

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Nov. 18

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. at the Cloverleaf Hall on Hwy 3. To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Cindi Aschenbrenner at 541-426-2039 or Julie Todd at 541-263-0101.

Sam Collett hosts a twice-monthly still life drawing gathering, complete with a live model every first and third Wednesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Josephy Center. \$5-10 suggested donation for model. All skill levels welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 19

Posthumous book launch for Christine Anderson "Moments and Intervals." 7 p.m. at Fishtrap, 400 E Grant St. in Enterprise. Anderson's family and writers group will discuss the book and Anderson's life.

Friday, Nov. 20

Project Heartbeat will be conducting a first aid/CPR/AED class in Enterprise. The class will train lay responders to assist those suffering medical emergencies, both minor and major, until the ambulance arrives. Upon completion of the course participants will receive a two-year certification from the American Red Cross. Cost of the seven-hour class is \$45. For more information, the location of the class or to register call 541-432-0259.

Saturday, Nov. 21

The winter holidays are just around the corner and the public invited to Wallowa Lake Lodge for its Almost Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 21. Dinner tickets are \$35 each. The evening will kick off with libations and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m., dinner at

6:15 p.m. To RSVP, please call 541-398-0305. To learn more about Lake Wallowa Lodge LLC, visit www.lakewallowalodge.com.

Baker City will be hosting one of many 2015 International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. The event will be held at Mad Matilda's, 1933 Court St., from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be a guest speaker, and snacks and beverages will be served. The main focus is to be one of healing.

Old-Time Community Dance (Squares, Reels, Circles, Waltzes, Contras) with Live String Band and caller from 7-10 p.m. at Hurricane Creek Grange Hall, between Enterprise and Joseph. \$5/person, under 12 free. Beginners welcome. No partner or special clothing required. All dances taught and called. For details, call Laura at 541-398-0800.

Lower Valley Farmers' Market, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 301 E. 1st St., Wallowa.

Methodist Market, featuring canned goods, baked goods, candy and homemade gifts and crafts, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Joseph Methodist Church, corner of 3rd and Lake streets. Cinnamon rolls, soup, pie and coffee will be available.

Nov. 21-22

The Good Book sale (formerly at Fishtrap and the Josephy Center) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the small, white house on the corner of Main and 3rd streets in Joseph, next to the Joseph United Methodist Church. All donations fund local mission projects. Questions? Call 541-432-4042.

Sunday, Nov. 22

Joseph Baptist Church on



Courtesy of Vixen Radford

Joseph Fire Chief Jeff Wecks stands on duty in the streets of Joseph on Nov. 7 for the annual Fill the Fire Truck event. Firemen all over the county collected food, cash and personal items for the Community Connection food bank. Enterprise and Joseph fire departments collected about \$7,500 worth of donations. Final results for the Wallowa and Lostine departments were not available as of press time. Community Connection manager Connie Guentert estimated their contributions would put the county up over \$10,000, which should keep the food bank in stores until spring.

Main Street will host a song service starting at 10:30 a.m. Bring a dish for sharing. For details, contact Carol at 541-432-0519.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 100 Northeast Main St., Enterprise, is hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. featuring spaghetti, salads, French bread and ice cream. Donations will support the Enterprise Community Connection food bank.

The Eagle Cap Ski Club Annual Meeting takes place at 4 p.m. in the lodge at Fergi. Potluck will follow. Please bring a dish to pass. Prior to the meeting we will have a work day at the hill starting at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

"A Century of Women in Aviation," with Steven Locke, part of the brown bag program at the Josephy Center. Steven grew up here, wandered the world and now teaches education at the University of Wyoming. Anyone interested in flying, in Wallowa County history, and the struggles of women to gain professional jobs and recognition will want to make this one. Noon to 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. Coffee available. Donations are accepted.

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Christmas programs set to gather goods

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

No one in Wallowa County should have to go without during Christmas.

That's what more than 50 volunteers and a dozen organizations think, and given the public response to the programs that provide Christmas to those in need, it's what a whole lot of Wallowa County residents believe, too.

Every year organizations throughout the valley — from 4-H and FFCLA to VFW and Granges — contribute in many ways to the Elks (BPOE 1829) Christmas Basket Program. These organizations arrange food drives, help wrap gifts and deliver the goodies.

"We always get a lot of community support on it, that's for sure," said Elks President Donnie Rynearson.

Through the program, food baskets containing a basic Christmas dinner are distributed throughout the community. Baskets are scaled to the size of the family.

At the same time, the Tree of Giving project, organized by the City of Enterprise in partnership with the Elks, gets underway. The names of children up to age 17, seniors and people with disabilities in care, and se-

niors living alone are collected and Christmas baskets and gifts are wrapped for them.

The Tree of Giving traditionally is set up in the Enterprise Flower Shop by Nov. 20, and names (not their real names), ages and gift suggestions are written on tree ornaments. Anyone can stop in, choose a name from the tree and provide a gift.

"A lot of people come in during Winterfest to pick up a name, shop and return the gift that day," said volunteer Pam Latta.

The last day to get your present to the tree is Dec. 16.

Names have been gathered by various agencies but individuals in need who have not been contacted may do so by calling Rynearson at 541-263-0598 before Dec. 4. Forms also are available at Community Connection, Wallowa Food City, City of Enterprise and Building Healthy Families.

Baskets will be wrapped and loaded for delivery at Cloverleaf Hall beginning Dec. 15 and are delivered Dec. 19.

People who want to make a monetary donation to the Elks holiday program may do so by sending a check to: Elks Christmas Basket Program, BPOE 1829, P.O. Box K, Enterprise, OR 97828.

Maxville Heritage director nominated for Oregon Women of Achievement honor

Wallowa County Chieftain

Gwen Trice of Enterprise, founder and executive director of Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center (MHIC), has been nominated to be among Oregon Women of Achievement.

If named, Trice would join 86 women selected for the honor since 1985 by the Oregon Commission for Women. Nominations closed Oct. 15 and winners are expected to be announced early next year.

Trice has devoted her life since 2007 to the history of the extinct multicultural logging town of Maxville, 20

miles north of Wallowa.

She was nominated by James Manning, chairman of the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs. Among her supporters is Mary Oberst (Kulongoski), Oregon's First Lady from 2003-2011.



Trice

"I've met many of the esteemed recipients of the award, who are political or business leaders from the Willamette Valley," Oberst wrote in an endorsement letter.

"I believe it's time to recognize the amazing achievements of a woman from Oregon's northeast corner — Wallowa County — who is redefining the history that we all think we know."

Oregon Historical Society Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk also endorsed Trice. "I don't often get to say 'this person changed Oregon history,' but I can say that about Gwen," Tymchuk wrote.

"Specifically, her work has changed the way we view Oregon history, particularly Oregon's logging history. Through MHIC, Gwen has

illuminated the hard work of multiple minority ethnic communities in Oregon's forests — African-Americans, Japanese, Greeks, Filipinos. ... Gwen researches and documents their stories."

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