

# Homemaker of the Fair shares her domestic secrets

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Wallowa County Chieftain

You don't have to come from a long line of food preservers and cooks to win Homemaker of the Fair. You just need to have good teachers.

Michelle Drayton-Fisher, of Enterprise, didn't know how to cook when she married her fifth-generation Wallowa County fellow, Bill Fisher, 25 years ago — but he did.

"I learned all of my cooking abilities from my husband," Michelle said.

And she still didn't know how to make preserves when she and Bill moved back to the county four years ago. But her neighbor, Naomi Carlson did, and she taught her, starting with peaches.

"I just kind of went crazy after that," Michelle said.

Crazy enough to have 69 entries in four categories and win the Homemaker of the Fair award for the 2015 Wal-



Courtesy photo  
**Michelle Drayton-Fisher won 36 blue ribbons at the 2015 fair.**

lowa County Fair. Michelle had entries in textiles, baked goods, food preservation and floriculture. She won 36 blue ribbons, three Best of Shows, six Ball

Canning Awards, and the Ida Hillock Memorial Award in addition to another nearly two dozen second and third place ribbons.

Her favorite entry was her blue-ribbon coconut cream pie — her husband's all-time favorite.

"We've perfected it over the last few years," she said. "The secret to my pie crust is that it's a vanilla vodka crust, vanilla marshmallows, and flavored with real vanilla pods brought back by a friend from Mexico."

Her show-stopper, however, was in another category — canning (food preservation), and it won Best of Show.

"It was a gift package of five different jams and jellies — all from Wallowa County," she said.

The jams and jellies were: Sheep Creek Elderberry Jelly, Redmond Grade Wild Plum Jam, Harl Butte Huckleberry Jam, Imnaha River Chokecherry Jelly, and Enterprise Backyard Dandelion Jelly.

## Forests post restrictions

Hancock Forest Management (HFM) announced a restriction of activities on its property due to extreme fire danger.

In a press release dated Aug. 11, HFM said that all property under its management would be closed until further notice to any motorized vehicle use, camping, any type of open fire, firewood cutting or smoking.

Non-motorized activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding or other sightseeing activities are still welcome — provided the fire restrictions are observed.

County roads and Forest Service or BLM roads that pass through the property are still open to public use.

U.S. Forest Service officials had already announced restrictions on the Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. As of Aug. 6, campfires are only allowed in designated campgrounds and recreation sites. Liquefied or bottled gas stoves and heaters are allowed for cooking and heating.

Operating an internal combustion engine, such as a chainsaw, is prohibited. Firewood cutting is not allowed. This

restriction applies to all internal combustion engines except motor vehicles.

Generators will only be allowed in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material, or, when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material, or, when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.

Smoking is only allowed within enclosed vehicles, buildings, and developed recreation sites or when stopped in an area cleared of all flammable material.

Travel restrictions prohibit motor vehicles traveling off of designated forest roads and trails, except for the purposes of going to or from campsites located within 300 feet of an open road. Motorized travel on segments of road where access is blocked by gate, barricade, log, boulder or earthen berm is also prohibited. Vehicles must still abide by all laws and regulations pertaining to the area of travel.

## Community Calendar: Main Street Show & Shine; Summer Arts Classic

**Aug. 14-15**  
2nd Annual Main Street Show & Shine, downtown Enterprise. Car show and associated activities. More info: mainstreetshowandshine.com.

**Aug. 14-16**  
Community Health Weekend with Dr. Hans Diehl, sponsored by Wallowa Memorial Hospital. Free public talks by Dr. Diehl, a leader in the field of Lifestyle Medicine, founder of the CHIP program. Friday, Aug. 14, at Wallowa Memorial Hospital, 6 p.m.: "Health Turnarounds." Saturday, Aug. 15, at Enterprise Seventh Day Adventist Church, 10 a.m.: "From Despair to Desinty"; 11 a.m., "Daniels Diet — Burden or Blessing?"; 2 p.m., "Reversing Diabetes with Fork and Knife." Sunday, Aug. 16, at Enterprise Christian Church, 9:45 a.m.: "Taking Care of the Spiritual Center — Our Brain"; 2 p.m., "Eat More — Weigh Less: Rational and Successful Weight Management."

**Friday, Aug. 14**  
Summer Arts Classic: a celebration of fine food, chamber music, art and literature. Begins with dinner at 6 p.m. at Stage One in Enterprise; continues with concert at the Odd Fellows Hall. Tickets cost \$45 for dinner and concert; \$15 for concert only. Available at The Bookloft, Fishtrap, Josephy Center, and at brownpapertickets.com. More info, see: wvmusicalliance.org.

**Wednesday, Aug. 19**  
"63 Amazing Miles," 6 to 8 p.m. at Wallowa Senior Center. Public gathering to ask questions and offer opinions on "Joseph Branch Recre-

ation Rail with Trail Concept Report." Report is available online at [www.eou.edu/rails-with-trails/](http://www.eou.edu/rails-with-trails/) and at city halls, community libraries, county commission office. Info: Terry Edvalson, 541-377-6355.

**Aug. 20-23**  
Second Annual Wallowa County Thunder Run, bike rally at Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise, and on Main Street in Joseph. More info: Gary Bethscheider, 541-263-0304; wcthunderrun.com.

**Thursday, Aug. 20**  
"63 Amazing Miles," 6 to 8 p.m. at Joseph Community Center. See Aug. 19 calendar listing.

**Saturday, Aug. 22**  
Maxville Gathering, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Wallowa Band Nez Perce Interpretive Center near Wallowa. Admission: \$5 individual; \$10 family; \$15 group. Live music by Dom Flemons, professional Lumberjack show, mule-drawn tours, kids' booths, local food, local vendors and more. Info: maxvilleheritage.org.

Lostine All-School Reunion, 10:30 a.m., potluck at noon, Enterprise Community Connection, Lewiston Highway. Bring own drinks. Coffee, plates and utensils furnished. Info: Myrta Clark at 541-432-8003.

7th Annual Barn Dance, a benefit for Wallowa Resources, 5 p.m. at Blue Barn Farm in Joseph, 63327 Tenderfoot Valley Road. Cost: \$30, \$15 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at Red Horse Coffee Traders in Joseph,

The Bookloft in Enterprise, Lostine Tavern in Lostine, Wallowa Resources office in Enterprise, or from Wallowa Resources board members. Info: 541-263-0648.

**Monday, Aug. 24**  
Poetry reading by Collier Nagues and Alexandra Teague, 7:30 p.m., Fishtrap House in Enterprise. Free. Donations welcome. Nogue will read from her collection, "The Ground I Stand on is Not My Ground," and Teague will read from her new book of poems, "The Wise and Foolish Builders."

**Friday, Aug. 28**  
Wallowology presentation: "Nez Perce Fisheries: Steadfast Stewardship & Evolving Management in the Wallowas," 7 p.m. at 508 N. Main, Joseph. Featuring Jim Harbeck of Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries. *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](mailto:calendar@wallowa.com). Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. To promote for-profit events, contact sales representative Brooke Pace at [bpace@wallowa.com](mailto:bpace@wallowa.com).*

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Paraglider **Todd Weigand** is our athlete of the week for his incredible record-breaking flight off Mt. Howard July 31.

Returning to Joseph after a July 30 flight, Weigand said he checked numerous weather forecasts and determined the prevailing winds and temperatures were perfect for a record-setting flight.

Weigand flew 82 miles in 4.5 hours, coming to rest at the confluence of the South Fork and Main Fork of Idaho's Salmon Rivers. He was also the first person in a wind-powered device to cross over Hells Canyon.

Weigand is temporarily residing in the area. Already an owner of several paragliding companies, he is currently attempting to establish his Wallowa Paragliding business near Wallowa Lake.

**TODD WEIGAND**

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### Wallowa School District is holding a SURPLUS AUCTION

**Saturday August 15, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at the Cougar Football Field**

**DESKS**  
50 Student Desks • 5 Teacher Desks  
8 Typing Desks

**MISC. SCHOOL SUPPLIES**  
1 Hot Dog Cooker • 4 Spanish Games  
5 German Language Learning Books  
AV Equipment • 3 Room Dividers  
8 File Cabinets • 1 Wooden 2 shelf Book Shelf  
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1 TV Stand • 29 Records

**SHOP EQUIPMENT**  
1 Jointer • 2 Lincoln Welders  
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1 Belt Sander • 1 Scroll Saw

## Wallowa Lake Triathlon

And 5K Walk / Run  
Race to End Abuse

**Wallowa Lake State Park Marina**  
Saturday September 12, 2015 9:00 am

**Sprint length:**  
500M swim • 20K bike • 5K run

Join us for the 5th annual Wallowa Lake Triathlon: Race to End Abuse. Safe Harbors is proud to invite you to this family friendly sprint length triathlon and 5 k walk /run in the beautiful Wallowa Mountains. All proceeds benefit Safe Harbors.

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