

CITIZEN AWARDS REVISITED



Wendy McDaniel presented The Leader in Business Award to Jim Russell of 1917 Lumber Company of Joseph during the Wallowa County Chamber Citizen Awards Banquet on Jan. 31. An article about the banquet appeared in the Feb. 3 edition of The Chieftain. Today we're sharing some photos from the event that weren't previously published. You'll find additional photos on Page A12.

Kathleen Ellyn/The Chieftain

Movies, weddings, music, and more for Main Street

BIZBUZZ

Kathleen Ellyn

The OK Theatre will celebrate its 100th year in 2019 and owner Darrell Brann (and family) wants to kick off that year of celebration with a new façade to the building.

I'm pretty sure we'd all like that.

The theater already is on the national register of historic places, so Brann hopes to mobilize local fans of music and theater to help him come up with fundraising ideas that will result in \$20,000 toward that façade.

"We can raise more than that, but the State Historical Society Façade Grant will match us up to \$20,000 and I want to apply for that," Brann said.

What a beautiful addition to Main Street that would be.

Brann and fans can discuss the idea of a year-long subscription to OK Theatre events, sponsorships, volunteering and "whatever we can get to make this thing work," this coming Sunday, March 6 at 5 p.m. inside the old Treasures building at 216 West Main.

That's the day the San Francisco group, The Brothers

Comatose, will perform an acoustic concert. That concert is part of an Open House event for the Treasures space.

It's a potluck event, so bring the dish for which you are famous, enjoy some great music and learn more about how to help make one of our historical jewels a bit more polished.

So now let's back up a bit to something I just said: "open house for Treasures."

The Old Treasures business was located right next to the theater and was purchased by Brann last summer. It's a very big space and it's been cleared out and prepared to house both a new business and a space for community events.

One side of the building has been rented to videographer and photographer Grady Rawls of Joseph for his Living Sky and GR Productions business. That business is threefold: GR Productions (filming and editing of Sportsman Channel Outdoor Adventures); Living Sky Productions (complete media production for business, including Terminal Gravity); Living Sky Wedding Cinema (with same day editing). Visit www.gr-productions.com for a look at his beautiful productions.

The goal is to have Rawls in the building by May 2016.

The rest of the building, complete with hardwood floor,

will be available for community events such as dances, classes, dinners, small musical performances and such, Brann said.

"If you don't need Cloverleaf Hall but you need a space downtown for a fundraiser and the like, this will be an option," Brann said.

You can check it out Sunday when you come to hear The Brothers Comatose.

Brann also has launched a new Facebook page called Old Yellow Truck, linked to the OK Theatre page. Old

Yellow Truck is Brann's event/production company for projects outside those held at OK Theatre. The Brother's Comatose concert is an Old Yellow Truck production.

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Nez Perce longhouse tour planned

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center is hosting an open house and inviting the public to tour the site of its new longhouse, part of the Homeland Project. A tour and informational gathering is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 5 at 70956 Whiskey Creek Road in Wallowa.

One of the contractors and several Interpretive Center board members will be on hand to visit and answer questions. A walk around the pow-wow grounds or on Tick Hill is encouraged, and the Interpretive Center at 209 E. 2nd St. in Wallowa will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Courtesy photo

The Brothers Comatose

OK Theatre owner plans open house

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

OK Theatre owner Darrell Brann is hosting a concert/open house event at his latest building acquisition at 216 W. Main St. in Enterprise to discuss the theater's latest developments with the public. The event takes place at 5 p.m. March 6.

While the concert/open house takes place at the 216 street address, Brann said it was probable that attendees would walk over to the OK Theatre nearby at 208 W. Main St. so Brann could reveal some of his future plans for the theater.

"I'm pretty excited about it," Brann said. "I want to let everyone know we've started a subscription to the theater this year."

Brann said he was not interested in pressuring people into subscriptions, but he wanted those interested in supporting a local business to know what he has to offer. A subscription service is similar to buying season tickets for a ball park.

Brann said the subscription service is something he

looked into after a number of local citizens asked about the possibility. After investigation, Brann discovered it is the go-to model for performance arts. He compared it to buying advance tickets and guaranteeing a seat at the year's shows. Brann is considering offering monthly payments for a subscription if a person can't afford a lump sum, and he might pro-rate subscriptions for those who join in the middle of the year.

For the concert portion of the open house, Brann engaged premium musicians The Brothers Comatose for the evening at the 216 street address.

"They're really great guys and great musicians. They do a great mix of music. I wanted to do something unique and special."

Brann also wants to hear opinions on the theater's future.

"I got into the theater thing because I think it's good for the county, and it's something I'm pretty passionate about, especially the music scene. And the theater is a special place to do it."

Sharon's

Bouquet of the Week

A bouquet to the young man who found one of the envelopes with my weekly allowance in it, and somehow knew it belonged to me.

Sharon Sherlock

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- 56 cats and 11 dogs were adopted to new forever homes.
- 14 dogs and 2 cats were re-united with their owners.
- Over 70 low-income families and seniors were assisted to spay/ neuter pets.
- Our volunteers fostered 77 cats and dogs.

We would like to particularly thank our local vets: Double Arrow Veterinary Clinic, Red Barn Veterinary Clinic, and Enterprise Animal Hospital. Additionally, thanks to Mt. Joseph Family Foods, Wallowa County Grain Growers, KWVR radio, Wallowa County Chieftain, La Grande Observer, Wallowa County Board of Commissioners, Copper Creek Mercantile, Up Town Art, R's Consignment & More, Wallowa Food City, The Dollar Stretcher, Safeway, - and many others locally and from outside our area who have donated time, money, and assistance.

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