



I Dipper sits on a rock in a stream.

Contributed photo

Dippers are solitary, stream-loving birds



BIRD-WATCHING

EH Van Blaricom

My bird of the month is a Dipper. Other names are Water Ouzel or Teeter Bird. Their habitat is on cold, fast running mountain streams from Alaska to Central America. They appear to be related to the wrens and they are indeed a songbird, but it is difficult to hear their songs over the roar of the creek or river. Since I have been a life-long trout fisherman who specialized in fly-fishing on fast running creeks and rivers, I have had an opportunity to observe these amazing Dippers on almost all of the streams that I fished. I have even found their nests, which is difficult because they frequently hide their nests behind the spray of a waterfall.

There are so many peculiarities about Dippers, it is hard to tell about them in a few sentences as they seem to defy the laws of physics. For instance, they are quite buoyant yet they can walk around on the bottom of a fast moving stream. That's where they get most of their food, which are periwinkles and

helgramites. They are non-migrant and quite territorial and never live in flocks as they are never with more than their mates except when they are training their fledglings. Their weirdest habit is how they got their name by dipping up and down. I differ with most other birdwatchers, who claim this dipping is for communication. The ones I've always observed are most always alone, so who are they communicating with? My theory is they are mostly sitting on a rock in the middle of a fast running stream so if they stood still they would be most likely to be seen by predators than if they are in constant motion with the fast-moving creek. In other words it's a survival tactic.

Dippers also eat snails, fish eggs, small fish and all sorts of aquatic insects. Another oddity is they just stay 10 or 15 yards ahead of me while I am wading upstream. Then when I get a long way from where I started, they suddenly fly right past me to go back to where I first encountered them. One other thing, the females do all of the nest construction and do all of the incubating plus most of the feeding but the male also brings in various insects and water creatures and helps in training what are usually just 3 youngsters. That's all I have room for Dippers.

E.H. Van Blaricom resides in Joseph.

Lions Club takes over Fergi

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County skiers can rest easy knowing that the Ferguson Ridge Ski Area (locally known as Fergi) will remain open for the foreseeable future. The Enterprise-Joseph Lions Club just took possession of the ski area from Wallowa County.

Charlie Kissinger, president of the ski club since 1983 and owner of the ski shop at Ferguson, recently announced the transition to *The Chieftain*.

Kissinger explained the club originally leased the ski area from Joseph Forest Products in 1983. JFP was an area sawmill that went bankrupt about two years into the lease. In order to save the property for community skiing, 10 of the ski club members, including Kissinger, formed a corporation called the 10280 Corporation, and bought the land at a sheriff's auction in 1985. The 10280 represents 10 investors for the 280 acres of land the ski area occupies.

"Gardner Locke (ski club president at the time) bought the property and basically the 10 of us made payments on it and leased it to the ski club until about five years ago,"



Steve Tool/Chieftain

Ferguson Ridge Ski Area should remain open for many years to come, the result of a land purchase of the ski area by the Enterprise - Joseph Lions Club from Wallowa County.

Kissinger said. He added that 10280 eventually decided they wanted to donate the property to the ski club, but the club's lack of 501(c)(3) non-profit status made the transaction complicated. Fortunately for everyone involved, Wallowa County offered to step in.

"It was really great: 10280 donated the property to the county for five years to clean up

the tax situation, and the Lions Club bought it from the county for \$100," Kissinger said.

The ski club already had a long-standing relationship with the Lions Club as many members of the ski club were already Lions members. "It was a pretty smooth transition," Kissinger said. He credited local attorneys Rebecca Knapp and Roland Johnson along with accountant Jeff Edison and the community as a whole for their efforts in facilitating the transition.

"It's all been a community effort to make it work," Kissinger said.

According to Kissinger, all the parties involved with the ski area are satisfied with the land transition.

"The Lions Club now owns the ski property, and the ski club still owns all the buildings and equipment," Kissinger said. "As a ski club we'll continue to operate Fergi with a lease from the Lions Club instead of the 10280 or the county."

Kissinger said that everyone's efforts ensured community access to skiing for years to come.

"It's been a major thing in my life, and it's a great thing for the community to have," he said.



SAFE HARBORS

401 NE 1st St. Suite B - Enterprise OR, 97828
Office (541) 426-4004 24hr Crisis Line (541)426-6565

Seeking a Volunteer Coordinator

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Safe Harbors 2016 Stats

Responsibilities:

- Organize and facilitate monthly volunteer advocate meetings.
- Schedule volunteers to carry 24-hour help/crisis line
- Help provide trainings to volunteers
- Recruit Volunteers
- Maintain confidentiality regarding clients, advocates, and staff information
- Assist in shelter resident case management
- Be present at community events to provide information, recruit volunteers, and answer questions about Safe Harbors.
- Cleaning and general upkeep of Emergency Shelter to ensure move in ready at all times.
- Arrange and ensure complete and adequate shelter intake/outtake packets.
- Itemize and organize donations

Total Clients Served

138

Total Emergency Shelter Nights

168

Total Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking

DV	SA	ST
112	14	12

Requirements:

- Minimum of High School diploma or equivalent.
- Related experience or training in program coordination and experience working with diverse populations.
- Pass a criminal back ground check
- Computer skills and clerical skills sufficient to conduct effective office operations including but not limited to: Microsoft Word, Publisher (or equivalent), Excel, and Access.
- Ability to develop and maintain strong interpersonal working relationships with diverse staff, volunteers, clients, and community partners.
- Desire to work with marginalized and or underserved populations including LGBTQI, ethnically and cultural diverse etc.
- Sensitive to the needs of victims of domestic/sexual violence
- Ability to work both independently and as a team member.
- Ability to establish a relationship of trust with staff, clients, and the community
- Have a positive attitude in dealing with other staff and clients.

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Shift: Tuesday, Friday

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1. What are some strategies you would use when working with individuals who have made personal choices with which you do not agree?
2. Have you had the experience of working with people of a race or sexual orientation different from yours? What was the setting?
3. What kinds of problems do you like to handle? Please give an example.
4. Do you have any experience coordinating a program? What is it?



BATTERERS INTERVENTION

WALLOWA COUNTY BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Seeking a Program Manager

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- Ensure that WCBIP operates as an integrated part of a community coordinated response to end domestic violence.
- Co-facilitate the program classes and ensure they adhere to Oregon State BIP Standards.
- Administer program requirements including: office management, employee hiring & training, facilities, grant writing and reporting, etc.
- Managing processes for class members to include; intake, scheduling, program compliance & record maintenance.

Requirements:

- Pass criminal history background check
- Possess valid driver's license
- Reside in Wallowa County

Compensation:

- .5 FTE (full-time equivalent) Contract position. \$18,000. - \$20,500./yr depending on experience

Application Information:

For more information or to apply email cover letter with resume to:

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Total Court Mandated Participants in 2016

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