$50 award will be given to both the People's Choice and Judge's Choice ribbon winners. Some entrants will have their artwork for sale with all proceeds going directly to the artist.

For more information visit www.wallowavalleyarts.org or call Leah Johnson at 541-432-9050.

Bear sightings; dead cougar

Dispatch Log

April 20
7:45 a.m. Theft complaint from Wallowa.
9:28 a.m. 911 requesting ambulance in Enterprise.
9:43 a.m. Civil complaint in Wallowa.
9:52 a.m. 911 for ambulance in Wallowa.
12:29 p.m. Welfare check requested in Enterprise.
12:44 p.m. Home visit in Enterprise.
1:09 p.m. Cell 911 for ambulance in Enterprise.
3:50 p.m. Enterprise public assist.
8:36 p.m. Civil dispute in Enterprise.
April 21
6:55 a.m. Home visit by Community Corrections in Wallowa.
11:29 a.m. Animal neglect call from Joseph.
1:32 p.m. Joseph 911 for out-of-control burn.
2:41 p.m. Trash fire in Enterprise.
2:51 p.m. Assault reported in Wallowa.
3:53 p.m. Welfare check in Enterprise.
4:20 p.m. Dog at large in Wallowa.
7:05 p.m. Traffic complaint in rural Enterprise.
10:14 p.m. 911 call reported possible haystack fire in rural Wallowa. No fire located.
April 22
12:06 a.m. 911 reporting an Enterprise theft.
2:30 p.m. Report of a possible wolf depredation on Elk Mountain Road.
5:50 p.m. Rural Enterprise traffic complaint.

FOR THE RECORD

6:26 p.m. Vicious dog complaint in Enterprise.
April 23
8:20 a.m. Wolf sighting at Wallowa Lake.
7:40 p.m. Report of possible offensive littering.
April 24
12:34 p.m. Several abandoned 911 calls. Frontier believes it's a problem with the lines.
12:54 p.m. Report of loose cow in rural Lostine.
2:27 p.m. Public assist in rural Joseph.
4:30 p.m. Report of controlled burn in rural Wallowa.
April 25
7:06 a.m. 911 ambulance request in Enterprise.

7:58 a.m. Traffic complaint in Lostine.
8:03 a.m. 911 request for ambulance in Joseph.
9:30 a.m. Driving complaint in rural Enterprise.
9:51 a.m. Report of dead cougar. Referred to OSP.
10:31 a.m. E911 re: bear complaint in rural Enterprise.
4:14 p.m. Traffic stop, Lostine.
7:00 p.m. Controlled burning in rural Joseph.
7:37 p.m. Bear sighting in rural Enterprise.
8:10 p.m. Report of an injured deer in Enterprise.
8:21 p.m. Controlled burning in Wallowa.
9:31 p.m. Report of domestic violence.
April 26
9:49 a.m. WCSO arrested Otilia Thiel, 50, Joseph, for

probation violation — original charge of criminal trespass-2. Transported to Union County Jail.

10 a.m. 911 for ambulance in Joseph.
10:30 a.m. Complaint of offensive littering in Enterprise.
10:36 a.m. 911 for ambulance in Wallowa.
12:48 p.m. 911 report of harassment.
4:43 p.m. 911 call requesting ambulance in Enterprise.
8:26 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.

Circuit Court

April 22
Stephanie Larae Rhodes, 35, Enterprise, released from confinement, under conditions.



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For more information, phone 541-577-2146.

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Blessings, Mary