



Steve Tool/Chieftain
This mailbox is just one of more than 30 mailboxes vandalized during the early morning hours of Nov. 20.

Dozens of mailboxes vandalized

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Wallowa County Sheriff's Office received more than 30 reports of mailbox vandalism thought to have taken place during the early morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 20.

Affected areas within the county include: Airport Lane, Hurricane Creek Road, Pine Tree Road, Imnaha Highway and Elk Mountain Road.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Deputy Joe Reeves at 541-426-3131.

Goss returns home for CD release

'We're going to make a show out of it. We're going to show up and just have fun'

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

Pianist Brady Goss is returning to Wallowa County's OK Theatre for a CD release party and concert on Friday.

The Wallowa County native has made a name for himself in the western United States as a stellar interpreter of classic rock music who also writes originals.

Goss said the release is a live album that was recorded at the 2015 Pendleton Round-Up.

"We kept it simple," Goss said. "We rolled into Pendleton, hired some good sound and had a guy mixing the whole show. We recorded the entire four days of Round-Up — that's four shows a day."

It took Goss almost a year to sift through the material.

"It was pretty easy to see the best ones, and that's what's on this CD."



Courtesy of Brady Goss
Pianist and Wallowa County native Brady Goss and his full band are returning to Wallowa County's OK Theatre for a CD release party and concert on Friday.

In describing the new CD, Goss said: "We're still in the cover phase, but we always try to do it our own way with a rock 'n' roll entertaining style. I've got a couple of originals on there, and we've moved into the classic rock style."

Included among the track list are three Eagles songs as well as selections by the James Gang, Steve Miller, Billy Joel and The Band.

Goss also selected two songs that feature him on lead guitar.

The CDs will be available for \$15 at the concert and soon will be available online.

Show Information

Where: OK Theatre
When: Friday, Nov. 25
Cost: \$15
Purchase tickets:

- eventbrite.com
- Dollar Stretcher, Enterprise
- Joseph Hardware
- M. Crow, Lostine
- Wallowa Food city

Goss said he hasn't played the OK Theatre for more than a year and is looking forward to his return. OK owner Darrell Brann is a Goss fan and hopes to see his concerts become an annual event.

"I would love to do that," Goss said. "Let's see how this one goes."

The show will feature all the songs from the new album and a broad variety of other rock numbers with Brann possibly joining in for some jams.

"We're going to make a show out of it," Goss said. "We're going to show up and just have fun."

CHIEFTAIN ON VACATION



Courtesy of Jill Mallory
From left: Deidre Schreiber, Teagan Miller and Maddie Tracy-Mallory posed for a Chieftain on Vacation photo at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky., during their trip to the Eastern National Horse Round-up on Nov. 4-6.

Alexis Taylor named new ODA Director

By Mateusz Perkowski
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A USDA official, Alexis Taylor, has been nominated to head the Oregon Department of Agriculture, replacing former director Katy Coba.

Taylor is the USDA's deputy under secretary for farm and foreign agriculture services and will begin serving as ODA director on Jan. 23, once confirmed by the Oregon Senate.

Lisa Hanson, ODA's deputy director, was a finalist for the position and has served as the agency's interim director since Coba left in October to lead the state's Department of Administrative Services.

In her position at USDA, Taylor was charged with advocating for international trade policies that benefit U.S.

agriculture and led the agency's Women in Agriculture Initiative, which supports female farmers.

Prior to the USDA, she negotiated provisions that ended up in the 2008 and 2014 farm bills as a legislative adviser to congressional committees.

A graduate of Iowa State University, Taylor was raised on an Iowa farm and served in the U.S. Army Reserve for eight years, including a tour in Iraq.

When Coba announced she was leaving ODA, eight of Oregon's agriculture industry groups wrote a letter to Gov. Kate Brown, urging her to install Hanson as the permanent agency chief.

However, the Oregon Farm Bureau has welcomed the news of Taylor's appointment, citing her "track record of success" at the USDA.

"We believe Ms. Taylor's experience at a high level in Washington, D.C. gives her the background she needs to be successful in helping the industry recognize and overcome its challenges in Oregon," OFB said in a statement.

FOR THE RECORD

Dispatch log:

Monday, Nov. 14
9:19 a.m.: Theft reported in rural Enterprise
9:36 a.m.: Report of negotiating a bad check in Wallowa
12:46 p.m.: Theft reported in Wallowa
5:33 p.m.: Ambulance request in Wallowa
5:43 p.m.: Report of fraudulent use of credit card in Enterprise
7:46 p.m.: Possible violation of release agreement in Enterprise

Tuesday, Nov. 15
9:10 a.m.: Report of criminal mischief in rural Enterprise
9:27 a.m.: Ambulance transport to Walla Walla
12:51 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph
5:02 p.m.: Burglary complaint in rural Enterprise
7:06 p.m.: Domestic disturbance in Joseph
9:18 p.m.: Wallowa County Circuit Court issued arrest warrant for Errol Clarence Bullock Jr., 34, of Wallowa for probation violation, original charge assault IV — domestic violence.
10:09 p.m.: Wallowa County

Circuit Court issued arrest warrant for Cameron Shane Dorning, 27, of Joseph for probation violation, original charge strangulation — domestic violence.

Wednesday, Nov. 16
12:58 p.m.: Report of identity theft in Enterprise
2:43 p.m.: Rocks on Lewiston Highway; referred to ODOT
3:46 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise
4:58 p.m.: La Grande police arrested Josh Ray Tankersley, 33, of Elgin on a Wallowa County Circuit Court warrant for contempt of court and violation of release agreement
5:17 p.m.: Disturbance in Enterprise

Thursday, Nov. 17
5:48 a.m.: Ambulance request in Wallowa
6:41 p.m.: Report of trespass-

ing in Enterprise
8:44 p.m.: Sheriff's Office arrested Brandi Rose Scott, 34, of Lostine for probation violation. Transported to Umatilla County

Friday, Nov. 18
9:08 a.m.: Non-injury traffic collision in rural Lostine
5:56 p.m.: Statewide misdemeanor warrant issued for Jeremy Mitchell Hankey, 26, of Nampa, Idaho for failure to appear, original charge DUII
9:31 p.m.: Ambulance request in rural Enterprise

Saturday, Nov. 19
3:53 p.m.: Following report

of suspicious circumstances, Sheriff's Office arrested Ernest Charles Davis, 47, of Enterprise on a P&P detainer for probation violation. Transported to Umatilla County
4:05 p.m.: Report of house fire in rural Imnaha
7:38 p.m.: Domestic disturbance in Wallowa
7:53 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise

Sunday, Nov. 20
8:24 a.m.: Report of criminal mischief in Joseph
3:15 p.m.: Female copper/tan dog found in Joseph. Double Arrow rabies tag. Medium-sized

short hair with big ears.
3:54 p.m.: White female greyhound/husky mix reported lost in rural Joseph
6:22 p.m.: Ambulance transport to Joseph Airport
8:47 p.m.: Ambulance request in Enterprise

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The family of Pat Wortman would like to thank our friends and family for everything you've done for us during this difficult time. The attendance at Pat's Celebration of Life was truly amazing. Thank you Wallowa County and beyond, for the food, cards, memorials and most of all...friendship. We are sure there were lots of "Pat stories" shared that day.

Thanks to our longtime friend Congressman Greg Walden for being there, as well as Oregon State Representative Greg Barreto and wife Chris. Thank you to Wallowa Memorial Hospital and staff for their loving care and for their assistance in getting us home to the county. Thank you Diana Wortman for coordinating food for the Celebration. Many thanks to the Joseph vo-ag students for moving tables and chairs to the upper level of the Grange and for assisting guests at the Celebration.

We've always known that we live in the best place in the world and that we have the best family and friends anywhere.

Our sincere thanks,

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