

# Joseph City Council has acrimonious year

The Joseph City Council continued to earn a reputation for acrimony in 2017. So much so, in fact, one of the most famous artworks of local painter Bob Ferguson, now deceased, depicted a large group of people engaged in a brawl. Its title: "Joseph City Council."

In June, two members of the council, Tyler Evans and

Teresa Sajonia, stormed out of a budget meeting after an argument about rolling over funds for the city's library. The following day, council member Rodd Clark informed city recorder Donna Warnock that many citizens had told him that she essentially ran a one-woman-show at city hall. A month later, Warnock and the

city's public works supervisor both resigned in response. Clark later resigned from the council for personal reasons.

After a debate over hiring policies, Tyler Evans resigned his council position. The council selected Kathy Bingham to replace him.

Two members of the public works staff resigned during the

year, as did two city recorder assistants. A new employee, still on probation, was fired.

August saw a meeting disrupted when a citizen abused the council's time limit during a public comment harangue about the mayor. He refused to stop speaking until an audience member began singing the patriotic hymn "My Coun-

try 'Tis of Thee" and the entire audience joined in.

The following month, two Joseph residents appeared to tell the council to get its act together. By the end of the year, things seemed to be looking to return to an even — and less controversial — keel.

The meetings of the last quarter saw a council with

much less acrimony and a will to serve the city's citizens to the best of its ability. The city hired a public works supervisor, and there is a full staff at city hall. The council does have an opening on the council for Rodd Clark's seat. Mayor Dennis Sands said he expects to receive applications for the position shortly.

## The OK Theatre gets remodeled

The OK Theatre, owned by the Darrell Brann family since 2014, is arguably the gem of Main Street in Enterprise. After Brann bought the ailing theater, he began booking quality music shows and allowed the theater to be used for a number of charitable events.

As years went by, Brann managed to attract bigger names to the theater while keeping a strong focus on local community events. He also worked to make ticket prices affordable for the community.

Bluegrass legend Del McCoury was among the luminaries who performed at the venue.

In May 2017, plans to remodel the facility leaped forward. The theater owner found himself on the receiving end of a \$100,000 grant



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**OK Theatre owner Darrell Brann explains all the improvements he plans to make to the theater.**

from the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Program, part of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Brann wrote the grant with the help of real-estate agent Diane Daggett.

The grant came with the stipulation Brann raise another \$40,000. He has already held several successful fundraisers toward that end.

The grant funds will be used to update the theater's

electrical system and provide for ADA-compliant bathrooms. A new heating and cooling system, reframing the stage and new movie screen are also in the works.

As the year came to an end, Brann was busy with the theater upgrades. Truckloads of old equipment was removed on Saturday. He has pledged to retain local businesses to help with the project.

He plans for a grand re-opening of the theater in the summer of 2019; however, several activities are expected to be held in 2018.

The OK Theatre, at 208 W. Main St., was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. It was built in 1918 and featured — new for its area and time — a sloped seating section so that theatergoers would have unobstructed views.

## Plans for health services building debut

Groundbreaking was held at mid-year for the first major medical complex to be built in Wallowa County since Wallowa Memorial Hospital opened for business in new digs March 2007.

The construction of a \$6.5-million integrated health services building, a cooperative venture between Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness and Winding Waters Community Health Center, was announced in July. The structure will be built on 3.2-acre site adjacent to the Winding Waters parking lot.

The center spent much of the year working on financing for the project.

A total of around \$3.5 million total is anticipated from state government, private foundations and the public, leaving roughly \$3 million to complete the clinic. Winding Water is committed to roughly \$1 million of the cost.



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**Dr. Elizabeth Powers of Winding Waters shares the vision for a new integrated medical facility in Enterprise during groundbreaking ceremonies. Also on hand were Mike Wilson of WestbyAssociates, who is facilitating the structure, and Oregon Sen. Bill Hansell.**

The center has been working with a financial consultant, who has guided the funding process throughout most of 2017.

The project has also received the go-ahead from city of Enterprise planning and zoning officials.

On the drawing board is a 15,000 square-foot facility that would house medical services, mental health services, a teaching kitchen, child and family resource center and a dentist. The clinic will be built so that an additional 2,000 square-feet can be added easily.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### First aid, CPR classes offered

Project Heartbeat, a Wallowa County-based nonprofit,

will conduct a First Aid, CPR and AED class at the Prairie Creek Center (Oregon DHS office) at the corner of River and Litch Streets in Enterprise Friday, Jan. 19.

The class will commence at 8:15 a.m. and end around

4:30 p.m. It offers training for lay responders to assist people suffering medical emergencies, both minor and major, until the ambulance arrives.

Upon completion of the course, participants will receive two-year certification

from the American Red Cross. Cost of the seven-hour class is \$45.

For information or to register call 541-432-0259.

#### Joseph January is all about dogs

January is all about dogs at Josephy Center in Joseph.

The art show in the main gallery, "Puppy Love," features photos and paintings of canine friends.

It opens 7 p.m. Jan. 6 with photographer Ellen Bishop as special guest.

The third week of the month is the Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog races.

Rene Fleming, veterinarian and veteran of some seri-

ous dog sled travel in Alaska, will be the featured speaker for the Brown Bag luncheon noon Jan. 9. She will talk about the "Serum Run" from Nenama to Nome, the 750-mile journey that inspired the original Iditarod.

The following Tuesday, Jan. 16 at noon, a musical interlude with Lauren Guthridge, an oboe and English horn player, will include a talk about making reeds for her oboe.

At noon Jan. 23, Morgan Anderson, a young musher, will talk about her experience here and elsewhere riding and driving dog sleds.

And at noon Jan. 30, Carol Vencill will present a program, "Dogs and Human: The Right Relationship."

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## Church Directory

**Wallowa United Methodist Church**

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102 West 1st Street, P.O. Box 53  
Wallowa, Or 97885

Leave Message at 541-432-9029

Worship at 9:00am  
Bible Study Mondays at 1:00pm at Senior Center, Wallowa, OR

**Church of Christ**

502 W. 2nd Street • Wallowa  
541-398-2509

Worship at 11 a.m.  
Mid-week  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

**St. Katherine's Catholic Church**

Fr. Francis Akano  
301 E. Garfield Enterprise  
**Mass Schedule**  
Tues-Fri 8:00 am  
Saturdays 5:30pm Sundays 10:30am  
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stkatherineenterprise.org  
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**Joseph United Methodist Church**

3rd & Lake St. • Joseph  
**Pastor Cherie Dearth**  
Phone: 541-432-3102  
**Sunday Worship Service**  
10:00 am

JosephUMC.org

**Enterprise Christian Church**

85035 Joseph Hwy • (541) 426-3449

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Pastor Tim Barton  
wallowaassemblyofgod.com

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church**

100 NE 3rd St, Enterprise  
NE 3rd & Main St

541-426-3439  
Worship Service  
Sunday 9:30am

**Summit Church**

Gospel Centered Community  
Service time: 10:30 am  
Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise  
541-426-2150  
www.summitchurchoregon.org

**Faith Lutheran Church**

409 W. Main  
Enterprise, Oregon  
**Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 2 pm**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays - 11 am**  
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Pastor Terry Tollefson  
Church Office: 541-263-0505  
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