

# TG tapped to help COLT project

Limited-edition Huckleberry Sour Ale available now

By RONALD BOND  
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ENTERPRISE — Terminal Gravity Brewing Co. is cracking open a cold one — and a new one — to help the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts promote its new “The Oregon I Am” map.

The Enterprise-based brewery is among eight from around the state that have created a limited-edition beer for the purpose of helping COLT’s map, which highlights 81 locations across Oregon — including two in Wallowa County — that are preserved by the state’s land trust system.

“Taking a whole step back, this is about a celebration of place, a celebration of people and of Oregon,” COLT Executive Director Kelley Beamer said. “These landscapes that our land trusts are protecting inspire many things. The angle with covering the breweries is they inspire food and drinks, and beer in particular. There have been examples in the past of breweries working with land trusts.”

Terminal Gravity is the lone brewery east of Bend taking part in the collaborative effort. The East Moraine and Zumwalt Prairie Preserve are two Wallowa County lands featured in “The Oregon I Am” map.

Grady Nelson, Terminal Gravity’s marketing manager, said when COLT reached out around the first part of spring to ask if the brewery would take part, TG viewed it as a “cool opportu-



Grady Nelson/Terminal Gravity

The Huckleberry Sour Ale was created by Terminal Gravity as part of a collaboration with the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts.

nity for a unique beer, or do something different for us.”

“We’ve always felt the connection to Oregon as a brewery being in Wallowa County,” Grady said. “It is just a beautiful area to be. We feel lucky to be in Wallowa County and in Oregon in general. We thought it was a cool project. And a lot of our customers are outdoorsy people, who enjoy backpacking, hiking, skiing. That is who our customer base is a lot of times. It felt like we were in a good place to support the project and get the word about the projects that our customers might connect with and relate to.”

TG’s typical brewing rotation largely features India pale ale, English ales or German ales.

But COLT asked for a beer inspired by Oregon, according to Nelson, so the TG team looked in its own backyard for inspiration, and selected an addition from a popular Northeastern Oregon pass time — huckleberry picking.

“Since so many of our employees like picking huckleberries,” he said, “it made sense to make a beer with huckleberries in it, make it a sour (beer), and not something we always do. It excites our brewers to make new stuff.”

Enter the Huckleberry Sour Ale, a beer brewed with wheat and huckleberries, and one that didn’t take many attempts to perfect.

“We did one brew in our pilot system — which is basically one barrel, which gives you about two kegs,” Nelson said. “We do it on a small scale first. We did just one brew on the pilot system, liked it, but tweaked it.”

After adding just a bit more huckleberry, “we felt like we had a recipe that made the beer we wanted.”

He added it’s a lighter beer, one that could result in people trying a sour ale who may not otherwise.

“It’s just a really light and refreshing sour — I think a sour lover would love it,”

he said.

Nelson said it not only gave TG an opportunity to help COLT, but also to promote efforts made by the Wallowa Land Trust.

“We want to highlight Wallowa Land Trust and the work they do. It felt like an opportunity to highlight the work they do around here with the moraine project,” he said. “We really love what they do. It’s cool we have a local land trust like them.”

Terminal Gravity, in fact, is donating 10% of the beer’s package sales at the pub to the East Moraine Stewardship Fund.

Beamer said the collaboration was seen as a way to draw in a younger group, too.

“The audience we want to engage more is younger people. The majority of land trust members are over the age of 60,” she said. “This would be a great engagement point. ... It was about reaching a younger audience, and probably reaching an audience that hadn’t heard about what a land trust was. We (can) connect them to our maps, connect them to our places (and) inspire them to visit.”

A virtual happy hour will be held on June 25, with each of the eight breweries sharing the story behind their individual brews and work with their local land trusts.

As for the Huckleberry Sour Ale itself, it will be available in Northeastern Oregon only at TG pub, which produced enough for only 100 cases and six kegs for the tap.

“We’re always open to re-brewing things,” Nelson said. “That’s to be determined, but for now that is a one-off.”



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

A barbecue grill that got out of control Friday, June 11, 2021, was blamed for damage to this home owned by Richard and Rita Griffith at 202 Leone Ave. in Enterprise. No one was injured. Firefighting units from Enterprise and Joseph responded.

# Barbecue fire damages house

No one hurt, but couple is out of a home

By BILL BRADSHAW  
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ENTERPRISE — A propane barbecue grill that got out of control while the homeowner snoozed was the cause of a housefire Friday, June 11, Enterprise Fire Chief Paul Karvoski said.

The chief said Richard Griffith was warming up his barbecue and fell asleep.

“The next thing he knew, it was up into the third floor,” he said. “(It caused a) lot of damage.”

The “third floor” Karvoski spoke of was actually the second floor on the street side. The house is built into a hillside and also has a daylight basement, he said.

No one was injured. “His wife woke him up and said, the house is on fire,” Karvoski said of Rita Griffith.

Enterprise Police Chief Kevin McQuead said

the fire was called in at 5:03 p.m.

Karvoski said two engines, a ladder truck and a rescue vehicle were sent from the Enterprise Fire Department. He said the Joseph Fire Department assisted with an engine and a rescue vehicle. A total of 18 firefighters were on the scene, as were two EPD officers and a Wallowa County sheriff’s deputy.

Karvoski said it appears the house may be reparable, although it suffered considerable water and smoke damage.

“What the fire didn’t get the water got,” he said.

McQuead said when he arrived, they had to get keys for the Griffiths’ vehicles from the house to move the vehicles both to protect them and to make room for the fire vehicles.

“We had to get keys out of the house to try to move vehicles,” McQuead said. “It was smoky ... and hard to see anything.”

Karvoski said the Red Cross was alerted and helped provide accommodations for the Griffiths in the wake of losing their home.

# Enterprise to host state grange convention

Chieftain staff

ENTERPRISE — Enterprise will host the annual 148th State Grange Convention from Saturday-Thursday, June 19-24, at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds according to a press release.

Grange members from throughout the state are expected to attend. The state grange is divided into six districts. District 6 is comprised of the eastern 10 counties of Oregon. With

recognition of the importance of rodeos in Eastern Oregon, District 6 chose the theme of “Get Your Kicks in District 6.”

The convention will begin with a talent show and banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Enterprise Christian Church.

Hurricane Creek Grange Master David McBride said the talent show is “Just some fun with grangers sharing their skill. The contest is only open to Grange members,

though the public is invited to attend for free. The winner does get sponsored to compete during the National Grange Convention.”

The Grange, officially known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is a fraternal organization with a rich history and an important community presence in the United States. The grange has its roots in agricultural traditions and today serves the needs of communities across the country. The Ore-

gon State Grange began in 1873 and has community granges located throughout Oregon. During the state convention, grangers will enjoy meeting together with friends and discussing resolutions concerning various issues.

For more information, contact McBride at 541-426-0463 davidmcbride8@gmail.com or fellow co-chair Brinda Stanley at 541-398-0026 or brindastanley@gmail.com.

## IN BRIEF

### Soroptimist scholarship deadline approaching

ENTERPRISE — A Soroptimist Continuing Education Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000, is being offered to an upper-classman woman who is continuing her education at a college or university.

Soroptimist is “a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment,” according to a press release.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Wednesday, June 30. Scholarship applications are available online at wallowacounty-soroptimist.org.

Submit applications to Soroptimist, P.O. Box 127,

Enterprise, OR 97828.

Call 541-263-2276 for more information. Visit the website, search “Soroptimist International of Wallowa County” on Facebook, or go to Soroptimist-wallowacounty-auction.org.

### Fishtrap is celebrating summer solstice

ENTERPRISE — Fishtrap and Circle of Seasons will present “A Summer Solstice” open mic reading and potluck Friday, June 25.

The potluck will begin at 6 p.m., with the open mic at 7 p.m. in the open air of Fishtrap’s backyard at 400 E. Grant St. in Enterprise. Admission is free.

Those who attend are urged to bring something to share that you can eat or read or both. Visit with friends and neighbors in the open air for Fishtrap’s first

live, in-person event in over a year. Poems, stories and maybe even see some surprises will be provided.

For more information, visit <https://fishtrap.org/summertide-gathering/>.

### Walk-in workshops set at Josephy Center

JOSEPHY — The new Walk-in Wednesday Workshops will be held each Wednesday beginning July 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph, according to a press release.

A new painting or drawing art project will be introduced each week. From July 21 to Aug. 4, printmaking workshops will be held.

Cost is \$20.

For more information, call 541-432-0505 or visit [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org).

### New ceramics class planned at Josephy Center

JOSEPHY — A new class on Ceramics for Adults will be held Tuesdays from June 29 to Aug. 17 at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph, according to a press release.

The beginning clay class is new at the center. Cost is \$195.

For more information, call 541-432-0505 or visit [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org). To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/adultclay>.

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