

Damaged aircraft



Workers load a damaged LifeFlight airplane onto two semi tractor-trailers at the Joseph Airport on Friday, April 2, 2021. The plane was to be taken to Boise, Idaho, for repair. LifeFlight Regional Vice President Michael Weimer said, "The aircraft sustained minor damage while on ground at Joseph State Airport," and no one was injured in the incident that occurred in mid-March.

Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

'Postpartum Body Love' wins in Women's Exhibit

Andrea Leoncavallo's photo takes Judges Choice Award

Chieftain staff

JOSEPH — The spiritual, psychic, visceral and transformative relationship between a mother and child cannot be understated and was the focus of work selected as the Judges Choice Award in the recently concluded Women's Exhibit at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture.

The center invited women artists to contemplate the idea and experiences of motherhood in all its forms. They may be cathartic expressions of the pain and challenges these relationships can inflict or beautiful celebrations of joy and triumph. All mediums were welcomed in an exploration of the powerful and transcendent idea of motherhood, according to a press release.

In the release, Andrea Leoncavallo stated, "I am a published portrait photographer and documentary producer who became a mother at the age of 33. Becoming a mother showed me how truly important the role of artist is

to my identity and my life. I never knew how much pressure was put on mothers until I became one."

More of her images are available to view at <https://josephy.org/event/motherhood>.

"Through my work as an artist I have a voice and a unique perspective that when shared connects and resonates with other people," she said. "I am passionate about documenting my struggles with motherhood and sharing them so that others may feel seen and understood and not alone as I did when I became a mother."

The exhibit ran from Feb. 26 to April 6 at the center. The exhibit was curated by Aimee Jungmann.

Leoncavallo's images show three stages of radical self love that she experienced as a mother. The first is about my body image. The second image is about my struggle with postpartum depression and resenting motherhood and the time it has taken away from work. The third image is her interpretation of weaning.

"So much of motherhood is bitter sweet, beautifully painful," she said of the third image. "I tried to capture that in this image."



Andrea Leoncavallo/Contributed Photo

"Postpartum Body Love," a photograph by Andrea Leoncavallo, was the winner of the Judges Choice Award in the Women's Exhibit: "Motherhood" at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture that concluded Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

IN BRIEF

Joseph Tech Committee to meet Thursday

JOSEPH — The Technical Committee of the Joseph City Council will hold a meeting Thursday, April 8, at the Joseph Community Events Center in Joseph.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and is slated to run until 8 p.m.

On the agenda, is a discussion of goals for the city's website, a timeline for completion of those goals and additional technology goals for later discussion.

Public comment will be taken beginning at 7:45 p.m.

City Administrator Larry Braden and Councilwoman Kirsten Rohla head the Tech Committee.

Lostine continues plans to move post office

LOSTINE — The Lostine City Council will continue plans Wednesday, April 7, to move the town's post office from its current location on Highway 82 across from City Hall to a portion of Neal Park being City Hall on Elizabeth Street.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

A final contract for a new post office was signed at the March City Council meeting. Mayor Dusty Tippet said after the March meeting it was expected ground would be broken this month for the new post office. No water or septic utilities will be needed for the approximately 70-by-50-foot modular building that will be located on the southeastern corner of Neal Park.

Also on Wednesday's agenda are:

- A conditional use permit for Marcus Burns.
- An update on work on city sidewalks.
- Department reports.

Oregon Century Farm & Ranch seeks applications

SALEM — The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program is seeking applications for its 2021 awards cycle, according to a press release from the Oregon Farm Bureau.

Families throughout Oregon who have continuously farmed portions of their family acreage for the past 100 or 150 years are invited to apply.

Farmers and ranchers can find the application and program guidelines at www.centuryfarm.oregonfb.org, or by contacting Andrea Kuenzi at 503-400-7884 or cfr@oregonfb.org.

The application deadline is May 1.

Successful applicants receive a personalized certificate with acknowledgment by the governor and

the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and a durable metal roadside sign to identify the family's farm or ranch as having historic Century or Sesquicentennial status. Each family will be honored during a special ceremony and reception at the Oregon State Fair.

To date, 1,235 families have formally received the Century designation and 47 families have received the Sesquicentennial Award.

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program is administered by the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation. It is supported by a partnership between the Oregon Farm Bureau, the State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon State University Libraries' Special Collections & Archives Research Center, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and by donations of Oregonians.

Commissioners to meet today

ENTERPRISE — A draft review for a grant from the state to finance the Community Development Disabil-

ities Services will be on the agenda when the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners meet Wednesday, April 7.

The commissioners meet at 9 a.m. at the courthouse.

The commissioners also will hear from Rick Bombaci on a letter from the Wallowa Mountains Hells Canyon Trails Association requesting funding for \$3,500.

Also on the agenda, will be:

- Employee action notices for Sharon Newel as a reserve deputy with the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office and Rebecka Friend who is retiring as a 911 dispatcher.
- An application for an easement permit from Dustin Larison, Chester Freeman and Jeffrey Weeks.

Following the regular agenda items, the commissioners will hear anyone from the public who wishes to comment.

— Chieftain staff

Josephy Center aims to raise \$50K in one hour

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JOSEPH — A virtual fundraiser is being planned by the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in support of the Key to Our Future capital campaign to purchase and renovate the building, according to a press release.

The fundraiser will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 15.

The goal is to raise \$50,000 — to be matched by MJ Murdock Charitable Trust — in less than one hour.

The event, hosted by special guest Andy Lindberg — an actor and host of the podcast Kick A** Oregon History — will include a short presentation about the campaign, donor recognition, testimonials from local artists and residents and prizes.

"This fundraiser is short and simple by design," Development Director Kellee Sheehy said. "We've run this campaign on a very lean budget and have tried to maximize every donated dollar. Even though we can't offer a lot of frills and thrills, we believe that Wallowa County residents will show up for this event and give — just because they want to."

Like many other events this year, the center's virtual fundraiser format is in compliance with COVID-19 safety restrictions.

"The Josephy Center is a gathering place; and, as much as we'd love to fundraise with everyone under the same roof, having a vir-

tual event now means that we will have endless opportunities to gather safely in the future," Executive Director Cheryl Coughlan said.

Long-time library Director Rich Wandschneider relayed the importance of the capital campaign in this way:

"The Josephy Center began as an idea in a borrowed building," he said. "Now the building is a place of joy and beauty that helps further our understanding of the past and celebrates all people — from the Nez Perce who have lived here for thousands of years, to the young people of Wallowa County finding their way with color and clay. Now the building can be ours and that idea can keep growing."

The Key to Our Future campaign is focused on making the Josephy Center a permanent home for arts and culture in the county, as well as restoring and expanding the center to elevate visitor experience and fit the growing needs of the community.

The campaign is set up in phases: Phase One focuses on the building purchase, critical safety repairs and accessibility for all. Phase Two focuses on the renovation and expansion of the building which will increase functionality, accessibility and programming.

To participate in the fundraising event, register online at www.josephy.org/capital-fundraiser or call 541-432-0505. Registration is free of charge.

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