

Josephy Exhibit honors Wallowa County's barns

By Steve Tool

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"Scenes from Wallowa Barn Tour Exhibit," which is connected with the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce barn tour, opened Oct. 6 at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture.

The center's last barn tour exhibit was around two years ago. The exhibit is the result of this year's barn tour brochure.

Josephy executive director Cheryl Coughlan said that two previous barn tour books had included 12 and 15 barns, respectively. The books associated with previous tours sold out, so Coughlan, a board member of the chamber, suggested resurrecting the idea.

Executive Director at Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce Vicki Searles agreed, and the two collected information and talked to landowners about including their barns on the tour. Searles wrote



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Ellen Bishop's "Riverview Dairy Barn" is part of the Josephy exhibit.

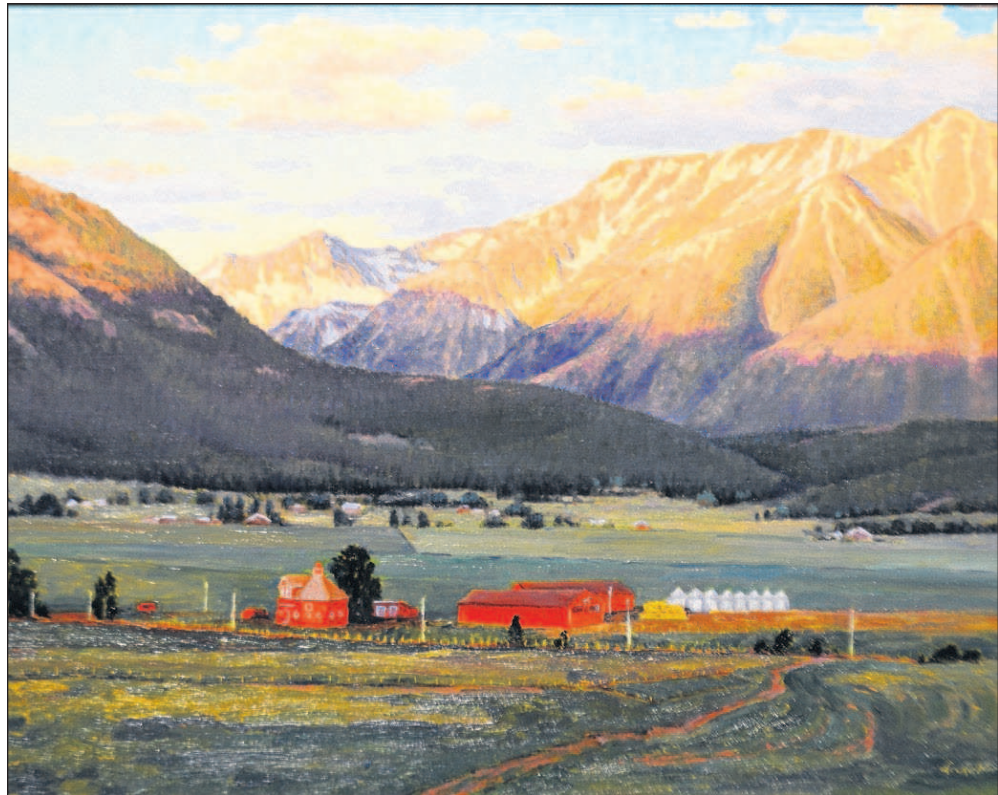
a grant to Travel Oregon to create a map of the barns and a video as well.

Coughlan also applied for a grant to cover the center's exhibit, although she hasn't learned its fate. Coughlan also wants to create a barn tour phone app that would work as a self-guided tour while explaining the histories and back-

ground of the various barns.

Over the summer, the center and the chamber invited artists to tour the area's barns and create a work for the exhibit, a compilation of photographs, paintings and drawings, which runs through Dec. 4.

Around 20 regional artists are represented in the exhibit with 45-50 pieces on display.



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This oil painting, "Triple Creek Ranch Sunrise," received considerable attention at the opening of the Josephy Center exhibit, "Scenes from Wallowa County Barn Tour."

'Real deal' cowboy singer coming to OK Theatre

Forrest Van Tuyl will open the show at 7 p.m.

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If western music, or any kind of music played and sung well, is your thing, Dave Stamey just might be your ticket. The California-based singer of all things western will ply his musical wares on the OK Theatre stage Oct. 17.

Stamey who actually worked as a buckaroo, wrangled dudes and spent time as a mule packer, came by his music honestly and reaped the rewards — six times voted the Entertainer of the Year and five times Songwriter of the Year by the Western Music Association.

In 2016, the Western Music Hall of Fame voted him in. He also has earned the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists.

OK Theatre owner Darrell Brann said he got wind of Stamey through Enterprise Police Department Chief Joel Fish.

"He'd heard we had other acts like Riders in the Sky, and he asked me if I'd be willing to have Dave Stamey," Brann said.

Although the theater owner had heard of Stamey, that was



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It took OK Theatre owner Darrell Brann nearly two years to land western music legend Dave Stamey.

about it, so he did a YouTube investigation and liked what he saw and heard. He began to correspond with the singer about two years ago, trying to come up with a date.

"Last year about this time we honed in on October 2018, and he made it work," Brann said.

Local western singer-song-

writer extraordinaire An American Forrest (Forrest Van Tuyl) will open for Stamey. Brann said Van Tuyl was excited for the opportunity.

"Stamey is one of his heroes, and I didn't know that until I booked him and told Forrest," he said. "I asked him if he wanted to open and he said, 'Are you kidding?' It was

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OK Theatre owner

great to be able to offer that to him."

Now that the performance time is drawing near and Brann has been exposed to more of Stamey's music, he'd like to see the show sell out.

"I'm getting excited," he said. "I've listened to some of

his songs, and he's got some great, very clever, stuff."

The event may be a sell-out. The OK Theatre is at 208 W. Main St. in Enterprise. The

show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and available at eventbrite.com for the same price with a small handling fee added.

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