What's Happening

EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM EXPANDED **ONLINE CALENDAR**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

'Smart Driver" Class: 9 a.m. Community Connection, 702 NW First St., Enterprise. Completion of the course may mean a discount on car insurance. Register: 541-910-9797. Arrive by 8:45 a.m. in order to

complete necessary paperwork. Food Giveway: noon 204 Second St., Wallowa, sponsored by

Wallowa Fresh Food Alliance. **Wallowa County Rotary Club:** noon 301 E. Garfield, Enterprise.

Wallowology Discovery Walk: 4 p.m. Wallowa Lake Park, 60060 Wallowa Lake Highway, Wallowa. Free family-friendly stroll to explore the natural world.

Adult Clay Class: 9 a.m. to noon Josephy Center, 403 Main St, Joseph. josephy.org

Wallowa County Rotary Club: Noon Catholic Church of St. Katherine, 301 E. Garfield, Enterprise

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

What We Risk with Jason Graham: 7 p.m. Fishtrap House, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. A discussion about creativity, expression and how artists must take risks. Free.

Wallowa County Gathering to Celebrate International Day of Peace: Joseph Center in Joseph 6 p.m. Potluck at 6, program to fol-

VFW Post 4307 Meeting: 6:30 p.m. 800 N. River St., Enterprise. **Enterprise City Library Story-**

time: 10:30 a.m. 101 NE First St., Enterprise. For children 0-5. Wallowa County Chess Club: 4 p.m. Josephy Center, 403 Main

St, Joseph. Visitors and players of all levels are welcome. josephy.org

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22 Food Giveway: noon 204 Sec-

ond St., Wallowa, sponsored by Wallowa Fresh Food Alliance. Riders in the Sky: 7 p.m. OK

Theatre, 208 West Main, Enterprise. Wallowology Discovery Walk: 10 a.m. Wallowology 508 N. Main

St., Joseph. Free family-friendly Joseph Center Youth Art Friday: Josephy Center, 403 Main

St, Joseph. Mornings with Mary for 5-8 year olds, 10-11 a.m.; Clay 1 for 7-12 year olds, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Clay 2 for advanced clay students, 12:30-2 p.m.; teens and adult painting, 2-4 p.m.; afternoon drawing for 8-13 year olds, 3-5 p.m. Begins Sept. 15. josephy.org

Teen Drawing and Painting Classes: 2-4 p.m. Josephy Center, 403 Main St, Joseph. Jennifer Klimsza instructor, josephy.org.

Parent-Child Playgroups: 9:30 a.m. Building Healthy Families, 207 E Park St., Enterprise. songs, stories, snacks and activities focusing on developing kindergarten readi-

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

Evening Under the Stars Dinner: 5 p.m. Tamkaliks grounds outside of Wallowa. Fundraiser for Friends of the Wallowa School District. Dinner and a dessert auction followed a live auction. Tickets 541-886-4701.

Old-Time Community Barn Dance: 7-10 p.m. 63327 Tenderfoot Valley Road, Joseph. Admission \$5. under 12 free. Beginners welcome, no partner or special clothing required, all dances taught and

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

Wallowology Discovery Walk: 9 a.m. Wallowa Lake Park, 60060 Wallowa Lake Highway. Free family-friendly stroll to explore the natu-

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

Wallowa County Health Care District board meeting: 11:30 a.m. 601 Medical Parkway, Enterprise.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

Story time: 10 a.m. Wallowa County Library, 207 W Logan St., Enterprise. For children 0-5.

Smithsonian Presentation and Exhibit Display: 6 p.m. OK Theatre in downtown Enterprise. Marion McGee with the Smithsonian will present. Refreshments served. Fundraiser to benefit Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center.



Swiss yodeler Art Brogli will perform at Alpenfest.

Alpenfest on tap **Sept. 28-Oct. 1**

Lilting waltzes and polkas will fill the air around southern Wallowa Lake as Oregon's Alpenfest brings Swiss and Bavarian culture to Wallowa County for the 39th year Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

Two dance bands, accordionists, a Swiss yodeler and alphorn players will provide the musical background for the festival.

The festival also features traditional cuisine including strudel from Sugar Time Bakery in Enterprise, bratwurst imported from the Midwest and sauerkraut made at Mt. Joseph Family Foods. Flowing freely will be small-batch Alpenfest beer brewed specially for Oregon's Alpenfest by Terminal Gravity Brewery in Enterprise.

Other popular attractions are food and craft vendors at the Alpine Fair and four days of accordions at Alpenfest. Oregon's Alpenfest takes place in Enterprise, Joseph and Wallowa Lake, with the main performances at the Edelweiss

Enterprise hosts the festival's official kickoff on Thursday, a procession down Main Street to the opening ceremony at the Courthouse Gazebo followed by accordionists playing at Terminal Gravity.

Festivities move to Wallowa Lake and Joseph on Friday and Saturday, when accordionists play on Main Street in Joseph and the main performances are staged at the Edelweiss Inn.

Free waltz and polka lessons will be provided on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Saturday and Sunday also will feature the outdoor Alpine Breakfasts. Sunday will be Patriots Day, with free admission for military service members, veterans, firefighters and law enforcement officers.

The OK Theatre in Enterprise will show a new version of "Heidi" at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Admission is \$5 for adults and teens, \$1 for children ages 12 and younger.

True Value

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'Massacre in Hells Canyon' set at Josephy

Oregon Public Television and the Josephy Center will offer a special showing of "Massacre in Hells Canyon" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at The Josephy Center. It is an Oregon Experience film produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting.

The film is based on a book by Oregon author Greg Nokes, "Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon." Nokes discovered the story while working as a journalist at the "Oregonian." He poked around archives in and out of the country for years, found old news accounts and court documents and interviewed old-timers with connections to the people involved.

The story involves a gang of horse thieves that gunned down as many as 34 Chinese gold miners on the Oregon side of the Snake River near Hells Canyon in 1887. The crime was discovered weeks after it happened, but no charges were brought for nearly a year, when gang member Frank Vaughan, son of a settler family, confessed and turned state's evidence.

Six men and boys, all from northeastern Oregon, were charged, but three fled, and the others were found innocent by a jury that a witness admitted had little interest in convicting anyone. A cover-up followed, and the crime was all but forgotten for the next 100 years until a Wallowa County clerk found hidden records in an unused safe in 1995.

Rich Wandschneider of Josephy Library of Western History and Culture was also interviewed for the production.

Now with many of the missing pieces of his story. Nokes wrote his book. Oregon Public Television producer Kami Horton turned it into a film. She will introduce the half-hour documentary at the Josephy Center and answer questions afterwards

The Oregon Experience film examines not only the murders but also the hidden history of the Chinese laborers who helped build the West in their search for "gold mountain."

Tens of thousands of Chinese laborers came to North America in the 1850s with the Gold Rush. In addition to gold mining, they operated laundries, tended vegetable gardens, opened boarding houses and worked as cooks. By the thousands, they worked on railroad projects that connected the West. They cleared farmlands, worked in canneries and provided labor for factories.

But they also faced widespread discrimination. Throughout the 1880s, Chinese immigrants watched their communities burned. attacked and sometimes destroyed by racists mobs. In some places, Chinese were lynched or shot while others were run out of town. The Hells Canyon event occurred in that era, a time when Chinese immigrants had almost no legal rights to defend themselves.

For decades, those incidents were excluded from many historical texts. Today that is beginning to change.

A memorial now marks the spot where the Chinese gold miners died in Hells Canyon.



Sunday Brunch 10am - 2pm • Chicken Fried Steak • Biscuits & Gravy • Belgium Waffles, Pancakes & More!

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