



THREE minutes with ...



KENNY KNIFONG

Electrician

Kenny Knifong, 48, of Enterprise likes to spend time each day in nature — and with a herd of elk if possible. So, it's no wonder he didn't really like living in the big city when he tried it.

Knifong graduated from Enterprise High in 1989 and went on to Blue Mountain Community College with plans to become a fish and wildlife biologist. He put in three years before he decided he just didn't like the policy and procedure approach to life and decided to come back to Wallowa County.

He worked as a logger and in construction before deciding to go into the family business, Ern's Electric, as an electrician.

Union rules required him to get his journeyman in a bigger shop, so it was off to Portland with a logging job on the side in 1995. It only took him four to five months to realize he wasn't going to like living in Portland.

Shortly after putting in his two-weeks notice at Laughlin Logging Co. in Yamhill, a 140-foot log took a wild swing in steep country and crushed his right leg.

The return to Wallowa County was put off for a year of living out of the hospital. Thirty-five operations and several infections later, he still walks with a brace, but pretty much through sheer stubbornness, he's back in the county and in the family business, now called Knifong's Electric, as planned.

He met his wife, Enterprise school teacher Colby, in 1998 at a football game and the two married in 1999 and have two children Kenisen, 16, and Kellan, 11.

Despite continued limitations in his leg, Knifong still manages to hike and hunt in the high country, packing in with mules and horses and participating in several hunts.

He and the rest of the family just returned from a "once in a lifetime" adventure "down under" when Colby swapped places with an Australian teacher for a year.

Kenny was able to work at several jobs during the year in Australia, as well.

The family business contributes regularly to many charities and fundraisers including the Enterprise Education Foundation, 4-H and FFA, the Wallowa County Fair and many school projects.

Q. Why were you so keen to come back to Wallowa County?

A. I'm a mountain guy and you can't buy that view there. It's just the way of living up here — just good, honest, hard-working people. I can't think of a better place to raise a young family.

Q. What has Wallowa County taught you?

A. The value of a hard day's work. And, you're only as good as your handshake. I get frustrated with writing contracts — I want to go back to shaking someone's hand and looking them in the eye.

Q. Can you remember the first book you checked out of the library for yourself, and can you recommend a book you've read recently?

A. I can remember a favorite book: "A River Runs Through It" by Norman Maclean. A recent book I can recommend is "American Sniper" about U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, the most decorated sniper ever. I can also recommend "The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America" by Timothy Egan about the 1910 fires that burned so much of Washington, Idaho and Montana. (All titles are available at The Bookloft).

IN BRIEF

Safe babysitting session offered

Building Healthy Families

will host a babysitter training seminar, "Safesitter," 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 9 at the nonprofit's offices, 207 NE Park St., Enterprise.

There is no class fee; however, registration is required since the class size

is limited to 10.

The session is designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home along watching younger siblings or babysitting.

Students should bring a sack lunch. Register: 541-426-9411.

FOR THE RECORD

Feb. 19
4:16 p.m. — 911 call requesting directions to the hospital.

Feb. 20
3:27 p.m. — Motor vehicle crash reported in Enterprise.

Feb. 21
4:10 p.m. — Several 911 calls reporting a motor vehicle crash in rural Wallowa.

Feb. 22
11:42 a.m. — Animal neglect complaint in rural Enterprise.

Feb. 23
12:35 p.m. — Oregon statewide warrant from Community

Corrections issued for Justin Troy, 27, of Enterprise for probation violation. Original charge burglary I.

Feb. 24
12:26 p.m. — Negotiating a bad check reported in Joseph.

Feb. 25
12:43 p.m. — 911 call reporting a motor vehicle crash in rural Joseph.

Tunesmith Night is March 10 at Sugar Time Bakery in Enterprise

Wallowa Valley Music Alliance's Tunesmith Night for March will be 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Sugar Time Bakery, 107 North River Street, Enterprise.

The monthly showcase of original music features songwriters Lee Penn Sky, Carl Solomon and Auburn Isaak.

Sugar Time Bakery is a new venue for the event and provides a warm and cozy atmosphere.

Boise's Penn Sky has a poetic songwriting style that is deceptively simple, but the unadorned nature of his writing makes the songs all



Auburn



Solomon



Pen Sky

the more powerful. Sky has performed all around the Northwest.

Solomon hails from Portland and has been described as "The Weaver of New Americana Tales." Solomon crafts songs from his journey through life, from carnival barker to counselor to song-

writer, painting portraits of characters, real or imagined.

Isaak is a self-taught singer-songwriter from Joseph. She taught herself to play guitar, write songs, and sing at an early age. Isaak's newer music style has notes of R&B but she remains true to her acoustic folk roots.

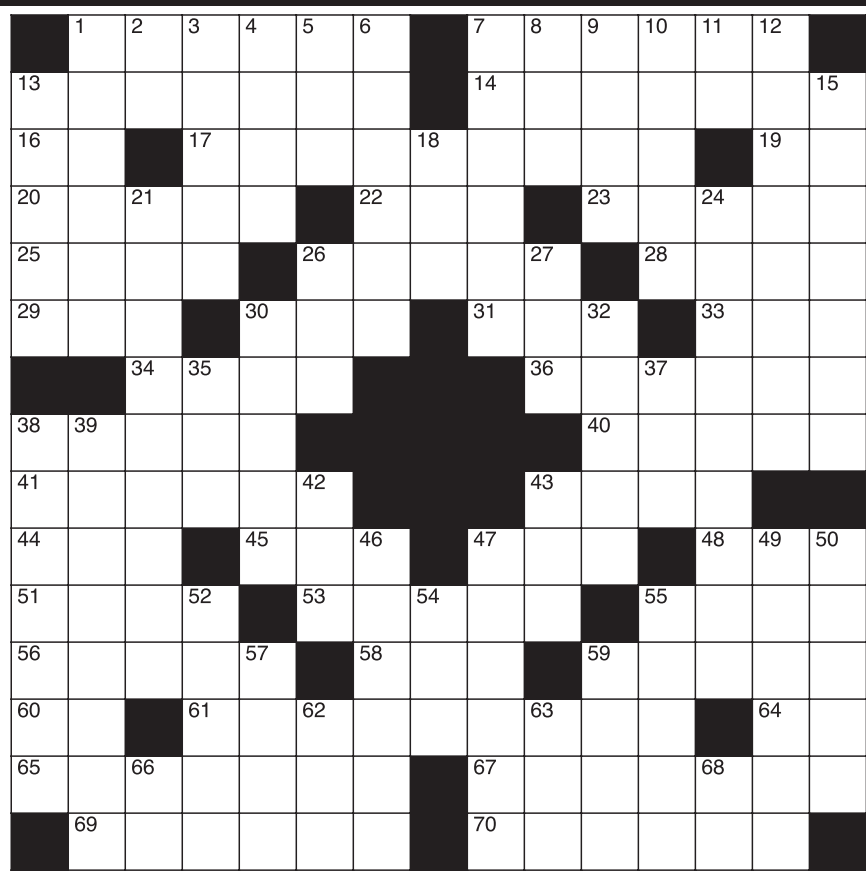
Tunesmith Night is presented in a round-robin format, with each musician playing a song, then the next taking a turn, creating an interesting and varied performance.

Admission is \$10 at the door or by season pass. All ages welcome. Sugar Time will have the kitchen open for soups and sandwiches, in addition to their usual sweet treats. You may bring your own adult beverages.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Shaded inner regions
- Overlapping part of a garment
- Type of smartphone
- Fall apart
- Football's big game (abbr.)
- Crocodylian reptile
- Of I
- Swamp plant
- Sun can help you get one
- Hops, ___ and jumps
- Cuckoos
- Small cavities in rocks
- American traitor
- Tooth caregiver
- Popular fish
- Ottoman military leader
- Anger
- Fish of the mackerel family
- Some people can't eat it
- Amer. Revolutionary War battle
- Misleading ads
- Atomic number 76
- A type of castle security
- Sunscreen rating
- Very fast airplane
- Vigor
- 007's creator
- ___ and that
- Indicating silence
- Brown and gray rail
- Nocturnal insects
- Make an incision
- Norwegian village
- Commercial
- Criminal
- Northeast
- Clouds of gas and dust in outer space
- Mysterious things
- One who won't be forgotten
- Starts over

CLUES DOWN

- Straighten
- Gives medical advice (abbr.)
- Touts
- One's job
- Afflict in mind or body
- Proofed
- Capital of Angola
- Social insect living in organized colonies
- Ones who are financially compensated
- Jacket
- Electron volt
- Tuned
- Syrian leader
- Reduces
- Congress' investigative arm
- Make uneasy
- A fake
- Any thick messy substance
- Goad
- Titan
- Continental Congress delegate for NY
- Peyton's younger brother
- Fiddler crab
- Delivers the mail
- Liliaceous plant
- Mountain Time
- Where wrestlers work
- Secured
- Dog breed
- Where rockers perform
- Nostrils
- Express doubt
- Pointer
- Slang for sergeant
- Selling at specially reduced prices
- Six (Spanish)
- Holds nonperishables
- Between northeast and east
- Exist
- Meitnerium



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