

The ‘Big Read’ returning this fall

The Big Read will return to Wallowa County. Although not all the program details are in place, the National Endowment for the Arts, which sponsors the program in partnership with Arts Midwest, has announced that Fishtrap Inc. in Enterprise has received a \$12,800 grant to offer the program.

The event is designed to broaden understanding of the world, communities and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book, an NEA spokesman said.

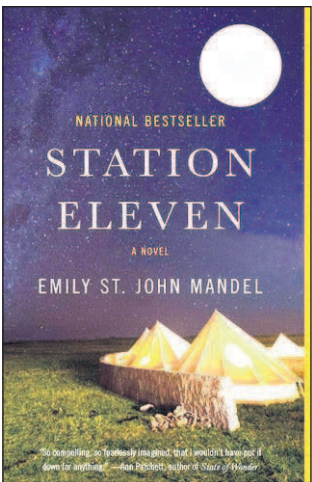
Fishtrap has selected the book “Station Eleven” by Emily St. John Mandel.

“I’m excited for Wallowa County to discover a new book by a young female author. I think it has a lot to offer,” said Fishtrap Executive Director Shannon McNeerney. “Station Eleven gives us a chance to examine what makes community and explores how art can bring us together.”

The book is Mandel’s fourth novel and has won the Arthur C. Clarke Award, was a finalist for the National Book Award and PEN/Faulkner Award, was an Amazon Best Book of the Month and was named one of the best books of the year by more than a dozen publications.

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Summer lunch in the parks program begins

Children across the county ages birth through 18 will have the opportunity to eat a healthy and delicious meal four days a week throughout the summer.

Summer Lunch in the Park is sponsored by Building Healthy Families and is held in three locations noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday: Enterprise City Park, Joseph City Park and Wallowa City Park.

According to a spokesman for Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, 1 in 4 kids in Oregon worry about where their next meal will come from during the summer when school hot lunch programs are not operating.

“Of all the kids who access free or reduced-priced lunch at school, only about 16 percent

access summer meals,” said Steve Wytcherley, program director for Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon.

In addition to foods, sites offer supervised enrichment activities for children produced by volunteers.

The menu for Wednesday (today) includes spaghetti, fruit and vegetable and milk. Friday’s menu is chicken strips, whole wheat roll, fruit and vegetable and milk.

The menu will be printed each week in the Chieftain.

The nonprofit Building Healthy Families strengthens families through proven family education and support programs and helps create family environments that assure children’s school readiness, success and life skills.

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Students from Maupin schools made the trek from their community south of The Dalles to visit the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Wallowa County Thursday. This is the second year the group has made the trek to share in the lessons unique to the area, according to Gwendolyn Trice, executive director. Nineteen students and five adults were part of the entourage. “This visit was key in building our educational relationship,” Trice said. “They had a great experience last year in an initial visit to our museum sharing our rural stories and our diverse contributions in telling the American narrative.”

Amy Hafer Race for Awareness!

Saturday, June 24, 2017

9:00 am at Wallowa Memorial Hospital, Enterprise

Early registration open until June 21st

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