

Grants to Wallowa, Enterprise libraries fund books for youth

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Halcyon Mains, 7, settles in to read some of the Wallowa Public Library's new children's books, purchased with a \$3,000 grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant allowed the library to update its collection of fiction and non-fiction for both children's and young adult books.

Recently both the Enterprise and Wallowa Public Libraries received grants from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Both grants focused on updating children's and young adult book collections.

"It's very important to keep adding new material to children's and young adult books to keep them current and hold patron interest," said Ross Fuqua, a consultant at the State Library of Oregon who administered the grants.

Enterprise's \$2,600 grant supported purchase of young adult fiction and also non-fiction for younger readers. "We see a lot of use of these kinds of books," said Enterprise librarian Denine Rautenstrauch. Books added to the Enterprise shelves include "The Book of Chocolate," "Wild Horse Science" and "Fault Lines of the Constitution."

The Wallowa Public Library garnered a \$3,000 grant, more than its usual annual budget for all books, to update their collection of children's and young adult books. The new books are now on the shelves, and librarian Debbie Lind is inviting everyone to come see, and use, the new acquisitions.

"They are all current books that have literary merit," said Lind. "They're ready for readers to use."

The books include choices from the 2018 American Library Association Youth Media Awards and Honor books, recommenda-

tions of the 2018 American Indian Library Association Youth Literature Awards and Honors books, and the Bank Street Best Books of the Year, 2018.

In children's books, Lind's favorite is "Blue Ethel," a story about a cat who turns blue when she rolls on a sidewalk that children decorated using colored chalk, and then is teased by other cats. "By the end of the book, everyone is rolling in blue chalk, Lind said. It's a wonderful story with a

happy ending." "Mars One," a science fiction book, and "Backfield Boys," a football mystery, top her list of Young Adult reads.

"Mary Swanson at the Bookloft helped me choose the best books from the book award lists," Lind said. "Then she ordered them for us, and gave us a discount. So we really got about \$3,700 dollars worth of books for our \$3,000 grant, thanks to The Bookloft."

Swanson said she was happy to help both libraries

because "...these days there are a lot of other places to buy books. So I was glad to research, find, and order the books."

The Wallowa Public Library offers several programs for young readers. They include Story Time, led by retired Wallowa kindergarten teacher Carol Mock on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. "We have youngsters from toddlers to 8 or 9 year-olds attending," Lind said. This summer the library will offer a "Uni-

verse of Stories" summer reading program for children and youth, funded by a Ready to Read grant from

the Oregon State Library. The program will emphasize space and science fiction. It should start the week after school is out and continues for 7 weeks. The program offers prizes for reading achievements.

The Wallowa Library's website, www.galepages.com/wallowa offered many online services, Lind noted. "We have 'Library2Go,' through the galepages.com/wallowa website" she said. "On this website you can download e-books, reserve books and even renew books. More than 70 libraries participate. Technology keeps us all connected."

Finding the right website for the Wallowa Public Library can be confusing. What seems logical, www.wallowapubliclibrary.org, is not related to the library, according to Lind. It's an old site that does not provide any of the services offered by the correct, tech-savvy, whiz-bang Wallowa Public Library website which is www.galepages.com/wallowa

On a Google search for Wallowa Public Library, the galepages.com/wallowa site appears about fourth on the list, several entries below the unrelated wallowapubliclibrary.org site.

Economic relief may be its the way for Wallowa County

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
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Wallowa County may soon have more flexibility to pursue more creative ideas to revamp its local economy. But only if it wants it.

A proposal to allow industrial development outside cities in 10 Eastern Oregon counties has passed a key legislative committee without encountering opposition from farm and conservation advocates.

Senate Bill 2 would allow each of the counties — Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Sherman, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler — to designate up to 10 sites totaling 50 acres outside urban growth boundaries for "industrial uses or other employment uses."

Each designation would be based on an economic opportunity analysis and the development could not occur on high-value farmland or sage grouse habitat.

The Senate Committee

on Environment and Natural Resources recommended the bill for approval 3-1 during a Feb. 12 work session.

"It's totally local control. If the local people don't want it, they don't have to do it," said Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, during an earlier public hearing on the bill.

While SB 2 doesn't solve all the land use problems facing Eastern Oregon, the proposal "recognizes the incredible difference between Eastern Oregon and the Willamette Valley," where growth is more robust, said Sen. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario.

The legislation aims to provide flexibility for "very rural" parts of Oregon without harming the state's overall land use system, said Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem.

"I've heard about this and heard about this and heard about this. One size does not fit all," Courtney said.

Sen. Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay, said it's "remarkable" that groups with disparate interests

could reach a consensus on the proposal, even if it doesn't resolve every land use disagreement in Eastern Oregon.

"We've been looking for the solution to everything for 14 years and we've gotten nowhere at all," he said.

While studying the issue, a workgroup that crafted the proposal found rural counties often didn't have the planning staff or resources to guide large-scale development through the existing land use process, said Mary Kyle McCurdy, deputy director of the 1,000 Friends of Oregon conservation group.

These rural areas also came across development opportunities that weren't an easy fit under current land use laws and were too different to encompass with one legislative proposal,

McCurdy said.

Stakeholders reached an agreement on SB 2 "as kind of a pilot project" that "no one loves but perhaps we can all live with," she said.

Members of the Oregon Farm Bureau disagreed with the reasons for a lack of economic opportunity in Eastern Oregon but appreciated that SB 2 was kept "limited in scope" and the organization is neutral on the bill, said Jonathan Sandau, a government affairs specialist with the group.

Once a county designates 50 acres for industrial development under the bill, it cannot enlarge the footprint without another legislative change or an "exception" to Oregon's land use goals under existing law.

Chieftain editor Christian Ambrosion contributed to this report

Twelfth Annual Digital PHOTO Contest



Who can enter? All amateur photographers who live in Wallowa County either full-time or parttime, or who have ever vacationed in Wallowa County, are eligible. Exceptions: Members of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club and their immediate families may not submit entries. "Immediate family" includes only spouses, parent, and children. **Divisions:** Student Division (17 years and younger) and Adult Division (18 and older)

Public display of photos: All submitted photos will be displayed on the contest website as they are received. After judging, winning photos will be featured on the contest website, and as many winning and non-winning photos as space allows will be featured in the Chieftain's print edition. Selected winning and non-winning photos may also appear in the Chieftain's and the Photo Club's websites in the context of informing members of the public about the contest.

Awards: There will be two categories of awards.

1. The People's Choice awards for the most popular submitted photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division. Everyone can vote by browsing the Photo Club's contest web page and choosing their favorite Student Division photo and Adult Division photo. Prizes are \$40, \$20 and \$10, plus certificates.

2. Overall best photos, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each of the two divisions as determined by the judges. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates. Honorable Mentions may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Prizes for honorable mentions will be certificates.

The Wallowa Valley Photo Club is solely responsible for all awards.

Deadlines: Submissions to the contest may be made beginning Friday, March 1, 2019 and will be accepted through Saturday, March 23, 2019. Voting for the People's Choice award is from Sunday, March 24, 2019 through Sunday, April 7, 2019. Winners will be announced in the Wednesday April 17, 2019 issue of the Chieftain.

Submissions: All submissions must be digital - prints and slides are not accepted. However, prints and slides may be scanned and digital copies submitted. • Digital photos may be submitted via the contest online submission form or emailed to <https://wallowaphotocontest.org>.

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STUDENT of the WEEK

LEXIE GASSETT
Enterprise High School

Lexie has earned a cumulative 3.80 GPA in high school. She is a two year foreign language student, a four year Agricultural Sciences student while currently being involved in many leadership activities and classes. She has excelled in Science and English taking Anatomy, Chemistry, Advanced Placement Literature and Composition and College Writing 121 and 122. Thanks Lexie for the great example you set for our students at EHS and congratulations on a great high school career.

The Student of the Week is chosen for academic achievement and community involvement. Students are selected by the administrators of their respective schools.

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