

Humane Society publishes book as fundraiser

A new 144-page photo-rich book recounting heartwarming stories of animals and their humans in Wallowa County has been published by Wallowa County Humane Society as a fundraiser.

"True Tails: The Human-Animal Partnerships of Wallowa County Oregon" includes the story of a guide-dog who led his blind master on wilderness jaunts, a Yorkie who was lost — and found — in an Alaska snowstorm, a horse who helped restore her owner's faith in humanity and many other true short tales.

True Tails is illustrated with more than 100 black and white images. Written and photographed by Oregon Book Award winning author Ellen Morris Bishop, the book also includes a list of where to find animal supplies and services in Wallowa County, dog-training tips, people foods to avoid



Courtesy photo

"True Tails" author Ellen Bishop with her dog, Diesel, "a Border Collie disguised as an Australian Shepherd."

feeding your pet and more. All proceeds from sales of True Tails go to the Wallowa County Humane Society.

"We are indebted to the businesses who sponsored the book, and to all those who shared their incredible stories," said Carol Vencill, Wallowa County Humane Society President. "It's a beautiful book, and it is going to help us keep a steady stream of funding coming in to continue our work with animals and our community."

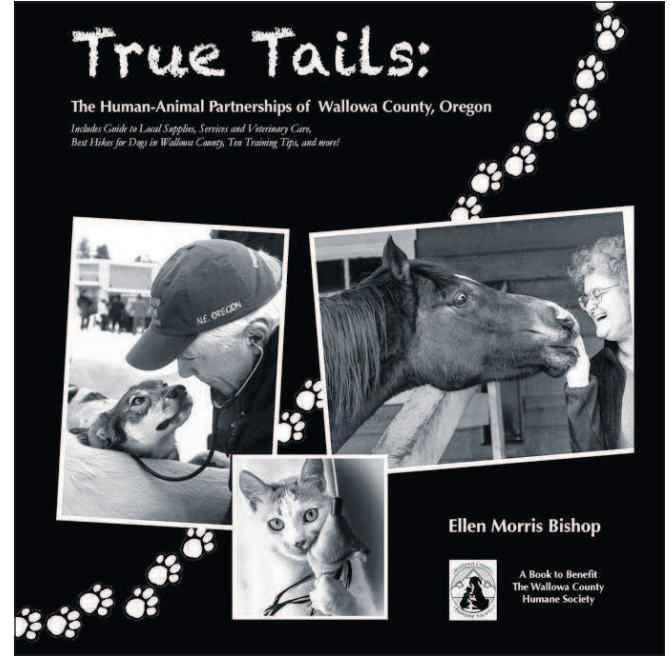
Bishop volunteered all of her time to write, photograph and publish the book.

"When I started the project more than a year ago, I thought it might take three months to finish," she said.

"But there were lots of stories, and then other things intervened. It has been fun to work on. I've met many extraordinary people and incredible animals."

The book will be available on or before Dec. 15 at The Bookloft, Grain Growers and Deb's Apparel, where Simba will pawtograph your copy in Enterprise. In Joseph, Copper Creek Mercantile, The Josephy Center, and The Dog Spot will carry it. Main Street Feed and Supply will sell it in Wallowa.

The Bookloft in Enterprise will host a book signing and "pawtographing" event 4-6 p.m. Dec. 19 with refresh-



ments provided by Humane Society volunteers.

Bishop and several dogs featured in the book will sign and pawtograph copies.

The book will also be featured in a signing event at the opening of The Josephy Center's upcoming exhibit, "Puppy Love," on Jan. 4, 2018.

Joseph Charter Schools's innovative aviation program earns \$431,000 state grant

Joseph Charter School's aviation program has received a \$431,162 grant through the Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant program.

More than \$10.3 million was granted to 205 Oregon middle and high schools through the program.

A committee comprised of representatives from organized labor, trade organizations, education and Oregon's energy and business community reviewed 64 applications totaling \$21 million in requests, giving priority in part to applications that could demonstrate community partnerships and offered programs that lead to high-wage, high-demand occupations.

The aviation field is both

high-wage and high-demand.

According to a recent Boeing study, 41,000 new aircraft will come on line worldwide in the next 20 years and 637,000 new pilots will be needed to fly those craft. Boeing also expects the industry to need 609,000 commercial aircraft maintenance technicians by 2034.

Since the introduction of the course by Joseph Charter School instructor and pilot Toby Koehn in 2016, the course has had the support of Treasure Valley Community College, which has an aviation program; the North East Oregon Aviation Foundation, which raises money for scholarships and other aviation-related instruction; and has attracted numerous supporters.

Among those are U.S. Air-Force Flight Engineer Brett Hays of Enterprise who donated the use of a flight simulator; Michael and Rene Fleming, both aviation professions from Joseph who invited the class to learn how to build a kit airplane; and, most recently, a donor who has given the class an airplane to work on.

Joseph Charter School was additionally chosen as one of only 30 schools nationwide to test the "You Can Fly" curriculum developed by Purdue University in conjunction with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

The class also participated in the General Aviation Manufacturers Association Build A Plane Aviation Design Challenge.

Josephy Gift of Art silent auction is Dec. 8

The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture will host its annual Gift of Art event 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and a silent auction will begin at 7 p.m.

The auction will include works by local artists, high school students and art collectors who have donated art to sell.

"The Josephy Center provides affordable art for gifting or collecting," said Cheryl Coughlan, executive director at Josephy. "It's a great way to gift locally handmade works of art at affordable price while raising funds for

a good cause ... our youth art program."

Fifty percent of the proceeds go to the artists and the other half goes to Josephy. The last two Gift of Art events have helped cover art supplies, scholarships and the cost of art instructors.

This year, guests may also purchase sponsorships for upcoming exhibits, scholarships for youth to attend art classes and supplies for a new ceramics studio opening next spring.

Artists and artwork will include works by Rodd Ambrosion, Kathy Bowman,

Carrie Chupp, Seth Kinzie, Janis Carper, Konkie Forster, Mark Kortnik, MC Reardon, Dennis Reinke, Ellen Bishop, David Martin, Mike Koloski, Mellica McIntire and Tim Norman.

All artwork that doesn't sell at the auction will be for sale until the show ends Dec. 15. As each piece is sold, people can take the artwork home.

Anyone interested in donating art or creating art for the show may contact Megan Wolfe at 541-432-0505 or email her at coordinator@josephy.org.

Interact Club plans discount bazaar

Wallowa Elementary pupils will be able to purchase holiday gifts for family members at an affordable price, thanks to Wallowa High School's Interact Club.

The Rotary-sponsored group will stage its annual

Christmas Bazaar 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the school. Interact has asked the FFA, National Honor Society and others to join them as volunteers, as well as members of Rotary.

Volunteers will assist

pupil-customers in selecting gifts and gift-wrapping them.

Interact has solicited donations from area businesses, as well as businesses in La Grande. Safeway will provide cookies, apple cider and coffee for the event.

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