

Lisa Echols, 56, of Enterprise came to Wallowa County the first time after her dad, Bill Kessler, took a motorcycle ride with a fellow policeman, Ron Jett, and ended up in Wallowa County. The family was living in El Cajon, Calif., and Lisa had recently graduated from Granite Hills High.

"Dad came home from his motorcycle trip and said, 'Why are we living in California? We're moving to Wallowa County," Lisa said.

Once in the county (in about 1979) Lisa worked for the Young Adult Conservation Corps and later as a Forest Service Guard in Lostine Canyon - working with the famous "Maude the Mule," the only mammoth mule with wagon working for the Forest Service in the United States.

Lisa then went to EOU for art and business courses, met former husband Mark Echols, who was in construction at the time, and the couple made a life in Hermiston and raised three children.

It was her folks that brought her back to Wallowa County again last July — this time as a caretaker for her aging parents. In addition to helping her folks stay in their own home in Enterprise, Lisa works part-time as a Care Coordinator for Community Connection, helping people get Veterans Affairs and Oregon Project Independence aid and other services.

Q. You obviously have learned a lot about people through your jobs and interests. What has Wallowa County taught you?

A. It's a whole different world ... when you come to Wallowa County, you're more integrated in the community. You know people, your reputation counts, your mindset as far as being mindful of other people is "I might bump in to them in Safeway or they're probably so and so's mother." I like it. I go to Enterprise Community Church, and I love that, and I love my service opportunities I keep finding all over.

Q. What do you enjoy in the county?

A. I love the slow pace. I'm trying to be outdoorsy. Since I came to the county, I found out I was diabetic, so I took the CHIPS program, and I've become more active. I learned to ski on the little bunny hill at Fergi and had a great time. I'm trying to focus on eating healthy and taking cooking classes and torturing my parents with new foods.

Q. You've got art background but you haven't mentioned your art. What is your ambition for your art in the future?

A. What I really want is to get my whole life out of storage. I'm an artist who doesn't have her stuff and isn't able to do her art.

For 11 years in Portland, I met some ladies every Monday night and we made Victorian lampshades, and my friend had a Victorian lampshade shop in Sellwood.

I loved all the handwork. I miss all my stuff. I can't wait to have a place that is mine and dig my stuff out of my storage unit — free it from its prison.

District hosts roundtables on diversity for area nonprofits

Northeast Oregon Economic Development District is organizing a series of roundtable discussions for regional nonprofit board and staff to learn, share and discuss diversity, inclusion and equity methods and strategies.

The first will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at La Grande Public Library, 2006 4th St., in La Grande.

Future events are planned for Dec. 6, 2017; Feb. 7, May 2, Aug. 1 and Nov. 7, 2018; and Feb. 6, 2019.

session Wednesday's will be led by Andrea Cano, a seasoned facilitator and intercultural specialist. The session will cover historical, geographic, demographic contexts of the region; definitions and expressions of diversity, inclusion and equity; why they matter in a rural region; review of historical and current initiatives in the region and others.

Participants will also help select the specific training subjects covered at subsequent sessions as it relates to hiring practices, and board recruitment, creating marketing and communications and what white privilege is and why it matters and other topics.

Future roundtables are envisioned in Baker, Wallowa or Union counties.

The cost to attend will be \$25 per person per roundtable discussion, but people who register in advance for the entire series of workshops pay \$125.

You can register at bit. ly/2k18EBu.

Scholarships are available for the series; please inquire at NEOEDD, 541-426-3598.

NEOEDD's goal is to bring together staff and board members who have an interest in learning more about diversity and are willing to share their experiences, both positive and negative, with the goal of increasing awareness.

Dog-friendly restaurant and great local banks

to that treat, aren't

we? You're going

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down Joseph Main Street from the

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to The Dog Spot on

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ing the space (just a little, not

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ambiance to be rustic and pet

friendly. Just how pet friendly

is still up in the air. He's wait-

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We know there are restau-

rants in Portland that are pet

friendly, but, as Canniff says,

"Portland rules are a little

The Dog Spot to open around

In any case, we can expect

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interaction/restaurant

dogs can legally have.

different."

Canniff is busy remodel-

We're all watching the windows at the former Silver Lake Bistro in Joseph, waiting and wondering what is next. And a new flyer on the door proclaims: "The Dog Spot: treats for pets and people."

Say what?

It's the brainchild of chef Arion Canniff and his wife Amy Wolf (Amy is the daughter of Lynn Wolf of Joseph).

Canniff has 38 years of experience as a chef and Amy has at least 20 years of retail experience and both love their pets . . . so, "Why not combine that?" Canniff asked.

Canniff is the man who created "More Than A Mouthful" Cheesecake, which some may remember from Alpenfest a few years back. He's sold that product in Jacksonville and Medford and in Sandpoint where he was chef at La Rosa Club.





Kathleen Ellyn

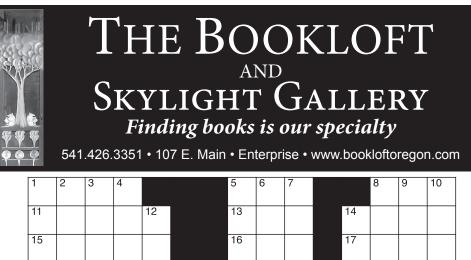
The couple is committed to Northwest-sourced products, so expect both the pet treats and the human food to be from our region.

You'll be able to spot Canniff right away. He wears a Mickey Mouse shirt every day.

LOCAL BANKS were honored by Gov. Kate Brown, who proclaimed Oct. 16-20 Community Bank Week, honoring local banks for the significant economic and civic contributions they make in communities across the state.

Community banks are the first stop for local businesses because of their ability to understand the concerns of businesses in their region. Community banks reported loans to Oregon small businesses topping \$5.9 billion in a single year, according to a recent survey by the Oregon

But that's not the half of it. The survey also showed community banks in the state gave to their communities, pitching in \$4.9 million to nonprofits



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- 42. Tip of Aleutian Islands
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- 46. Punched in the side of the head 47. Lout
- 48. Used to make furniture and ships
- 51. Spectrum disorder (abbr.)
- 52. A way to talk
- 53. American shoe company
- 54. Chinese ethnic group
- 58. Egg of a louse