

Joseph students help buy swing set

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going,” so the saying goes, and when Joseph grade school needed a new swing set during a period of tight funding, the teachers and classes did something about it. Grades K-4 held fund raisers to help pay for the \$4,000 swing set. The hard work by the classes paid off with the installation of the swing set on the playground in May. Total funds raised were approximately \$4,150.

The second grade led the charge with \$1,310 raised through a read-a-thon. The remaining grades collectively raised approximately \$800.

Family Career and Community Leaders of America and instructor, Marla Dotson, spearheaded the fundraising project. The FCCLA chapter donated \$800, the high school donated \$500, and \$600 came from private donors. The rest came from various other fundraising events.

The leftover funds will be used to create a plaque or sign that recognizes everyone who

donated or raised money.

Dotson also wanted to thank Tim Kiesecker, the school’s maintenance supervisor, for donating the time and use of his personal excavating equipment for digging holes for the concrete anchors for the swing set. Dotson also said the elementary teaching staff who helped organize the fundraising efforts of their respective classes deserve thanks as well.

“The classes all worked hard for this and they’re very excited about their new swing set,” Dotson said.



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Joseph Charter School second graders occupy the playground’s new \$4,000 swing set. The second graders raised over \$1,300 for the project.

Community Calendar: Becker poetry reading; car show

Wednesday, June 10

Wallowa County Victims’ Impact Panel, check-in 6:30-6:55 p.m., doors locked at 6:55 p.m., program starts at 7 p.m. at Wallowa County Courthouse. Cost: \$18 adult, \$15 under 18 years. Fee waived for parent or guardian if attending with a minor. More info: Stephanie Stone, 541-426-4543 ext. 141.

Thursday, June 11

Poetry reading by Devin Becker, 7:30 p.m. at Fishtrap House, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. Free of charge. Becker will read from his collection “Shame | Shame,” winner of the A. Poulin Jr. Poetry Prize.

Friday, June 12

“Wild Flowers!” — 7 p.m. at Wallowology in Joseph. Karen Antell presents a photographic tour of Northeast Oregon’s wildflowers. Learn about birds and bees, and learn new flower names, guaranteed!

June 12-13

26th Annual Oregon Mountain Cruise, downtown Joseph. Show ‘n’ Shine on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cruise to Enterprise at 3 p.m. More than 250 classic vehicles on display. For more details, visit oregonmountaincruise.com.

Wallowa Mountain Quilt

Show, Joseph Charter School, Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults \$3.50, children under 12 free. Heritage quilts on display along with entries of other quilts. Info: 541-432-6752.

Saturday, June 13

Fresh-squeezed lemonade sales at the Joseph Farmers’ Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Joseph. Lemonade stand raises funds for SNAP Match at the Farmers’ Markets in Wallowa County. More info: Lauren Johnson, 541-663-4736.

Elgin Railroad Depot Open House, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours of the train, refreshments, learn about what’s going on with the Wallowa-Union Railroad.

Enterprise Fiddle Show, Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Dinner at 5 p.m., show at 6 p.m. Adults \$5, current members \$4, children under 12 free. Sponsored by Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers. Info: Pat Samples, 541-432-3195.

Sunday, June 14

Flag Day celebration, 1 p.m. at the Wallowa County Courthouse Square. Organized by Enterprise Elks Lodge #1829. More info: Kent Lozier, 541-426-3181.

Wednesday, June 17

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 12 to 6 p.m., Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise. To schedule an appointment: Cindi Aschenbrenner, 541-426-2039; Julie Todd, 541-263-0101.

Friday, June 19

First Aid/CPR/AED classes in Enterprise. Presented by Project Heartbeat. Training for lay responders to assist those suffering medical emergencies until the ambulance arrives. Course good for 2-year certification from the American Red Cross. Cost of the 7-hour class is \$45. For more info and to register: 541-432-0259.

Wednesday, June 24

Educational presentation on dog grooming, 7 p.m. at Wallowa County Humane Society Information Center, 104 N. River St., Enterprise. Cindy Neal, from The Spiffy Dog in Lostine, will talk on how to keep your dog looking good between professional groomings, and on other topics, and provide hands-on demonstrations. Suggested donation: \$5. Part of WC Humane Soc. Public Education Series.

The Community Calendar lists fundraisers, free local events and those with a nominal fee organized by non-

profit 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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