

34th Summer Fishtrap Week is next week

Writers from around the West share online, in person

Chieftain staff

ENTERPRISE — Most of Summer Fishtrap is being held virtually this year during Fishtrap Week from Monday through Saturday, July 12-17, but that doesn't mean one can't join in and enjoy it from the comfort of home or even at Wallowa Lake.

Each day, Fishtrap will livestream readings from some of the finest writers in the West. Most events are free and can be attended live

as they happen, or you can access the recordings afterwards. Visit fishtrap.org to learn more.

Summer Fishtrap is offering two in-person events during Summer Fishtrap Week.

The Summer Fishtrap Youth Showcase will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, July 16, at Joseph Charter School. It will showcase what Fishtrap youths have created during their week of writing and discovery during youth workshops.

A Yearlong Writers Workshop Reading will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at Wallowa Lake Lodge. Participants are invited to the newly renovated lodge to hear what students in the workshop have

created during their intensive writing program. The lodge will be serving cold drinks and snacks for purchase.

Both of these events will be available to view online a few hours after the event.

Listed are a portion of the speakers. The full schedule can be seen at fishtrap.org:

- Monday, July 12: 4 p.m. Opening day presentation with Fishtrap's Shannon McNerney and inspiration from Jason Graham aka MOSley Wotta, Bend's creative laureate.
- Tuesday, July 13, are faculty readings. Anis Mojgani, Oregon's poet laureate at 1 p.m.; Frank X Walker at 3 p.m.; and Beth Piatote at 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 14, fac-



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Frank X Walker will give the keynote address, Resilience, at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021, as part of Summer Fishtrap.

ulty readings by Joe Wilkins at 1 p.m. and by Whitney Chandler at 3 p.m.

• Thursday, July 15, faculty readings by MOSley Wotta at 1 p.m., Nina McConigley at 3 p.m. and Ellen Waterston at 4 p.m. The Courthouse Concert hosted by Wallowa Valley Music Alliance will be livestreamed beginning at 5:30 p.m.

• Friday, July 16 faculty readings by Leni Zumas at 3 p.m. and by Sharma Shields at 4 p.m.

• Saturday, July 17 will feature the week's keynote address on Resilience by Frank X Walker at 4 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased for the keynote address at \$25 and are available at fishtrap.org.

Since 1988, the Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers has taken place annually at Wallowa Lake. Each year, authors and instructors join from around the country to provide intensive instruction and inspiration to a small group of writers. The conference features weeklong workshops in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, memoir, essay and special workshops just for youths.

Classes are limited to 13 students, giving each writer

the chance to share their work in an intimate and supportive environment.

In addition to morning writing workshops, writers have the opportunity to attend daily craft talks, panel discussions and read at open mic sessions. Each evening, everyone gathers under the big tent to hear readings from Summer Fishtrap faculty — the best writers in the West.

Due to the ongoing public health crisis, the 2021 conference is taking place online.

What makes Summer Fishtrap unique among writing conferences is the emphasis on the creative process.

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Temperatures in Wallowa County way above normal

By RONALD BOND
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Temperatures were far above normal statewide at the end of June, and Wallowa County was no different.

After meandering in the 70s and 80s much of June, the temperatures recorded in Joseph by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration surged to the 90s, reaching 94 and 99 on June 27-28, then touching 100 and 98 on June 29-30, respectively.

For the month, the average temperature (compiled from the highs and lows of all 30 days) was 62.1 degrees, which is 5.7 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 79.5 degrees, which was 9.4 degrees above normal for the month of June, and lows were at

an average of 44.6, just two degrees above normal.

The 100 degrees recorded on June 29 not only was the hottest day of the month, but was more than 25 degrees above the average for the final day of June, which has been around 75 degrees. There were seven days during the month where the high temperature was 20 degrees or more above average.

On 23 of the 30 days in June, the high temperature was above the average for the day. Six days, the temperature was below average, and on one day, it was at the average. Seventeen days saw the temperature reach 80 or higher.

While much above normal, Wallowa County didn't reach nearly the extremes that other Northeast Oregon cities did. Highs reached

as much as 118 degrees in Hermiston on June 29, 117 in Pendleton on the 29th, and 108 in La Grande on the 30th.

Measured precipitation was much lower than average for the month, continuing a trend that has taken place this year. In June, Joseph received 0.43 inches of rain, much lower than the average of 1.75 inches.

For the year, just 3.55 inches of precipitation have fallen. That is less than half of what the city usually records, as Joseph is 5.74 inches below normal.

Much of the same is likely in July, with NOAA predicting warmer than normal temperatures and a climate that is drier than normal. Average high temperatures in Joseph in July are 80.6 degrees, and on average there is 1.4 inches of rain during the month.

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| TUESDAY | 1:30pm | Bucking Horse Stampede — Main Street |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00am | Little Buckaroo Special Needs Rodeo |
| | 2:00pm | Slack — Arena |
| | 6:00pm | Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 7:00pm | PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 9:00pm | Family Fun at the Thunder Room — DJ |
| THURSDAY | 9:00am | Tough Enough to Wear Pink Walk |
| | 9:00am | Steer Tripping, Three Rounds |
| | 2:00pm | Slack — Arena |
| | 6:00pm | Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 7:00pm | PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 7:00pm | Tough Enough to Wear Pink — Wear Pink |
| | 9:00pm | Fun at the Thunder Room after Rodeo — Stay Tuned! |
| FRIDAY | 10:00am | Chief Joseph Junior Parade — Main Street |
| | 2:00pm | Slack — Arena |
| | 6:00pm | Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 7:00pm | PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 9:00pm | All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center |
| | 9:30pm | Live Music and Dancing at Thunder Room — Whiskey Creek |
| SATURDAY | 10:00am | Grand Parade — Main Street |
| | 2:30pm | Slack — Arena |
| | 6:00pm | Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 7:00pm | PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 9:00pm | All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center |
| | 9:30pm | Music and Dancing at Thunder Room — FrogHollow Band |
| | | After Rodeo — Cowboy Breakfast — Rodeo Grounds — til 3:00am |
| SUNDAY | 6:00am | Cowboy Breakfast — Rodeo Grounds — til 10:00am |
| | 9:00am | Cowboy Church Service |

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