

Local writer a contender for Ken Kesey Award

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

Joseph resident Mary Emerick's 2015 novel, "The Geography of Water," a contender for the 2017 Ken Kesey Award, the fiction category of the Oregon Book Awards just took another step up the ladder for the award.

The book is one of only five books of 42 entries selected as a top-five finalist for the award.

The novel delves into the family life of a girl on a remote, southeastern Alaskan island.

"The award is open to people who publish their books within a certain time frame, and I just happened to fit into the 2017 time frame," Emerick said of the disparity between the year of publication and the award.

The author said that she stumbled across the competition while looking to apply for awards to help raise interest in her book.

She submitted her book for consideration last summer and received confirmation of her finalist status less than two weeks ago.

Emerick has some time to wait before the actual awards, which are given out in April in Portland. There, she'll have a chance to rub elbows with other authors and her book will be sold there as well.

"You go there without knowing if you won or not. It's like the Miss America



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Local author Mary Emerick with friend, Puffin. The Oregon Book Awards recently chose Emerick's book, "The Geography of Water," as a top-five finalist for the 2017 Ken Kesey Award for Fiction.

pageant in a way," she said with a laugh. Emerick added that she is the only person from the east side of the state who is a fi-

nalist for the Kesey award.

To that end, the book is eligible for a "reader's choice" award, where anyone can cast a vote for the work of their favorite author by visiting the Oregon Book Awards website.

"You don't win anything, but it's kind of nice," she said.

As to the Kesey award, Emerick said it can give her book some needed exposure.

"Especially in Portland — a lot of people read there and there's a lot of other authors, and the more people that read it, the better," she said.

She added that finalists are also offered the opportunity to participate in the Oregon Book Awards Author Tour that travels the state.

"You get to go to different schools and things, so if I can, I'm going to try to get in on that," Emerick said.

Emerick plans on attending the awards ceremony, "If the roads are cleared by April."

In the meantime, the author has plenty of other activities to keep her busy. Her new book "Fire in the Heart," a memoir of her days as a U.S. Forest Service firefighter, is set for publication from Skyhorse Publishing either this coming fall or next February.

The finalist nod still has Emerick on a high.

"There's really a lot of great books, and it's an honor to be selected — it's pretty exciting," she said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 25

ADULT CERAMICS CLASS-ES, 3 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of hand building with pinch pots, slab construction and coil construction then move to introduction of wheel throwing. No previous experience is required. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

BINGO NIGHT, 6 p.m. Shake off the winter blahs and help raise funds for the Wallowa County Fairground. Cloverleaf Hall, 600 NW First St., Enterprise.

ENEI QIGONG MEDITATION, 2 p.m. Offered in the downstairs Yoga Studio at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday and 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

ENTERPRISE AA WOMEN'S MEETING, 11:30 a.m. 113-1/2 E. Main St., Enterprise (541-398-1327).

EXPLORATION AFTER SCHOOL, 3:30-5 p.m. Wallowa.

JOSEPH EXPLORATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM,

Free program offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays for kindergarten-4th grade. Snack, story, outside time and activity/lesson. Joseph Charter School, 400 E. Williams Ave., Joseph.

LIFE DRAWING WITH SAM COLLETT, 7 p.m. All skill levels welcome! There will be a live model on site for every class. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY, 12 p.m. Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders interested in providing peace, humanitarian services, and community enhancements to the areas in which they live. Rotary connects more than 1.2 million members between 200 countries and geographical areas, all dedicated to service. 301 E. Garfield, Enterprise.

WALLOWA CITY LIBRARY STORYTIME, 11 a.m. September through June, entertaining adults read stories to the younger children. Wallowa City Library, 201 E. First St., Wallowa.

WALLOWOLOGY KIDS' DAY, 1 p.m. Art and/or science projects, educational stories or videos, science illustration lessons, educational walks around town, etc. Wallowology Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph.

Thursday, Jan. 26

THE BIG READ 2017 "AMERICA IN VIETNAM", 7 p.m. The Big Read features author and professor David F. Schmitz as he examines why the United States was in Vietnam and the state of the war when Tim O'Brien fought. In the process Schmitz will place O'Brien's The Things They Carried in its historical context to illuminate some of the key themes in the work. David Schmitz is a Whitman College professor of history and a widely published author on the Vietnam era. He teaches The Things They Carried at Whitman and is an articulate and entertaining presenter. The Place, 303 S. Lake St., Joseph (Mike Midlo 541-426-3623).

ENEI QIGONG MEDITATION, 4:30 p.m.

Offered in the downstairs Yoga Studio at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday and 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

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ENTERPRISE CITY LIBRARY STORYTIME, 10:30 a.m. Enterprise Public Library, 101 NE First St., Enterprise (541-426-3906).

EXPLORATION AFTER SCHOOL, 3:30-5 p.m. Wallowa.

GETTING STARTED WITH QUICKBOOKS, 5:30 p.m. What do you need to know about QuickBooks, and is it right for your business? Pre-register by phone or e-mail. Pay at door with cash or check. Wallowa Resources Stewardship Center, 401 NE First St., Enterprise (Andrea Fowler 541-278-5833).

JOSEPH CITY LIBRARY TODDLER TIME, 12:30 p.m. For age 0-5 and their parents. Mandy James leads songs and reads stories. Joseph Public Library, 201 N. Main St., Joseph.

PRESCHOOL SCIENCE THURSDAY, 9:30 a.m. Preschoolers and their parents can arrive an hour before storytime to participate in special science stories and activities. Snacks re provided. Enterprise Public Library, 101 NE First St., Enterprise.

WALLOWA COUNTY CHESS CLUB, 4 p.m. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

WALLOWOLOGY, 7 p.m. Dr. Karen McFarlane Holman, professor of chemistry at Willamette University and 2010 Oregon Professor of the Year, presents "Teaching Science to Girls in Saudi Arabia." Sponsored by Soroptimists of Wallowa County. Evening slide show and presentation. Natural History Discovery Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph.

WALLOWOLOGY EVENING LECTURE - "TEACHING SCIENCE TO GIRLS IN SAUDI ARABIA", 7 p.m. Slide show and presentation by Dr. Karen McFarlane Holman, professor of chemistry at Willamette University and 2010 Oregon Professor of the Year, presents "Teaching Science to Girls in Saudi Arabia." Sponsored by Soroptimists of Wallowa County. Wallowology Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph.

Friday, Jan. 27

KINDERMUSIK - ABC MUSIC & ME, 10 a.m. For toddlers and preschoolers. Each session includes a healthy snack and take-home instrument. Building Healthy Families, 207 E. Park St., Enterprise (541-426-9411).

LAST FRIDAY OPEN MIC AT STOCKMAN'S LOUNGE, Held the last Friday of the month at the former Lear's Main Street Pub. Stockman's Lounge, 111 W. Main St., Enterprise.

PARENT-CHILD PLAY-GROUP, 9 a.m. Songs, stories, snacks and activities for kids and parents focusing on developing kindergarten readiness skills. Building Healthy Families, 207 E.

Park St., Enterprise.

RUSTY SPURS INDOOR, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wallowa County Fairgrounds, 668 NW 1st St, Enterprise.

TIBETAN MEDITATION, 2:30 p.m. Nadabrahama meditation in the Joseph Center Yoga Studio (downstairs). Donations welcome. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

Saturday, Jan. 28

THE BIG READ 2017 WRITING WORKSHOP "THE OTHER WARRIORS: VOICES OF THE WOMEN OF VIETNAM VETERANS", 10 a.m. This four-week writing workshop is an opportunity for women, wives, girlfriends, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Vietnam veterans to express stories of their experiences beyond the Vietnam conflict. Taught by Katherine Stickroth, freelance writer and widow of a Vietnam veteran, this class will provide a private, confidential and supportive space for members to find the voice of their stories through the written word. No previous writing experience is required. Contact Fishtrap to reserve your spot. Fishtrap House, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise (541-426-3623).

LOWER VALLEY FARMERS MARKET, 11 a.m. Indoor farmers market open year-round. Friday times will be added during the growing season. Telephone Building, 301 E. First St., Wallowa.

VFW BINGO NIGHT, 1-4 p.m. Join the Enterprise VFW for Bingo at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the VFW Hall, 800 N. River St., Enterprise. Enterprise VFW Hall, 800 N. River St., Enterprise.

Sunday, Jan. 29

WALLOWAAA, 7 p.m. Assembly of God Church, 702 W. Hwy 82, Wallowa (541-263-0208).

WALLOWA COUNTY CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET, 4 p.m. The theme for this year's banquet is Leave A Little Sparkle Where Ever You Go! The Annual Citizen Awards Banquet recognizes individuals that have given of themselves to make Wallowa County the greatest place to live. There will be dinner, music, table gifts, raffle baskets, games, centerpiece drawings, trade show tables and a social hour. Make reservations and purchase tickets by contacting the Chamber office. Cloverleaf Hall, 600 NW First St., Enterprise (541-426-4622).

Monday, Jan. 30

ADULT CERAMICS CLASS-ES, 5 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of hand building with pinch pots, slab construction and coil construction then move to introduction of wheel throwing. No previous experience is required. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

ENTERPRISE EXPLORATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, 3:30 p.m. Free program offered Mondays and Tuesdays for kindergarten-4th grade. Snack, story, outside time and activity/lesson. Enterprise Elementary School, 201 SE Fourth St., Enterprise.

WHITTAIL LEGENDS 4-H MEETING, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wallowa County Fairgrounds, 668 NW 1st St, Enterprise.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

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WALLOWA COUNTY LIBRARY STORYTIME, 10:30 a.m. Wallowa County Library, 207 W. Logan, Enterprise.

WALLOWA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m. Wallowa County Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Circuit Courtroom at the Wallowa County Courthouse. Wallowa County Courthouse, 101 S. River St., Enterprise.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

ADULT CERAMICS CLASS-ES, 3 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of hand building with pinch pots, slab construction and coil construction then move to introduction of wheel throwing. No previous experience is required. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

BRAD PARSONS, 8 p.m. Terminal Gravity, 803 SE School St, Enterprise.

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LOSTINE CITY COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m. Lostine City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Hall. Lostine City Hall, Lostine.

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY, 12 p.m. Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders interested in providing peace, humanitarian services, and community enhancements to the areas in which they live. Rotary connects more than 1.2 million members between 200 countries and geographical areas, all dedicated to service. 301 E. Garfield, Enterprise.

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LEGAL NOTICE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Training and Employment Consortium (TEC) is now issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) and accepting applications from interested businesses and independent contractors to conduct the work of a Network Administrator/Information Systems Specialist for our agency. TEC offers employment and training services to the six counties of Baker, Union, Wallowa, Malheur, Grant, and Harney. Interested businesses, vendors, or independent contractors may contact TEC Executive Director, Eric Labonte, at laboe@tecteam.org or 541-963-7942 Ext. 21 to receive the full proposal.

PROPOSAL IS DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 5:00 PM, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

TEC reserves the right to reject any and/or all of the responses.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA
In the Matter of The Estate of
DAWSON K. NEIL, Deceased.
Case No. 17PB00207
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of said estate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative, c/o ROLAND W. JOHNSON, ROLAND W. JOHNSON, LLC, P.O. Box E, 200 West Main Street, Enterprise, Oregon 97828, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings of this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative.

Dated and first published: January 25, 2017.

Vernon Ray Neil, Personal Representative

Roland W. Johnson, OSB #772370
Roland W. Johnson, LLC
Attorney for Personal Representative

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BID

The City of Enterprise is requesting bids for the installation of concrete paving stone in the inside walking area of Warde Park. Bid details can be found at enterpriseoregon.org. All bids must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, February 8, 2017. All bids must be marked "Warde Park". The City of Enterprise is an equal opportunity employer.

Ronnie Neil, Public Works Supt.
City of Enterprise

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Scott E. Colony, Deceased.
Case No. 17PB00152
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, June E. Colony, 67597 Lostine River Road, Lostine, OR 97857, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Richard G. Hobbs, PO Box 101, Lostine, OR 97857.

Dated and first published on January 25, 2017.

June E. Colony, Personal Representative

Richard G. Hobbs, OSB #085700
Attorney for Personal Representative



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Plus your ad will appear online @ wallowa.com with over 10,000 visitors a week!