

Muller, Webb release new recording

CD release
concert set for
Thursday

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Wallowa County Chieftain

Move over, “Up on Cripple Creek.” Local musicians Heidi Muller and Bob Webb are set to release their first release as a couple in 11 years, the home-themed CD “Up Hurricane Creek.”

The couple lives on Hurricane Creek Road, where the album was recorded in Webb’s studio.

The CD is an Americana-flavored recording comprised of 14 homegrown compositions, mostly originals, including several instrumentals. A number of local musicians make appearances on the CD as well.

Muller said the couple had been planning the CD for about a year, but commitments postponed recording sessions until July of this year. After holiday- and dulcimer themed CDs, the couple felt it was time for a release centered on songwriting.

“I had a lot of songs, and we had to pick out which ones we wanted to do, and I had also written some new ones this year,” Muller said.

Muller said interaction with musicians Mark Eubanks, Matt Bell and Dave



Heidi Muller and Bob Webb literally “Up Hurricane Creek,” the latest release by the local musicians. A CD release concert is slated for the Hurricane Creek Grange on Dec. 1.

Valllunga helped the couple get a leg up on the new recording.

Two of the songs, “Wallowa” and “Little Black Tick,” mention Hurricane Creek, which dovetails nicely

with Muller’s place-centered songwriting.

“I write songs with place anyway, and there’s quite a little bit of that on the CD,” Muller said. “The places on the CD will be known to local

folks. People in the next state over may not know what we’re talking about, but hopefully they’ll appreciate the songs. ... We should have included a map of the county,” Webb added with a

laugh.

“Overall, our identification is with Wallowa County and Hurricane Creek in particular. It’s such a magical place.”

Muller said her favorite cuts on the album are the minor-key lament “32 Pairs of Shoes” and “Hummingbird.” Webb’s favorite is “Whitebark.”

“She didn’t write it, but she does such a magnificent job with her dulcimer,” Webb said. Although Webb didn’t play on the cut, “Little Black Tick” also is one of his favorites.

The couple has a release concert slated for Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Hurricane Creek Grange between Joseph and Enterprise.

“It’s simply our local concert, and we wanted to do it there because it’s Hurricane Creek and we thought it would be an appropriate place,” Muller said. “And I like rustic places.”

Several of the artists who performed on the album will accompany the couple on renditions of the cuts they played on. Fiddler Caleb Samples, bassoonist Mark Eubanks, singer-songwriter Janis Carper and flautist Roger McGee are among the slated contributors.

Tickets for the event are \$10 at the door with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute seeks artists for youth art show

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Tamástslikt Cultural Institute invites all youth under age 19 to participate in the upcoming art show and competition, ArtWORKz 2017.

Art submissions must be received at the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute by Jan. 19, 2017. There is no entry fee. An information sheet and entry forms can be accessed at www.tamastlikt.org/exhibits.cfm.

Young artists, both tribal and non-tribal, from around the region are encouraged to submit an original art object for competition.

Only one piece of art may be submitted for competition. The show is open to individuals and groups of collaborating artists. All forms of art media are acceptable and any discipline of artwork including traditional Tribal work such as beadwork, weaving and parfleche

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painting.

The ArtWORKz show will be on exhibit in the Tamástslikt gallery Jan. 28 to March 17. The submissions will be judged by recognized professional artists and awards will be presented at an Artists Reception on Saturday, Feb. 18.

There are three age categories: 10 and under, 11-14, and 15-18.

Young artists will compete for Grand Prize, Awards of Excellence, Awards of Merit, Honorable Mentions, Best Emerging Artist and Artists’ Choice.

For more information, call Randy Melton at 541-429-7720 or email him at randall.melton@tamastlikt.org.

Help select Big Read book

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You can help Fishtrap select The Big Read book for 2018 by filling out a short online survey by Dec. 6. Your input is an important part of developing this long-running and popular program and will be considered in our final selection. Access the local Big Read survey at tinyurl.com/zvl65tp.

The Big Read is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Each year the NEA curates a list of books for all communities to choose from. You can see the full list at neabigread.org/books.

The mission of the The Big Read is to provide an opportunity for the whole community to read a great work of literature together. For more than a decade, Fishtrap has created events for all ages while providing free books and teaching materials to libraries and schools. The 2017 selection for Wallowa County is “The Things They Carried,” by Tim O’Brien.

Fishtrap’s Program Committee uses several criteria in selecting each year’s book.

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These include selecting a title that is quality literature, will resonate with the community, relate to contemporary social issues of the day, and provide ample opportunities for community events. Additionally, Fishtrap places a high priority on selecting titles that will enhance our local school curriculum. This year, organizers feel it is important to pick a title that was written by one of the many talented female voices in literature — only two female authors have been featured during the program’s 11-year history.

2018 Book selection finalists

“The Namesake,” by Jhumpa Lahiri: This novel’s exploration of identity and cultural assimilation illuminates the question “Who am I?,” while bringing alive the colors, flavors, and textures of immigrant life in America.

“Station Eleven,” by Emily St. John Mandel: A nov-

el about a traveling Shakespearean theater company in a post-apocalyptic North America after a flu pandemic. It’s also about friendship, memory, love, celebrity, our obsession with objects, comic books and knife-throwing.

“When the Emperor was Divine,” by Julie Otsuka: This powerful and concise novel describes the grim experiences of a Japanese-American family forced to live in an internment camp during World War II. Otsuka’s work serves as a requiem for moral and civic decency in times of strife and fragmentation.

For more information, visit www.fishtrap.org.

THE SCENE

Thursday, Dec. 1

- Heidi Muller and Bob Webb CD release concert, 7 p.m. at the Hurricane Creek Grange. \$10; children 12 and under free

Friday, Dec. 2

- Open mic, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity

Wednesday, Dec. 7

- Wallowa Valley Chorale Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at the OK Theatre. theoldok.com

Thursday, Dec. 8

- Frostbite Fundraiser Backcountry Film Festival, 6 p.m. at the OK Theatre. theoldok.com

Friday, Dec. 9

- Great Red Shark, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity

Saturday, Dec. 10

- The MidValley Theater Company presents the radio play “The Cop and the Anthem: a spirit of Christmas present,” 6:30 p.m. at Odd Fellows Hall in Enterprise. \$12 at the door.

Sunday, Dec. 11

- Open mic night, 4-6 p.m. at the Josephy Center with emcee Ted Hays. josephy.org

Monday, Dec. 12

- O’Connor Band featuring Mark O’Connor, 6 p.m. at the OK Theatre. theoldok.com

Saturday, Dec. 17

- The MidValley Theater Company presents the radio play “The Cop and the Anthem: a spirit of Christmas present,” 6:30 p.m. at the Josephy Center in Joseph. \$12 at the door. josephy.org
- Michelle Moonshine, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity
- Old-Time Community Dance, 7-10 p.m. at the Hurricane Creek Grange Hall. \$5 cover

Sunday, Dec. 18

- Community Christmas Concert, 4 p.m. at the Josephy Center. \$10 suggested donation. josephy.org

Friday, Dec. 30

- “Final Friday” Open Mic Night, 7 p.m. at Stockman’s Lounge

Friday, Jan. 6

- Open mic, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity

Friday, Jan. 13

- Bart Budwig and Marshal McLean, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity

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