

Hayes celebrates 95th

The family of Gene Hayes invites family and friends to celebrate his 95th birthday at an open house on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, from 1-3 p.m. in the Beth Johnson Room of the Wallowa Elementary School, 315 W. First St., Wallowa.

No gifts are necessary. Guests are invited to send a card and share a memory. If you're unable to attend, greetings may be sent to him at P.O. Box 217, Wallowa, OR 97885.

Mr. Hayes was born Febr. 16, 1922, and raised on Bear Creek. He attended Wallowa Schools, finishing high school in 1943. He served in the First Cavalry Division in the Pacific during World War II from 1943-1945.

After losing his right hand in 1947 in a feed mill accident, he began sketching with his left hand.

After training at the Jean Turner Art Center in San



Hayes

Francisco in 1948, Hayes earned a diploma in commercial art from Oregon Technical Institute (now known as the Oregon Institute of Technology) in Klamath Falls. Following a few years in the Forest Service, his career in both commercial and fine art has spanned the decades since in realistic wildlife, landscape and historical paintings and murals.

Hospital's occupational therapist takes new role as regional director

Angela Mart, Wallowa Memorial Hospital's first full time occupational therapist, has been named regional director for Eastern Oregon for the Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon.

The volunteer position is a two-year commitment, to be completed on Mart's own time, outside of her normal work schedule.

"I have received a lot of support since bringing occupational therapy to Wallowa Memorial Hospital last January," said Mart, who works as part of the hospital's Reha-

bilitation Clinic that includes physical and aquatic therapy.

Mart will represent the 10 counties of Eastern Oregon: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler.

According to Mart the region has 33 occupational therapist and certified occupational therapy assistants.

"That's not very many in this vast landscape," said Mart, who is the only occupational therapist for at least 65 miles.

"I'm excited to promote the profession in Eastern Or-

egon," Mart said. "I'd love to see the annual conference held in our region."

Larry Davy, CEO of Wallowa Memorial Hospital, is pleased with Mart's decision to take on the added responsibility.

"Angela Mart has brought a valuable service to our community," he said

Occupational therapists help people with a temporary or permanent disability develop the skills necessary to be as independent as possible in leisure, work, school and personal care activities.

Tunesmith Night at Stockman's on Saturday

Tunesmith Night will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. at Stockman's Lounge, 111 W. Main, Enterprise.

Featured performers are Elwood, Greg Rawlins and Travis Ward.

Elwood sings of the serenity and sheer power to be found in nature, which you can also feel in his music.

The songs of Gregory Rawlins combine engaging storytelling with sharply focused visual imagery, drawing the listener into a shared world of intensely-held emotions.

Travis Ward's music is influenced by old time hillbilly music — blues, Appalachian, dustbowl — and his original and traditional songs.

Tunesmith Night is presented in a round-robin format, with each musician playing a song, then the next taking a turn, creating varied performances.

Admission is \$10 at the door or by season pass.

Doors open at 6 p.m. music starts at 7 p.m. All ages welcome.

— Steve Tool

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