



Enterprise Fire, Oregon State Police, and Wallowa County Sheriffs used Jaws of Life to rescue sheep from an overturned livestock truck near Enterprise at the junction of Crow Creek and Elk Mountain roads on May 21, 2019. The truck was transporting sheep from Pilot Rock back to the Oliver Wentz Ranch up Elk Mountain Road. The driver was hospitalized.

Photos by Ellen Morris Bishop



Sheep truck accident injures driver

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On Tuesday, May 21, a truck and double trailer hauling sheep from their winter and lambing quarters near Pilot Rock to the Wentz Ranch overturned on Elk Mountain Road near the junction of Crow Creek Road, about 5 miles south-

east of Enterprise. The truck and front trailer landed on their sides; the rear trailer tilted but remained upright.

The driver, Oliver Wentz, 83, was taken to Wallowa Memorial Hospital by Wallowa County Emergency Medical Services ambulance, and life-flighted to Boise with injuries that, according to his wife, Joanna,

included a broken leg and broken vertebrae in his neck. Wentz was released from the ICU there on Thursday, May 23rd, but will remain hospitalized. "The firefighters and everyone were wonderful. I'm so very grateful for them," Joanna said.

Enterprise Fire, Wallowa County Sheriff officers and Oregon State Police

responded along with the ambulance. They used the Jaws of Life to cut open the overturned trailer to rescue the sheep. Members of the Wentz family worked alongside firefighters to free the animals by clearing debris and fallen partitions from the trailer's interior. Firefighters had to carry some of the surviving, and very

shocked sheep to the outside of the trailer where they revived and ran, or sometimes bounded away from the truck. Sheep were also released from the more upright trailer. Neighbors, friends, and a few of their border collies helped keep the flock corralled and off the roadways.

Of the more than a hun-

dred sheep in the two trailers, only 15 ewes and 15 lambs perished in the accident. "It could have been a lot worse," said Trevor Wentz. "We got a lot of help from people here. And we brought two more truckloads of sheep home on Wednesday without any problems, so we have them all home now."

Farm Bureau needs calendar photos

Oregon Farm Bureau invites all photography enthusiasts to enter their best images of Oregon agriculture in the annual OFB Calendar Contest.

Twelve selected photographers will have their work featured as month images in the 2020 Oregon's Bounty Calendar.

The award-winning calendar celebrates all aspects of Oregon agriculture: the products, the people, the production, the landscape, the enjoyment, anything that depicts the beauty, technology, culture, enjoyment, or tradition of family farming and ranching.

"Spring is a fantastic time to look for photo opportunities within Oregon agriculture," said OFB Communications Director Anne Marie Moss. "Farmers markets are in full swing, fields are blooming, farmers are preparing for summer harvest, and young farm animals abound."

Horizontal-format, high-resolution images — both close-ups and panoramic views — are needed of all types of agriculture in all seasons.

Subject ideas include scenes from farmers markets, close-ups of ag products or crops in the field, planting and harvesting crops, panoramic scenes of farmland, people enjoying Oregon-grown ag products, portraits of farmers/ranchers/families, farm animals, state or county fairs, 4-H and FFA events, on-farm festivals, to name just a few.

Photographers with images selected for month pages in Oregon's Bounty will receive a photo credit in the 2020 calendar, which is mailed to 67,000 Farm Bureau members, and copies of the calendar. Every-

one who submits an image will receive a complimentary copy of the calendar (\$20 value), provided they include their mailing address.

The deadline for entries is Sept. 15, 2019.

Photographers do not need to be Farm Bureau members to participate and there is no limit to the number of photos that can be submitted.

Photo specifications and contest rules are attached and are at www.oregonfb.org/calendar.

The Oregon Farm Bureau calendar is mailed to 67,000 members around the state and thousands more are distributed throughout the year.

For more information and to see previous years of the Oregon's Bounty Calendar, visit www.oregonfb.org/calendar.

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Chief Joseph bronze gets new lease on life



Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Chief Joseph bronze located at the corner of Main Street and Joseph Avenue in Joseph, is sporting a new look thanks to a Wildhorse Foundation Grant submitted by Joseph Chamber of Commerce member, Mike Lockhart.

Valley Bronze of Joseph was chosen for the refurbishment, which was essentially

removing and applying a patina to the monument.

The foundry removed and replaced the bronze with a forklift and slings. The foundry only worked on Chief Joseph for a few days.

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