

Tippett family five generations



Contributed photo
Fred Tippett (center) poses with five generations of the Tippett family in Seattle recently. The Tippetts, one of Wallowa County's long-time ranching families, have ranched on Joseph Creek and the north end of the county since the late 1800's.

Humane Society moves uptown

Plans to open
thrift shop in
EM&M building

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The Wallowa County Humane Society is moving to new digs in the EM&M building at 117 East Main Street, just north of the Wallowa County Courthouse. They plan to open a thrift shop and eventually, a dog wash. The space will also accommodate their offices and a spiffy new cat room where adoptable kitties can stay overnight, providing plenty of space for their future families to get acquainted. The Humane Society hopes to be open, up, and running by October 1.

The space previously housed Belle Salon.

“Everybody’s excited about this move,” said Carol Vencill, Wallowa County Humane Society president. “This is another big step toward the sanctuary that we want to have eventually. And we hope to bring something back to businesses, bringing more people into downtown and helping any way we can.”

The Humane Society was being forced to move from their present location on North River Street because their building was scheduled for renovation by owner Michelle Star. WCHS was scheduled to move into a slightly smaller space, also owned by Star, with access from the alley behind El Bajio.

“If we moved into the smaller space that she had available, we thought we might lose our kitty room”, Vencill said. “Michelle found a way that we could have a separate space for cats during the day. Michelle has been really good to us, and very helpful. So we were going to move there and be happy.”

But then one of the WCHS volunteers noticed that the Belle Salon space would be available. “We came and saw the space and thought if we were going to take a bigger step, this would be the way to go,” Vencill said.

It was an opportune moment. Second Best was closing its doors, and the idea of running a thrift shop in the larger space on Main Street was appealing to the Humane Society board of directors.



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A Wallowa County Humane Society volunteer cleans the front window of the new Wallowa County Humane Society headquarters. The WCHS plans a future thrift store and a dog wash in their larger space in the EM&M Building at 117 East Main Street, Enterprise.



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Wallowa County Humane Society President Carol Vencill (left) and other volunteers unload store racks.

“I felt that two thrift stores in Enterprise (Second Best and Soropimist) were enough, and so we did not try to open a thrift shop in the past. Now that Second Best is closing, there is need for that second thrift store,” Vencill said. The Humane Society plans to work with Soroptimist, rather than compete with them. “We want to be working with the Soroptimist as best as we can,” Vencill said. That may mean being open different days, specializing in slightly different kinds of merchandise, or other things. “This is so new, that we haven’t had a chance to talk with them,” Vencill noted.

Second Best owner Larry Bowen has supported the Humane Society’s desire to carry on the thrift shop tradition. It makes sense, because Bowen’s mother operated a thrift store in the very same place as the Humane Society’s new shop back in 1978.

He sold his entire inventory of 17 clothing racks and multiple shelves to them for \$450, and included two big bookcases, two little book-

cases, a dressing room with three mirrors, his credit card machine and his store’s front counter in the deal.

“Larry has been really, really helpful in all this,” Vencill said.

Although they have all the pieces and parts of a bright future, there’s a lot of work ahead for WCHS.

“We have a lot to juggle. We have to figure out where to put things, how to balance the store with everything else. We know where the cat room will go. We have permission and the plumbing to put in a dog wash, but that will be in the future once we get everything else figured out.”

None of Second Best’s inventory—clothes, furniture, kitchenware, etc. — came along with the shelves, racks and other things. So the Wallowa County Humane Society needs donated merchandise: clothing and other things to occupy those 17 racks and multiple shelves and sell. For now, donations will be accepted on a limited basis by calling the Wallowa County Humane Society at 541-263-0336.

Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation names two memorial scholarship winners

The Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation named Kristen Ruckdashel, a Behavioral Health Coach at Winding Waters Medical Clinic, as the recipient of the first annual Edgar and Francis Boyd Burbridge Scholarship. Ruckdashel applied for the \$2,000 scholarship to help her pursue her education to become a licensed clinical social worker.

The Foundation received a \$231,557 gift from the estate of Edgar Eli and Frances Lorene Boyd Burbridge in 2018. A portion of these



Submitted
Recipient Kristen Ruckdashel receiving her check from Boyd-Burbridge family member Paul Boyd.

funds have been allocated for an annual scholarship to

be awarded to someone in their second year or beyond of education or training that will significantly affect health care in Wallowa County.

The Foundation received seven worthy applications, according to board president Dave Smyth. “It was a challenge to choose these winners, but we feel both recipients show a commitment to excellence, and health care in the county.” One of the requirements of both scholarships is that the recipient stay in the county and put their new skills to work locally.

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9:00am Gates Open

9:00am Mule Show - Driving Events: Singles, Teams & Youth Classes

9:00am Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear

11:00am Trail Class – Track in front of grandstands

Noon (To follow Driving events) Log Pull, Mule Races & More!

2:00pm Timed Trail Class – Main Arena

6:00pm Max Walker Memorial Scholarship Cowboy Poetry Gathering
Indoor Arena • Admission is free, but \$5 donation suggested

SATURDAY - Sept. 7th*Please Note: Times may vary for Class Events*

9:00am Gates Open

9:00am Mule Show - Halter and Showmanship Classes

9:00am Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear

9:00am Dennis Brennan FREE Mule Clinic – Warm-up Arena

11:00am Non-Motorized Parade – Downtown Enterprise

12:45pm Spectator Kids Events – Stick Mule Race & Boot Scramble • 4-9 yrs

1:00pm Grand Entry & Mule Show – Main Arena
Fun and Entertaining Events: Fast Ass Express, Speed Ball, Rescue Race, Red Neck Golf, Jump-Off Challenge, and more.

5:00pm Pit B-B-Q Dinner - \$12.00 Advance, \$15.00 at Dinner & \$5.00 Kids 9 & younger

6:00pm Private Treaty Mule Sale – Indoor Arena

7:00pm Kristyn Harris Concert – OK Theatre
Showtime: 7:00 pm ~ Doors Open: 6:00 pm
Tickets – \$15.00 Advance ~ \$20.00 DOS - Joseph Hardware, Dollar Stretcher, The Bookloft, Favorite Finds on Main, and online at Eventbrite.com

SUNDAY - Sept. 8th*Please Note: Times may vary for Class Events*

7:30am Cowboy Church – Outdoor Stage

9:00am Gates Open

9:00am Mule Show – English & Western Pleasure, Ranch & Western Riding, Barrel Racing, Jousting, Team Penning & lots more!

9:00am Exhibitors, Vendors & Western Gear

9:00am Dutch Oven Cook-Off
Two member teams, One pot cook-off– Main Dish and/or Dessert
Buy a People’s Choice Packet and be part of the judging.

10:00am FREE Mule Clinic - Warm-up Arena

3:00pm Show Awards Presentation

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