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Wallowa County Pilots Association Vice-President Bill Ables; Joseph Charter High School teacher Toby Koehn; senior Kana Oliver; and NEOAF Secretary Bill Hall.

Joseph senior wins aviation scholarship at pilots dinner

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The Wallowa County Pilots Association celebrated its sixth annual banquet dinner on Sunday, January 20, at the historic Wallowa Lake Lodge. It was a night of collaborative celebration with the Northeastern Oregon Aviation Foundation.

For these dedicated aviators, there is so much more to this banquet than sharing their passion for flight. The night also honors the students, educators and pilots involved in the Foundation's mission to advance aviation education in Wallowa County schools.

Joseph Charter School senior Kana Oliver was awarded with not one, but two scholarship awards for her efforts in promoting

and developing the Foundation's collaborative program with the school.

In front of an impressive turnout of 86 pilots, families, classmates, and friends, Oliver received her award totaling \$7,850. In its six years hosting the banquet, the pilots association has never seen such a large show of support.

Steven Locke, the Foundation's education liaison explained the goal is to "promote STEM education through the lens of aviation, promote post-secondary education and career opportunities, and community revitalization and development in Wallowa County and eastern Oregon."

Joseph Charter School began its partnership with the Foundation in 2016, providing a unique opportunity for exciting curricu-

lum for rural Oregon students. More than just an introduction pilot training, which according to Locke was not among the "most important aspects of the program." Rather, he explained that the Foundation and Joseph teacher Toby Kohen preferred to emphasize "organization of the program, documenting progress, public relations, and fundraising."

Oliver herself became interested in much more than just becoming a pilot. Locke recalls her first flight and noted that she really came into herself as "she became instrumental in helping to create a whole new STEM education ... program for Joseph Charter School students."

The course is offered to 14 Joseph students, each of whom was motivated for a

variety of reasons. A video from the Foundation's website posts some words from the 2016-2017 class. Swedish exchange student, Anna Ytander, said, "I'm taking this class because we don't have this in Sweden so it would be a fun opportunity to try something new." Tyler Homan joined "to learn more about the science of flight and how aviation works." Each of the students seem to recognize and appreciate the unique value that the program brings to Wallowa County.

The next steps for NEOAF are to develop plans "on working through the local schools and community organization to promote aviation, aviation technology, and a regional education center in Eastern Oregon," according to Locke.

Tunesmith Night lineup Feb. 9

The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance presents another edition of Tunesmith Night, a monthly showcase of original music.

The Saturday, Feb. 9 show features songwriters Bart Budwig, Heidi Muller and Mike Mallory. Venue is Sugar Time Bakery, located in the Burnaugh Building on North River Street and provides the perfect atmosphere for our listening audience.

Bart Budwig has become a valued asset to the music scene in Wallowa County, and his reputation goes far beyond our local community. This quote from American Standard Time paints a good likeness: "Sometimes when Bart sings, I forget what we're talking about. I'm sure he knows though. I trust him. He sounds like John Prine, plays like Hoyt Axton, and looks like well...Bart Budwig. He's a cosmic country lawn gnome. He's cherubic, cheery, and an old soul. Songs spring from the dreams of his noon day naps, and punch the keys of his typewriter above the OK Theater in Enterprise, Oregon. When words won't take, he calls 'em in with a bugle of his trumpet, or a strum of soothing guitar."

Heidi Muller is an award-winning songwriter, guitarist and mountain dulcimer player from Joseph. She is known for her song "Good Road" that has been the theme song of Northwest Public Radio's Inland Folk show since 1989. A part of the Seattle music scene of the '80's and 90's, she toured nationally and was a Kerrville New Folk finalist. She later moved back east and met her partner Bob Webb from West Virginia, where she worked as an artist-in-residence and music instructor until they moved to Wallowa County in 2012. Heidi has recorded nine CDs, including four with Bob. She writes songs of place and story songs, and sometimes peers into the life of cats, ticks, and the night sky. For more information, please visit www.heidimuller.com.

For Mike Mallory, the



Heidi Muller



Bart Budwig

song is the thing. Mallory has been playing music professionally since age 15. That would be since, 1968. Early on, he discovered the songs of Bob Dylan, Townes Van Zandt, Mississippi John Hurt and realized the songs were what spoke to him. He is comfortable strapping on his Telecaster and turning up to 11 or finger picking his acoustic trying to imitate Mississippi John. "That is the beauty of the players my age, we did not realize there was a division between acoustic and electric music," says Mallory, who is a member of the La Grande alt-country/Americana band The Wasteland Kings, along with vocal Kris Mallory who is lead vocalist and main songwriter for the group. This is Mallory's fifth appearance at Tunesmith Night.

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. Doors open at 6pm, music at 7pm, all ages welcome. Sugar Time will have the kitchen open for soups and sandwiches. Bring your own adult beverages.

FOR THE RECORD

JAN. 15
5:52 p.m. - Bryanna Hope Sheffield, 25, of Joseph was arrested by Wallowa County Sheriff's Office on a Wallowa Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear, Furnishing Alcohol to Person under 21 X 2. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

JAN. 16
5:24 a.m. - Victor Angelo Orosco Jr., 31, of Enterprise was arrested for Burglary I, Possession of Burglary Tool, Criminal Trespass II, Theft II, Criminal Mischief I. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.
9:44 a.m. - Theft reported in rural Joseph.

JAN. 17
7:52 a.m. - 911 reporting disturbance in Enterprise.
12:55 p.m. - Civil dispute reported in Enterprise.
3:05 p.m. - Theft reported in Joseph.
10:07 p.m. - Dog as a pub-

lic nuisance in rural Enterprise.
11:16 p.m. - 911 call for overturned vehicle in rural Wallowa.

JAN. 18
12:21 a.m. - Noise complaint in Enterprise.
5:14 p.m. - Entered a No Contact Release agreement.

JAN. 19
11:51 p.m. - Noise complaint in Enterprise.
12:02 p.m. - 911 call reporting vehicle hit and run, property damage in Enterprise.
3:20 p.m. - 911 report of a rock slide on Hwy. 3.

JAN. 20
12:43 a.m. - 12 hour prisoner hold for OSP.

JAN. 21
7:00 p.m. - 911 call for a Disturbance in Enterprise.
8:15 p.m. - Noise complaint in Enterprise.

JAN. 22
7:03 a.m. - 911 reporting flue fire in Enterprise.
7:58 a.m. - Theft reported

in Enterprise.
12:00 p.m. - Trespass complaint in Joseph.

9:03 p.m. - Katie Lyn Larson, 32, of Joseph was arrested by La Grande Police Dept. on a warrant for failure to appear. Subject was transported to Union County Jail and bailed out.

JAN. 23
4:20 a.m. - Wallowa County Sheriff's Office Community Corrections issued a warrant for Levi Westly-Albert Fine, 24, of Wallowa for Probation Violation. Original charge Assault of a Public Officer.
9:11 a.m. - Hit and run reported in Joseph.

JAN. 24
12:28 a.m. - Wallowa County Sheriff's Office Community Corrections issued a warrant for Joseph Troy Johnson, 32, of Wallowa for Probation Violation. Original charge Harass AG.
6:53 a.m. - Vehicle slid off Hwy 82, non injury. Rural Joseph.
8:40 a.m. - Criminal mis-

chief reported in rural Joseph.
1:49 p.m. - Custody dispute reported in Wallowa.

2:44 p.m. - Theft reported in Enterprise.

JAN. 25
1:47 a.m. - Joseph Troy Johnson, 32, of Wallowa was arrested on a warrant for Parole Violation by Umatilla Tribal Police.
3:04 p.m. - Felony and Misdemeanor Warrant issued for Jeremy Mitchell Hankey, 28, of Enterprise. Original charge Theft in the first degree and probation violation.
3:45 p.m. - Report of a missing gun in Enterprise.
4:47 p.m. - Report of fraud in Enterprise.

JAN. 26
3:17 a.m. - Traffic crash on Hwy 3, non injury.
5:53 p.m. - Driving com-

plaint in rural Wallowa.

JAN. 27
1:51 a.m. - Structure fire in Wallowa.
6:33 a.m. - 911 call reporting single MVA in rural

Wallowa.
2:48 p.m. - Lost .22 rifle in rural Enterprise.
6:42 p.m. - Civil dispute in Enterprise.
10:15 p.m. - Complaint of harassment in Joseph.



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