

# Evening Under the Stars set for Sept. 26

Fundraising event includes silent auction, catered dinner

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WALLOWA — Evening Under the Stars, the largest annual fund-raiser benefiting curricula for Wallowa schools, is ready to roll for the eighth time, the evening of Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Tamkaliks grounds in Wallowa. In the event of inclement weather, the event moves indoors to the Beth Johnson Room at Wallowa Elementary School.

The night, which features a catered barbecued pork loin dinner which also includes rolls, salad, potatoes and dessert, begins with a 5 p.m. social hour, followed by dinner at 6 p.m., and a live auction at 7 p.m. Wallowa music students, led by instructor Anna Shike, will perform during the evening. Tickets, priced at \$20 per person or \$50 for a family of any size, are available at the Blonde Strawberry and Wallowa Library, or from any Wallowa FFA member.

Friends of the Wallowa School District, the group formerly known as Friends of the Wallowa School Foundation, organizes Evening Under the Stars. According to Friends secretary Marilyn Hulse, in past years the event has raised anywhere from around \$10,000 to \$15,000, although the top end of that range was reached only once, in 2008, the event's inaugural year.

Hulse said most of the money from Evening Under the Stars goes to support the Wallowa FFA program, and for the second straight year organizers are tapping the auctioneering talents of Dave Yost, former longtime advisor of Joseph FFA.

Evening Under the Stars also includes a silent auction. A total of approximately 75 items will be offered through the two auctions.

According to Hulse, Friends of the Wallowa School District is a 501(c)3 nonprofit pursuing a different mission from the Wallowa School Foundation, which funds scholarships for Wallowa High School grads. She says it therefore made sense to quit operating under the Foundation's 501(c)3 so people wouldn't confuse the two groups' activities.

"We just do curriculum," Hulse said.

For more information about Evening Under the Stars, contact Hulse at 541-886-4701.

# Chic resale comes to Enterprise

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Rene Garoutte opened her high-end resale shop, "R's Consignments & More" in Lostine, inside Rob's Gas Station, on Memorial Day this year. By August she had to move to Enterprise at the corner of River and Main streets (across from the County Courthouse) because she had already outgrown the Lostine store.

"I outgrew it too fast!" she said. "I did well enough to come up here and find a bigger place."

She opened the store in Enterprise Sept. 5 and by the following week she was doing a booming business. Last weekend she had her first sale in the new location.

"The first day we were open we were really busy," said Rene. "We've been busy every day but Thursday this week, which was a big day for taking in consignments."

"People are really liking the brands we have," added co-owner Dawn L. Hudson-Scott.

Dawn is talking about he selection of new items which include new jackets, shirts, jeans and boots made by Cowgirl Tuff, Currel Girl, Cinch, Roper and Kings Camo.

Those new items are mixed with high-end, excellent condition used consignments — and the list of items there runs from handmade Native art moccasins from Cortez, Colo., for \$695 to \$3 sunglasses.

There is a wide selection of locally made arts and crafts including several wearable textile pieces by Barbara Anderson of Enterprise, recycled tapestry made into bags by Darlene Jaggin of Enterprise, wood carvings by Greg Scott of Enterprise, metal art by Ron Miller of Enterprise, and many more.

The craft selection includes everything from stylized clothes-pins to up-cy-



Shoppers Amy Ramirez, left, of Enterprise, and Michelle Devore, right, of Joseph, purchase their finds at R's Consignments.

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clad shabby chic furniture. You can find dog clothing, jewelry, handmade soap, household decorations, windchimes made from old silver, handmade greeting cards and more.

Part of the reason the store can carry such a wide selection is that it was planned to be made up of both Rene and Dawn's finds and the consignments booths of at least 10 other vendors.

Three booths are already rented and the first to be installed, that of Arian Lesser of Enterprise, was selling handmade baby bibs and other items like hotcakes. Shopper Amy Ramirez of Enterprise bought three bibs for 10-month old Graciela, exclaiming about the quality and price. Michelle Devore of Joseph bought a pair of new Cinch Jeans for half-price. "I'll definitely be back with lots of family and friends," she said.

Copper Creek of Joseph was scheduled to come in within a week and several

more booth renters from as far away as Hermiston, Pendleton and Portland are expected soon, Rene said.

"We take higher-end used items in excellent condition or handmade or art items," Rene said.

The booths rent for \$25, \$50 and \$75 (depending on size) and the store takes an

additional 23 percent commission off the top. They take cash, credit cards and checks. The store is open six days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Sunday.

"Booths must be refreshed once a month at least," said Rene. "We want them full and never sparse."

A dressing room is under

construction and a kids' corner will feature a baby gate and clean, sturdy toys so that mothers can shop with both hands free.



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5:30 p.m. — Ceremonial tapping of the first keg of Alpenfest Ale and Accordions at Alpenfest at Terminal Gravity Brewery. \$5 donation suggested.
- Friday, Sept. 25**  
*Joseph*  
Noon-4 p.m. — Accordionists play on the porch of the Joseph Visitor Center on Main Street.  
5 p.m. — Wallowa Alpenrace pre-race meeting at Winding Waters Boathouse in Joseph. See [www.alpenrace.org](http://www.alpenrace.org).  
*Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake*  
Noon-sunset — Alpine Art, Antique and Craft Fair. Free.  
6-6:45 p.m. — Learn to polka with Ashley and Randy Thull. Free.  
7-10:30 p.m. — Performance: polka/folk dancers/yodeling/alphorns. Admission \$15, kids \$7. Bratwurst dinner \$15. German beer, local microbrew and wine available.
- Saturday, Sept. 26**  
*North end of Wallowa Lake*  
8:30 a.m. — Alpenrace check-in for 9 a.m. start  
*Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake*  
8-11 a.m. — Alpenfest Breakfast with accordion serenade.
- 8 a.m.-sunset — Alpine Art, Antique and Craft Fair. Free.  
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4:45 -5:30 p.m. — Yodeling and alphon-playing contests outdoors  
1:30-5 p.m. — Alpenrace participants cross finish line at Edelweiss Inn; winners get trophies.  
6-6:45 p.m. — Learn to polka with Ashley and Randy Thull. Free.  
7 -10:30 p.m. — Performance: polka/folk dancers/yodeling/alphorns. Admission \$15, kids \$7. Bratwurst dinner \$12. German beer, local microbrew and wine available.  
*Joseph*  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. — Accordionists play on the porch of the Joseph Visitor Center on Main Street.
- Sunday, Sept. 27**  
*Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake*  
8-11 a.m. — Alpenfest Breakfast with accordion serenade.  
8 a.m.-3 p.m. — Alpine Art, Antique and Craft Fair  
11-11:45 a.m. — Learn to Polka with Ashley and Randy Thull. Free.  
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