THREE minutes with ...

BRYCE LEGGETT

Chef

Bryce Leggett was born in Seattle in 1987 to Ame and Rocky Leggett. He is the third of four siblings. The entire family moved to Wallowa in 1990 when mom, Ame, got a job with Coleman and Chrisman Insurance and dad, Rocky, got a job as custodian at Wallowa Valley Memorial Hospital.

Bryce attended school in Wallowa, and graduated in 2006. He pursued a passion for cooking by attending the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts at Western Culinary Institute in Portland where he became a pastry chef.

After graduation, he returned to Wallowa County and worked at a variety of places — Cloud 9 Bakery, Mad Mary's and the Methodist Church Camp — before settling in as the head chef for Community Connection making senior meals.

"I enjoy it," he said. "This is a great position to have."

Bryce enjoys walks with his dog, Sirius, working puzzles, fishing and — most of all— acting. He has appeared in more than a dozen plays with MidValley Theatre Co.

"When we moved to the county, we went and saw a play and my family got hooked," he said.

His brothers, mother and father are all part of the group.

Q. Why live in Wallowa County?

A. I say that the big reason for me to stay is that I haven't had a job that would support me elsewhere — but maybe I'm just more comfortable being close to home. I don't really care for the city. Wallowa County is what I know, and a slower pace is easy. I like the mountains. I can pretty much find what I need here.

Q. What has Wallowa County taught you?

A. Maybe that I'm an easy going, slow going person — maybe that's just who I am. I prefer it that way. Wallowa County is an easy going place and you can take your time to decide what you're going to do or how to handle things.

Q. Can you recall a book you read when you were a child that really impressed you? And can you recommend a book you've read recently?

A. One series of books I really enjoyed was "The Magic Tree House" by Mary Pope Osborne. The kids in the story went into a magic tree house and started reading a book and became part of the story. I enjoyed the second-hand adventure. As a kid I would think "Oh, That Would be Fun to do That!" (The books were a series of 55 stories beginning with 28 books for children 6-9 years and another 27 books for children 7-10 years).

I like Rick Riordan as an author, too. I recently read "Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard" by Riordan. It's a kids-style book, an easy read and fun to do. Disney Publishing Worldwide publishes the fantasy trilogy.

MidValley Theatre Co. losing its performance, storage venue

Church is repurposing Lostine facility

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

After nearly two decades, MidValley Theatre Co. is about to reinvent itself. They've had a long run — 14 years in the Providence Academy gymnasium in Lostine, but the church that owns the facility has other plans for the space.

"We kind of defied the odds," said theatre spokesperson Jennifer Hobbs. "It shouldn't be possible for this group to have done what we've done on the incredibly low funds we have and in the circumstances we have, but it's been great. Everyone who has performed, including kids, has gotten tremendous enjoyment out of it."

Past productions included the ambitious staging of the 30-kid cast "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," "The Music Man" (58-member cast) "The Miracle Worker," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Diary of Anne Frank," "Cheaper by the Dozen," "The Egg and I," "I Remember Mama," "Desperate Ambrose" and many more. While the size of casts in near-future productions may be smaller to accommodate new set design requirements, no drop in public support is anticipated.

"We're definitely viewing this as an opportunity moving forward," said Hobbs. "We don't feel we're at risk of stopping, we're just at a spot where we have to make choices."

The group has already done plays in the OK Theatre and the Enterprise Odd Fellows Hall — choosing plays with minimal sets that are easy to produce and rehearsals were held in the basement of the Lostine Presbyterian Church.

"We'll be trying to be light on our feet, build light, like the set for 'Our Town' that was set up at OK Theatre," Hobbs said.

The group is actively seeking community input about where they might establish a permanent rehearsal and performance venue and where they might store their several-container-loads of equipment and costumes.

But the show must go on.

Long-term, the group would like to have a facility of its own.

"Theoretically, a community this size could support that," said Hobbs.

She has a folder of potential grant sources and is positive about the group's chances with grants.

"It's a challenge, but a worthy one," Hobbs said. "We're trying to create something that fits nicely within the rest of the art movements in the community. We've worked collaboratively with Fishtrap, for instance."

However, to qualify for grants, groups generally need a permanent homes, an address of a theatre, to begin the application process.

Community members with ideas, suggestions, or wanting to volunteer to help may contact Hobbs at jhobbs@eoni.com or visit the group's facebook page.

"Maybe a solution we haven't even thought of will pop out of the woodwork," said Hobbs.

To donate to the cause, send tax-deductible donations to MidValley Theatre Co., 64707 Lostine River Road, Lostine OR 97857 and label it for the "New Theater Fund."

The company is also listed at bit.ly/2NyW22U.

NEXT PRODUCTION IN THE WORKS

To celebrate its past and transition, MidValley will produce a play that includes scenes from many previous shows. The play, titled "Encore." will include excerpts from many different sources, short sketches, songs and poems. Open auditions for the show will continue 6-8 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday evenings through Oct. 2 at the Lostine Presbyterian Church.

Info: Kate Loftus: 541-569-2302 or Jennifer Hobbs jhobbs@eoni.com.

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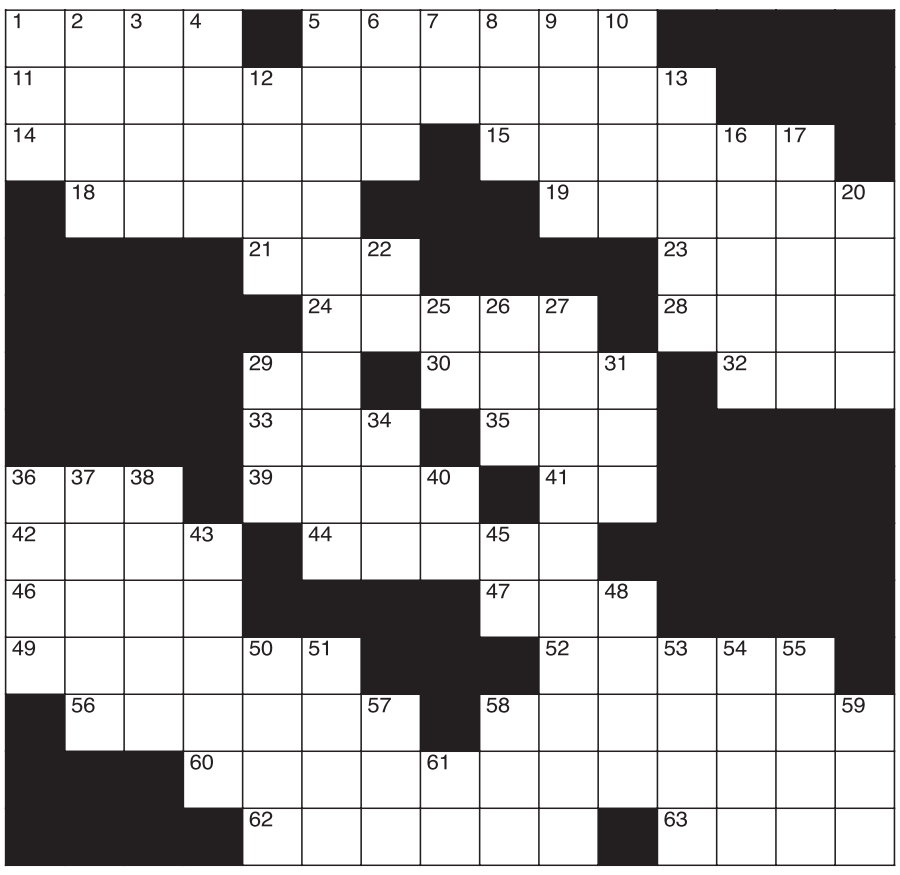

CLUES ACROSS

1. Relaxing places
5. Creepy crawler
11. Blacklisted artists
14. Fought for position
15. Outer layer of the eyeball
18. Gymnopedies composer
19. Membranes
21. Short-term memory
23. Comfort
24. Icelandic poems
28. Breezes through
29. In the general surface area
30. Replacement worker
32. Days have 24 of them (abbr.)
33. Bro or sis
35. Large, flightless bird
36. Future hovercraft
39. Complication
41. Core muscle
42. Electronic point of scale
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Skin problem
47. Slowly drink
49. Meaty part of a chicken
52. Bangladeshi currency
56. Shout
58. National capital
60. Word derived from a noun
62. Dances
63. A memorable garden

CLUES DOWN

1. The woman
2. Leaders
3. "Sin City" actress Jessica
4. A type of machine
5. Enhancing an offer
6. Detachable aircraft unit
7. Priestess of Hera
8. Tooth caregiver
9. A way to engrave
10. Count on
12. Williamson Airfield code
13. Ancient Greek city
16. Range
17. Ancient Roman poet
20. Scottish tax
22. Doc
25. Bad grades
26. A great pitcher
27. Helpers
29. Former CIA
31. Guy (slang)
34. Actress Ling
36. One from the Balkans
37. Unofficially boxes
38. Mathematical ratio (abbr.)
40. Atomic # 64
43. Broken glass
45. Equally
48. Serbian currency
50. Envisions
51. Source of the Blue Nile
53. Leo's acting pal
54. Sour
55. What relief pitchers do
57. Ma
58. Spy organization
59. Monetary unit
61. Megabyte

Church Directory

Church of Christ
502 W. 2nd Street • Wallowa
541-398-2509
Worship at 11 a.m.
Mid-week
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
409 West Main -Enterprise
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
9/30—We worship at St. Patrick's at 9:30 AM
October—every Sunday at 9 AM
Mission Project:
Harvest Food Drive for Food Bank
phone (message): 541-426-4633
web: gracelutheranenterprise.com

St. Katherine's Catholic Church
Fr. Thomas Puduppulliparamban
301 E. Garfield Enterprise
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

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
100 NE 3rd St, Enterprise
NE 3rd & Main St
541-426-3439
Worship Service
Sunday 9:30am

Joseph United Methodist Church
3rd & Lake St. • Joseph
Pastor Cherie Dearth
Phone: 541-432-3102
Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am
JosephUMC.org

Summit Church
Gospel Centered Community
Service time: 10:30 am
Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise
541-426-2150
Interim Pastor: Rich Hagenbaugh
Summit Church
www.summitchurchoregon.org

Enterprise Christian Church
85035 Joseph Hwy • (541) 426-3449
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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

Christ Covenant Church
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

Lostine Presbyterian Church
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 Kliewer, Minister

Enterprise Community Congregational Church
The Big Brown Church with an open door
Pastor Archie Hook
Sunday Worship 11am
Bible Study 9:30am
Ark Angels Children's Program
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606 West Hwy 82
Wallowa, Oregon
541-886-8445
Sunday School • 9:30
Worship Service • 10:45
Pastor Tim Barton
wallowaassemblyofgod.com

Seventh-Day Adventist Church & School
305 Wagner (near the Cemetery)
P.O. Box N. Enterprise, OR 97828
541-426-3751 Church
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