



THREE minutes with ...



RON JETT

Law enforcement, retired

"There's nothing Ron can't do," says Trudy Jett, wife of Ron.

Ron Jett, 74, of Joseph was born in Cushing, Okla., on his grandma's back porch. He was the second of three children.

His dad was in the oil business, and his mother was a banker.

He loved small-town Oklahoma, graduated from Hominy High School and went into the military. He worked for American Airlines until 1966 when he departed for the Marshall Islands to work on aircraft for Global Associates.

His next chapter was in law enforcement — he spent nine and a half years with the California Highway Patrol, where his extended family's obsession with big road bikes came in handy.

During that time, in 1969, he went on a blind date with a very pretty blonde gal — and married her a year later.

Ron and Trudy have a daughter, Chantay Jett of Enterprise. They stayed in California until Chantay was seven, but even though they lived in a small, unincorporated area, the crime in California was scary. Wallowa County was recommended.

Halfway down Minam Grade the fog lifted and they saw a herd of elk and deer and Ron said, "Okay, this is more like it."

Eventually Wallowa County Sheriff Jody Williamson offered him a job as a resident deputy.

The difference between law enforcement in California and deputy in Joseph was "like dying and going to heaven," he said.

He became undersheriff a year later and stayed in that position for 12 years before becoming sheriff in 1996.

Trudy, who was working as a UPS driver, had her legs crushed in a horrific accident in 1996, resulting in three years on crutches and 20 years of yearly operations.

After four years as sheriff while simultaneously taking care of Trudy, Ron retired.

Trudy is able to walk again. She's an avid cook and home food preserver and loves to give back to her community. Ron and Trudy can be counted on to help neighbors and also write checks for the Center for Wellness, the food bank, Joseph High School and many more nonprofits in the area.

Q. Sounds like you fell in love at first sight with Wallowa County. What are the best qualities of the county?

A. We came for a better life for our child — we knew we had made the right choice when our daughter walked home from school with a friend and said, "Mamma, no one was mean to me." Wallowa County reminds me so much of where I grew up. Big cities are not what they're cracked up to be — too many rats in the shoe box.

Q. What has Wallowa County taught you?

A. With honesty, integrity and hard work you can make it in Wallowa County. The people are gold here. These people are genuine. These people give back — everyone gives here.

Q. What was the first book you can recall checking out from the library for yourself, and can you recommend a book you've read recently?

A. Do you know how many years ago that was? I recall a book that struck me and taught me you could do anything you set your mind to: "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" by Richard Bach. A recent book I really liked was "The Story of Beautiful Girl," by Rachel Simon. Trudy read that aloud to me. Both books are either available or available by order at The Bookloft in Enterprise.

IN BRIEF

Preparedness session March 1

A session, "What If? Disaster Preparedness in Wallowa County," will be 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

The program, presented by Stacey Karvoski, is part of The Big Read, sponsored by Fishtrap.

In the novel "Station Eleven," this year's Big Read selection, a flu pandemic

sweeps across the world. The story underlines how being prepared is essential in the face of calamity.

Karvoski is risk manager for Wallowa Memorial Hospital. She works to train hospital staff in the event of any number of disasters including the loss of electricity, water, weather events and attacks.

Salute to the Olympics coming

Building Healthy Families invites children from across the community to come out and help celebrate the 2018 Win-

ter Olympics. A program is planned 1 p.m. Friday, March 2, at 207 NE Park St., Enterprise.

Games and activities as well as an award ceremony and Olympic snacks will be offered. Learn about geography, sports, math, teamwork and try your hand at Olympic events and crafts.

RSVP requested before Feb. 28, Call 541-426-9411.

Volunteers for Maxville sought

Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center, newly affiliated with The Smithsonian Insti-

tution, is on the hunt for volunteers for its visitor center in Joseph, its office and the annual Maxville Gathering, conducted in conjunction with Wallowa Resources' Watershed Festival.

An orientation for prospective volunteers will take place 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the organization's visitor center, 103 N. Main St., Joseph. A baked-potato bar and refreshments will be available as leaders outline the benefits of volunteering.

Volunteer opportunities include greeting and guiding visitors, conserving historic artifacts, gift shop staffing, posting on social media and "Brawny Team" work and food service for the gathering.

"We are looking for volun-

teers interested in local history, logging, railroading, the arts, roots music, diversity, equity, inclusion or community service," said Gwen Trice, Maxville Heritage founder and executive director.

Trice will speak at the event along with current volunteers and Chuck Anderson, a board member and coordinator of Maxville Heritage's newly formalized volunteer program. Training will be provided for all volunteers, Anderson noted, and flexible scheduling will meet each volunteer's needs.

Land trust plans for open house

Wallowa Land Trust will host an open house to share its

recently completed conservation plan. The plan was over a year in the making and is the result of extensive community input.

The event is at the South Fork Grange, 317 Rosewell Street, Lostine, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7

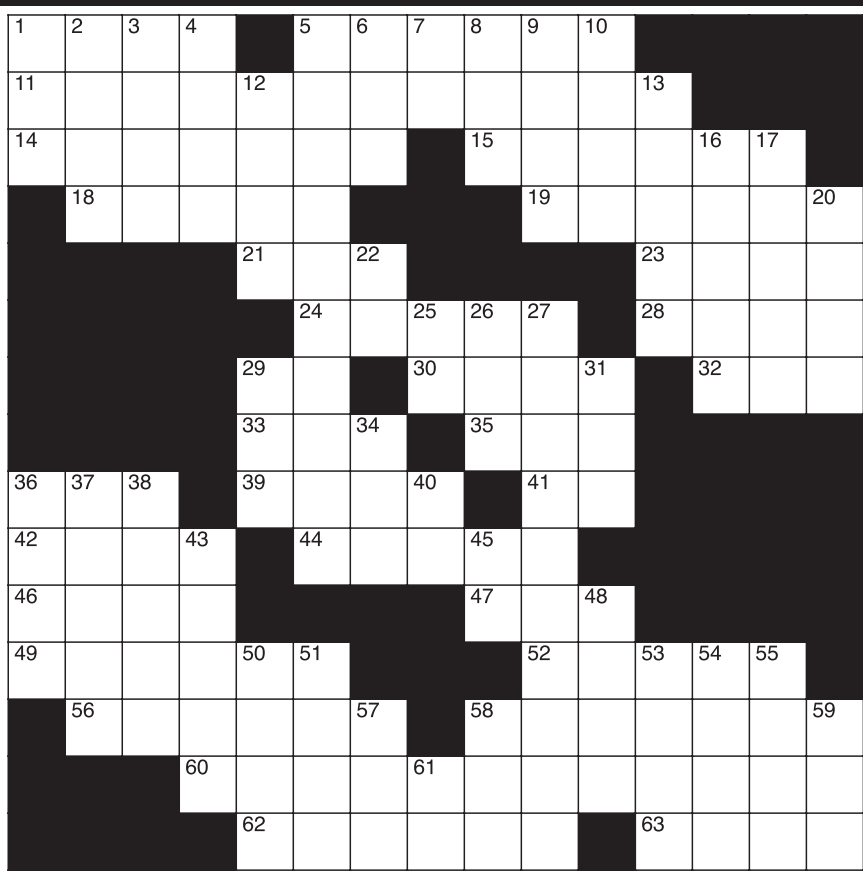
"The Plan outlines our collective vision for Wallowa County and will serve as our roadmap for the future," said Wallowa Land Trust Conservation Program Director Eric Greenwell. "It helps us identify areas of highest importance and conservation value, essentially pinpointing where we can focus our efforts for the most community benefit."

The plan is designed to meet community conservation needs by increasing the pace and scale of conservation in the County; identifying the priority places that support a vibrant agricultural economy, functioning ecosystems and healthy communities; deciding when and where Wallowa Land Trust will commit their resources; identifying how the trust's work fits into larger conservation and community priorities; and increasing the public's confidence in Wallowa Land Trust.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Emperor of Russia
- Abounding in rocks
- Increase in speed
- Music app
- Not nice
- Tables (Span.)
- Decomposes
- ___ student: learns healing
- Nursemaid
- Joke-teller
- Male parent
- Group of countries (abbr.)
- "Rambling Rose" actor Lukas
- Midway between south and southwest
- Cartoon Network (abbr.)
- Peacock network
- Principal ethnic group of China
- Made of fermented honey and water
- Exclamation of surprise
- Evaluates skill or knowledge
- Stage in ecological succession
- Ethnic group of SE Asia
- Not small
- A cat is one
- Broken piece
- French president
- Artist's workroom
- Ability to apply knowledge and skills
- Visually stunning
- Ancient region south of Dead Sea

CLUES DOWN

- Used to pour beer
- Con game
- Skin disorder

- Communists (slang)
- Subjects to hostility
- A major division of geological time
- Hitting statistic (abbr.)
- British thermal unit
- Influential envoy to Woodrow Wilson
- Fits on neck of animal
- Fertile soil
- Type of battery
- Khoikhoi peoples
- Consist of two parts
- Small group of trees
- Execute or perform
- Millihenry
- 007's creator
- Associated with esoteric doctrine
- Electronic countermeasures
- Schenectady County Airport
- No (Scottish)
- Position of leadership
- Statement
- Raccoons belong to this genus
- One who diagnoses
- True mosses
- Blood type
- Albanian
- Emergency response notification system
- College reservists
- Away from wind
- Tough outer layer
- Art __, around 1920
- Born of
- The greatest of all time
- Georgia rockers
- Natural logarithm

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Mid-week
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stkatherineenterprise.org
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3rd & Lake St. • Joseph
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Phone: 541-432-3102
Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am
JosephUMC.org

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85035 Joseph Hwy • (541) 426-3449
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Evening Worship at 6 p.m.
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David Bruce, Sr. - Minister

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Discussion Group 9:30 AM
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Childrens program during service
Blog: dancingforth.blogspot.com
541.398.0597
Hwy 82, Lostine
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Wallowa Assembly of God

606 West Hwy 82
Wallowa, Oregon
541-886-8445
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Pastor Tim Barton
wallowaassemblyofgod.com

Wallowa United Methodist Church

Kaye Garver - Pastor
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Wallowa, Or 97885
Leave Message at 541-432-9029
Worship at 9:00am
Bible Study Mondays at 1:00pm at
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100 NE 3rd St, Enterprise
NE 3rd & Main St
541-426-3439
Worship Service
Sunday 9:30am

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Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise
541-426-2150
Interim Pastor: Rich Hagenbaugh

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Lostine

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