

Early fall lawn care pays off next spring

Though it feels like summer is over and fall is ramping up, if you are one of the many people battling pesky lawn weeds like bur buttercup and spotted knapweed, now is the time to start taking action against next year's weeds.

Early fall provides a great opportunity to over-seed lawns with perennial grasses that will soon germinate and grow robust root systems throughout the fall, winter and spring.

Late spring, these grasses will provide a thick groundcover that will out-compete noxious weeds and help to choke them out.



GUEST COLUMN

Ryan Oberhelman

Any mix of fescue, bluegrass and ryegrass works well for yards. I like to have all three in my mix.

Check the seed inspection date on the package. Use seed that is more than a year old, and you might as well be throwing money onto the ground.

Broadcast the seed across dry, thin and bare patches of your lawn generously. Adding fertilizer is essential, too. You can rake in the seed with a lawn rake if your topsoil is particularly compact.

Water! Water! Water!

The key to a successful seeding requires consistent and plentiful watering. Place a baking pan on a level spot in the middle of the yard to determine how much you are spraying over a given time. A quarter- to half-inch a day is adequate. Water at dusk to maximize the amount of water soaked into the soil and not lost to evaporation.

When fall rains begin to become more consistent and temperatures drop, stop watering. You may want to apply more fertilizer to assist in root growth around Halloween.

Next spring, when the emerging grass is at least two inches tall, you can start to think about herbicide and fertilizer treatments. And hopefully, next summer, your lawn will be thick with lush grass and weed-free.

Remember, weeds exist and thrive in places where we give them opportunity. Keeping landscapes filled with healthy perennial grasses is the best way to prevent the arrival and spread of noxious weeds.

As always, the Wallowa County Vegetation Department is available to provide consultation and financial assistance for weed control. Thank you for doing your part to fight the spread of noxious weeds.

Ryan Oberhelman is Wallowa County Vegetation Manager.

MAKING TRACKS



Paul Wahl/Chieftain

Wallowa Lake Park Ranger Patricia Bass shows off castings of animal hooves for around 40 children and parents gathered at Building Healthy Families Friday. Her program on pelts, skulls, foot prints and more will reprise at Building Healthy Families 10 a.m., Oct. 22.

IN BRIEF

Dinner Under the Stars hits \$14K

A large crowd enjoyed fine weather for the Friends of the Wallowa School District "Dinner Under the Stars" Sept. 15, at the Tamkaliks Pow Wow grounds in Wallowa — and between them they raised more than \$14,000.

Of that amount, \$2,375, donated by more than 25 individuals,

was raised for the family of eighth-grader Justin Bales, son of Kim and Scott West, for his medical bills.

Another highlight was the sale of a steel wildlife sign that had been plasma cut in the FFA shop. The sign was sold and then two more wildlife signs, to be cut later, were sold to other bidders.

The Friends expect to clear approximately \$10,000 after expenses.

Most of the money from Evening Under the Stars goes to support the Wallowa FFA program, and organizers tap the auctioneering talents of Dave Yost, former longtime adviser of Joseph FFA. Yost reminded

the crowd that because of his recent move to the lower valley, he had become a "local."

Buried 'treasure' is no windfall

Wellens Farwell Inc. has found buried treasure under the foundations of the old Enterprise City Hall and Fire Station earlier this month during demolition — but the treasure cost the city money instead of netting any.

Three fuel tanks buried under the existing concrete slab were discovered. The tanks were partially full of an oil substance and had leaked into surrounding soils, requir-

ing the soil be tested for contamination and removed to a DEQ-approved dump site.

As a result, the city had a new bill of \$52,761 of which their insurance paid only \$25,000.

The additional \$27,761 was paid out of the Fire Hall and City Hall sinking fund.

Peace session coming Sept. 23

A program, "Tools for Peace for Our Community," will be 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 at Joseph Center in Joseph.

The event begins with a social time, followed by a video presentation "Better Angels," a demonstration inspired by non-violent communication and discussion and another program, "Finding Peace Within Us."

The evening will conclude with a potluck dinner and another video, followed by closing music.

The public is invited to attend. Bring a dish to pass.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A greeting
5. A type of hall
9. Planes need one
11. Wealth
13. The act of exciting
15. A movement downward
16. Type of storage
17. A funny and sad play
19. After cinco
21. Dry white Italian wine
22. Where golfers begin
23. Witnesses
25. Relaxing places
26. Of she
27. Discontinued compact car
29. Resulted
31. Large Irish castle
33. Offer for a price
34. One type is Irish
36. Free-swimming invertebrate
38. A type of tale
39. The middle of the month
41. Christmas
43. '___ death do us part
44. Goes with Gomorrah
46. Ethnic group of Thailand
48. "Grown Ups" funnyman
52. A type of index
53. A mass of rocks
54. Splashed
56. Kids' playground necessities
57. Sears and London are two
58. Strip of cloth
59. Church

CLUES DOWN

1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
2. Deliberately contrary events
3. Unit of mass
4. Kiln
5. Soybean paste
6. Electronic counter-countermeasures
7. Made the bed
8. One who mails
9. Bar bills
10. Automotive vehicles
11. Breaks
12. Swelling of the eyelid
14. Asian country
15. Couches
18. Stare with mouth wide open
20. Member of U.S. Navy
24. A sulk
26. Greetings
28. Craftsmen
30. Mongolian city ___ Bator
32. Did again
34. Sunrooms
35. Start over
37. Georgians love them
38. Women
40. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
42. Pariahs
43. Caps
45. Gradually become less solid
47. Goats
49. French city Le ___
50. Exhale
51. Homes have at least one
55. Type of power cable

Church Directory

<p>Church of Christ</p> <p>502 W. 2nd Street • Wallowa 541-398-2509</p> <p>Worship at 11 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Grace Lutheran Church</p> <p>409 West Main -Enterprise 541-426-4633</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 9/2 & 9/16—Communion Worship @ 2 PM 9/9 & 9/23—Worship @ 9 AM Mission Project: Harvest Food Drive for Food Bank phone (message): 541-426-4633 web: gracelutheranenterprise.com</p>
<p>St. Katherine's Catholic Church</p> <p>Fr. Thomas Pudupulliparamban 301 E. Garfield Enterprise</p> <p>Mass Schedule Sundays: St. Pius X, Wallowa - 8:00 am St. Katherine of Siena, Enterprise 10:30am Saturdays: St. Katherine of Siena, Enterprise 5:30am Weekday: St. Katherine of Siena, Enterprise - 8:00am (Monday - Thursday and First Friday) All are welcome</p>	<p>St. Patrick's Episcopal Church</p> <p>100 NE 3rd St, Enterprise NE 3rd & Main St 541-426-3439 Worship Service Sunday 9:30am</p>
<p>Joseph United Methodist Church</p> <p>3rd & Lake St. • Joseph Pastor Cherie Dearth Phone: 541-432-3102 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am JosephUMC.org</p>	<p>Summit Church</p> <p>Gospel Centered Community Service time: 10:30 am Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise 541-426-2150 Interim Pastor: Rich Hagenbaugh www.summitchurchoregon.org</p>
<p>Enterprise Christian Church</p> <p>85035 Joseph Hwy • (541) 426-3449</p> <p>Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship at 6 p.m. (nursery at A.M. services) "Loving God & One Another" David Bruce, Sr. - Minister</p>	<p>Christ Covenant Church</p> <p>Pastor Terry Tollefson Church Office: 541-263-0505 Family Prayer: 9:30 AM Sunday School: 10 AM Worship Service: 11 AM 723 College Street Lostine</p>
<p>Lostine Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Discussion Group 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Childrens program during service Blog: dancingforth.blogspot.com 541.398.0597 Hwy 82, Lostine Stephen Kliever, Minister</p>	<p>Enterprise Community Congregational Church</p> <p>The Big Brown Church with an open door Pastor Archie Hook Sunday Worship 11am Bible Study 9:30am Ark Angels Children's Program Ages 4-6th grade, 11am Nursery for children 3 & under 301 NE First St. • Enterprise, OR Find us on Facebook! 541.426.3044</p>
<p>Wallowa Assembly of God</p> <p>606 West Hwy 82 Wallowa, Oregon 541-886-8445 Sunday School • 9:30 Worship Service • 10:45 Pastor Tim Barton wallowaassemblyofgod.com</p>	<p>Seventh-Day Adventist Church & School</p> <p>305 Wagner (near the Cemetery) P.O. Box N, Enterprise, OR 97828 541-426-3751 Church 541-426-8339 School Worship Services Sabbath School 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Worship Hour 11:00 a.m. - Noon Pastor Jonathan DeWeber</p>

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Births

Ason, Riffin Eugene Denton, was born July 19, 2018 in Walla Walla to Dustin and Jessica Denton of Pendleton. Grandparents are Renee & John Sheehy, Teresa & Kelly Fisher, and Robert & Heidi Denton.

Ason, Axl Aaron Cham Hauxwell, was born September 7, 2018 in Enterprise to Troy and Mallory Hauxwell of Enterprise. Grandparents are Kelly Light, Jason Light, Panky Hauxwell and Ken Hauxwell.

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