

PUMPKIN PARTY



Courtesy photo

Ted Daggett had a wonderful pumpkin patch in Joseph this year, his fifth as a grower. His largest pumpkin weighed 43 pounds. Ted was born and raised in Joseph and will be 80 next month. He has lived in the same place since 1976. Ted and Virginia thought it would be interesting and fun to see if pumpkins would grow on their land. Crops have been bounteous. Ted was the Wallowa County weed officer from 1978-97.

Joseph rodeo top in circuit

The Chief Joseph Days Rodeo has been awarded top mid-size rodeo of the year by the Columbia River Circuit, which sanctions roughly 32 rodeos annually.

Elgin Stampede was named the top small rodeo and the Horse Haven Roundup in Kennewick, Wash., captured the top award for large rodeos.

The award will be presented at meeting of the circuit leadership Saturday, No. 4, in Yakima, Wash.

This is the first year the group has recognized a mid-size rodeo, defined as having added money between \$5,001 and \$10,000. Added money is revenue donated to the rodeo committee by the sponsors to

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attract contestants to the rodeo for competition.

Joseph hosts Tamastlikst visit

The Josephy Center and Wallowa Nez Perce Homeland will host a field trip to Tamastlikst, the fine Cultural Institute on the Umatilla Reservation near Pendleton. Tamastlikst is located at the same off-ramp as Wildhorse Resort.

A car pool will leave from Josephy Center 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, stop in Wallowa to add to the caravan, and be on the way to have lunch at the Coyote Cafe at Tamastlikst at

around 12:30 p.m.

Director Bobbie Conner and his staff will guide visitors through the exhibits. Lunch is no-host; there is a small admission charge for the exhibits.

Info: rich@josephy.org or 541-432-0505.

Wheat group has scholarship

High School seniors in Wallowa County are encouraged to apply for one of 12 scholarships offered by Oregon Wheat Foundation. To qualify, students must families who are members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League or employees of a member.

Applications are available at owgl.org. Deadline is Feb. 1, 2018.

Creative Heights award winner to perform at Josephy Center

The Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble has released more information about its year-long project to feature the history of black Americans in Oregon.

As announced in last week's Chieftain, the group received an \$80,000 grant from Oregon Community Foundation's Creative Heights program to create a new concert of original songs and video inspired by the stories of the multicultural populations of Maxville and Vanport.

Additional aspects include readings by Fishtrap, workshops and a performance that coincides with the Vanport Mosaic Festival, May 26-27, 2018 in Portland.

The multi-aspect concert tour includes community discussion events in Portland and Joseph this fall and a performance tour to La Grande, Enterprise and Baker City in April 2018, culminating with the performance at the Vanport Mosaic Festival.

Vanport was the nation's largest wartime housing developments, a site for social innovation, a lightning rod for racial prejudice and the scene of one of Oregon's major disasters.

A studio album and a short documentary film will also be



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Vocalist Marilyn Keller will perform 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph.

produced. A performance of the work in progress will be 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph.

The Joseph event will feature a short talk about Maxville by Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center Executive Director Gwen Trice; a short talk about Vanport by project vocalist Marilyn Keller; and a performance of an original song with lyrics by S. Renee Mitchell, featuring Keller, with composer Ezra Weiss at the piano.

After the performance, the remainder of the event will be

dedicated to an open conversation about the project and the histories that will inspire it, with Trice, Keller, Mitchell and video artist Kalimah Abioto.

Admission is free.

Those with personal ties to descendants of loggers of all ethnicities who worked at Maxville are encouraged to attend, as well as anyone with a particular interest in Oregon history or jazz.

The Portland Jazz Composers' Ensemble is a 12-piece jazz ensemble which commissions and performs original works.

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