

FOR THE RECORD

OCT. 16
5:01 p.m. — A 911 call received reporting a vehicle crash outside the city limits of Enterprise to the south.

OCT. 17
1:37 p.m. — A report of a deer needing dispatch in rural Enterprise was handled.
12:34 p.m. — Report of a dog and a pig on Hwy. 82 east of Wallowa

OCT. 18
4:19 p.m. — Juvenile complaint in Enterprise.

OCT. 19
11:19 a.m. — A 911 caller requested an ambulance meet a private vehicle transporting a patient in rural Joseph.
10:05 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a brush fire in rural Joseph. Units from Joseph, Enterprise and ODF responded.
8:57 p.m. — Enterprise PD arrested Otilla Thiel, 52, of Enterprise on charges of curfew violation. She was released.
10:55 p.m. — Report of an elk hit by a vehicle in rural Enterprise.

OCT. 22
7:38 a.m. — A 911 caller apprised dispatch he was heading to the hospital in a private vehicle with an individual with a medical condition.
10:33 a.m. — Investigation of criminal trespass in Joseph.

NRA fundraiser tops \$100,000 mark

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

This year's Friends of the NRA banquet and auction fundraiser proved once again how important gun rights and the Second Amendment are to Wallowa County citizens. The sold-out event took place at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise on Oct. 21.

Arguably the single largest fundraiser in the county, organizers raised more than \$100,000 for both local and national NRA entities.

This year's banquet committee chairman, Doug Wickre, who also serves as president of the Eagle Cap Shooters Association, said that while a large portion of the banquet's profits will go



Steve Tool/Chieftain
Doug Wickre, center, flanked by auctioneer Luke Womochil on the right, prepares to announce another item up for live auction at the Wallowa County Friends of the NRA Banquet at Cloverleaf Hall on Oct. 21.

to the NRA, funding goes back to the community in the form of grants.

"We get a lot of that money back for the county's shooting ranges, for

Divide Camp and college scholarships for seniors," he said.

Real estate broker Adam Saxton, who was attending the event for the first time, came out a major winner in one of the raffles, receiving a 24-gun safe with a mystery prize inside that turned out to be a Henry 45-70 lever-action rifle.

"My wife didn't want me to buy a gun safe because I already have a gun safe," Saxton said, referring to the \$20 he paid for the raffle ticket.

Born and raised in the county, Saxton said he supports the Second Amendment.

"I believe in the NRA and I want to support it," he said.

Joseph Charter School employee Tim Kiesecker said he's been attending for 8-10 years to support his beliefs.

"I believe in freedom, and I believe in the Second Amendment," he said. "This is for a really good cause."

Wickre said the best part of the banquet for him was interfacing with the community.

"When you go out and talk to them about the event, asking if they want dinner tickets or to sponsor, you get a chance to sit down with them and tell them why it's important," he said. "We had an overwhelming response, and we really appreciate it."

Crews stop Black Marble Lane blaze in its tracks

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Quick response from multiple agencies stopped the spread of a wildfire at Black Marble Lane on Alder Slope Oct. 19. The incident started when a property owner initi-

ated a permitted burn on his property.

Enterprise Fire Department Chief and Wallowa County Emergency Services Manager Paul Karvoski said the fire had spread to 15-20 acres although firefighters were on scene minutes after

the 4 p.m. initial call. Karvoski said the property had been thinned and the owner waited until after fire season to attempt to burn piles from the thinning project.

"We had 20-30 mph winds, and it just kind of took off from there," Karvoski said. "It blew onto three other properties, but I don't think there was any significant damage — it didn't threaten any residences or structures."

Karvoski said fighting the

fire proved a challenge for crews as the blaze presented multiple fronts.

"We had Enterprise, Joseph, Oregon Department of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service," Karvoski said. "It was pretty fortunate that we had pretty much everybody in Enterprise. We got some additional engines up there pretty quick."

Although some of the area was forested, the fire did not get into the canopy because

it had been thinned, although high dead grass allowed the fire to spread.

"We know what can happen up there on that slope," Karvoski added. "That slope was a big boiling pot, and with a wind like that, we know it can take out a lot of area in a hurry."

Karvoski cautioned that just because fire season is over, fires remain a possibility.

"People need to be careful regardless. That's what it amounts to," he said.

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Special "bucket list" items: Del Mar Race Horse weekend, Pebble Beach Golf Getaway, and Country Music Awards show & backstage passes in Nashville – call for details!

Saturday, November 11, 2017
Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise
Doors open 5:00 pm
Tickets on Sale Now! Hurry, space limited!

Emcees Bob & Bill Williams; Auctioneer Jake Musser
Silent Auction & Social Hour at 5:00 pm (note earlier time!)

Elegant Dinner by Backyard Gardens, choice of prime rib, chicken or vegetarian

Bar by La Laguna & Wine bar featuring Lecole 41
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