

FOR THE RECORD

Dispatch log:

Monday, May 16

8:48 a.m.: Theft reported in rural Wallowa.
10:15 a.m.: Suspected stolen property delivered to Sheriff's Office.
4:01 p.m.: Theft complaint in Joseph.

Tuesday, May 17

4:48 a.m.: 911 report of horses on Main Street in Wallowa.

Wednesday, May 18

9:43 a.m.: Report of possible intoxicated driver in Enterprise.
12:26 p.m.: Report of hit and run in Enterprise.
6:23 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise. Citations issued for uninsured driving and driving while suspended.

Thursday, May 19

8:12 a.m.: Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremiah Beau Cruse, 33, of Joseph for first-degree theft. Subject transported to Umatilla County jail.
11:54 a.m.: Traffic stop in rural Joseph.
12:08 p.m.: Lost male Border Collie off Hurricane Creek. Owner located.
3:41 p.m.: Traffic stop in rural Enterprise.
4 p.m.: Theft complaint in Joseph.
8:42 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
8:57 p.m.: Enterprise police arrested Shawn Martin Kienitz, 35, of Fruitland, Idaho, in Joseph on an Idaho probation warrant. Subject transported to Umatilla County jail.
11:37 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.

Friday, May 20

2:15 p.m.: Burglary reported in Troy.
5:05 p.m.: Possible intoxicated driver reported on Highway 82 in Enterprise.
6:39 p.m.: Warrant entered for Nikki Star Owen, 26, of Orleans, Calif., for failure to appear. Original charge: second-degree theft.
8:05 p.m.: Report of male boxer near Grain Growers.
9:16 p.m.: Theft complaint in Enterprise.
10:05 p.m.: 911 reports of horse loose in Enterprise.
11:23 p.m.: Disorderly conduct and telephonic harassment reported in Enterprise.
11:41 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph.

Saturday, May 21

9:15 a.m.: Found black and white female Border Collie on Highway 82 between Eggleston and Pioneer West in rural Joseph.
2:12 p.m.: Disturbance reported in Enterprise.
3:59 p.m.: Theft complaint in rural Joseph.

Sunday, May 22

7:40 a.m.: 911 report of a fire at Wallowa Lake.
2:14 p.m.: Report of possible intoxicated driver in Enterprise.

3:55 p.m.: Report of trespassing in rural Joseph.
6:31 p.m.: Overdue motorist reported in Enterprise. Family contacted.
7:19 p.m.: Report of people stealing from recycling bin in Enterprise.
11:50 p.m.: 911 report of crash in rural Joseph.

Monday, May 23

7:03 a.m.: Enterprise police arrested Gerritt Johnson, 23, of Enterprise on probation violation. Original charges: second-degree burglary and violation of release agreement.

Wyden to hold town hall in Wallowa

Wallowa County Chieftain

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon will hold town halls next week in Baker, Wallowa and Union counties.

The trio of town halls will increase to 775 the number of town halls Wyden has held since his election to the Senate in 1996.

"My promise when Oregonians gave me the honor of representing them in the Senate was to hold a town hall each year in each of Oregon's 36 counties," Wyden said. "The upcoming meetings in Baker, Wallowa and Union counties give all of us as Oregonians a chance to have face-to-face conversations about ways to make our state and country even better places to live and work."

Town Hall Schedule

Tuesday, May 31:

9 a.m. at Baker High School auditorium
2 p.m. at Wallowa Elementary School's Beth Johnson multi-purpose room
Wednesday, June 1:
9 a.m. at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande

THE SCENE



Wednesday, May 25

Zeb Dewar & His Band, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity
Grande Ronde Symphony Association presents From Center Stage, 7:30 p.m. in EOU's McKenzie Theater in La Grande.

Friday, May 27

Karyn Ann, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity
Blackhorse, time TBA, at The Hydrant

Saturday, June 2

Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Fiddle Show, 6 p.m. at Hurricane Creek Grange

Friday, July 2

Joseph Mountain Jubilee, 1 p.m. at multiple venues in Joseph. www.josephmountain-jubilee.com.

Please submit Entertainment Calendar event information to rday@wallowa.com

Hootenanny celebrates the songs, life of music legend Willie Nelson

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

While country music legend Willie Nelson wasn't in Enterprise on Sunday evening, he drew a standing-room-only crowd into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hall for the Hootenanny/Pie Social celebration of his life and music.

Nelson, 83, is a founder of the "Outlaw Country" movement that focused on the music scene in Austin, Texas, rather than Nashville. He also is the author of such country classics as "Crazy" and "Hello Walls."

The fourth annual Hootenanny event was a fundraiser for the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance. About 20 musicians performed in various combinations of groups throughout the evening.

Local musician Jimmy Bivens served as emcee for the event, which started with Bivens reading a short biography of Nelson and playing a video of Nelson talking about his career. Opening the show were local music stalwarts The Brann Family, who did a first-rate version of Nelson's gospel classic "Family Bible." Meredith Brann later performed a stellar cover of "Crazy."

Other performances included Bob Webb and Heidi Muller covering "Pretty Paper," while Homemade Jam performed "Hello Walls." Mike Midlo and Kristy Athens — armed with their Gretsch Country Gentleman and Danelectro Longhorn bass, respectively — performed a very compelling medley of Nelson's "Sad Songs and Waltzes" coupled with Prince's "Let's Go Crazy" followed by a line from Nelson's "Crazy." Parts of the medley were done in reverent country music fashion, while the Prince number pinwheeled into amp feedback and The Who-inspired playing before reverting back into traditional

country.

The show closed with all the performers crowded on the stage performing a rousing, sing-along rendition of "On the Road Again" that ended to thunderous applause.

Local musician Laura Skovlin said she played the show because she loves the Hootenanny performances.

"It's a great event, and it brings together a lot of musicians, and of course, the pie," she said. Skovlin performed the Nelson song "No Place To Be."

"Out of all his songs it's one I relate to because the words strike a chord in me," she said.

Bivens, no stranger to country music, said he had been asked to perform but filled in at the emcee post due to a death in the family of original emcee, Ted Hays. Bivens performed "Good Hearted Woman," although it is not his Nelson favorite. That would be "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain." (The song was written by Hank Williams Sr. cohort, Fred Rose).

"It's my favorite because of how melodic it is," Bivens said. "It's heartbreaking — you've lost somebody ... and it's tough."

Nelson's attraction for Bivens lies in the legend's anti-Nashville stance and his ability to bring both cowboys and bikers together in their mutual appreciation of country music.

"That's what's coming back out of Austin now," Bivens said.

WVMA director Janis Carper said that the eve-



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Mike Midlo and Kristy Athens perform Prince's "Let's Go Crazy," sandwiched between Willie Nelson songs.

ning netted about \$2,500 between the \$10 ticket fees, the \$1-a-slice pie sale and a 50/50 raffle. The evening was so successful that Carper is consider-

ing finding another venue for the event next year.

"It's a great room, but we had an awful lot of people standing," she said.

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