

Genuine Wallowa County donates to boost economy

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ENTERPRISE — Genuine Wallowa County made a recent donation to the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland as it continues its goal of supporting the community with assisting local nonprofits, GWC announced Aug. 16.

"I think of GWC as a mission-based business," owner Kristy Athens said. "The main reason I'm running this company is to strengthen Wallowa County's economic resiliency."

GWC operates two channels, an online gift box store and a local food delivery service called GWC Provisions.

To achieve its mission, Athens buys handmade



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Sara Averbeck, administrator at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, left, accepts a donation from Kristy Athens, owner of Genuine Wallowa County.

goods and food from more than 70 Wallowa County and Nez Perce artists, farmers and ranchers. She then ships curated gift box collections — purchased by both locals and by people

outside the area — across the United States, while also delivering groceries to Wallowa County homes and workplaces on a weekly basis.

From the proceeds, Athens makes quarterly donations to Community Connection's food pantries in Enterprise and Wallowa, and annual donations to Oregon Community Foundation's Wallowa Fund and the Homeland, which as of August, totaled more than \$1,000. GWC also provides various gift certificate donations and sponsorships, such as to competitors at the Wallowa County Fair.

"This year's gift has an exponential impact," said Angela Bombaci, executive director at the Homeland. "These dollars have already benefited local growers, makers and entrepreneurs, and now they've come back around to help bring Nez Perce people home to Wallowa. Thank you Genuine Wallowa County for supporting our mission at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, and for promoting the values that make our community special."

For Athens, it's the only way to do business.

"I plan to register GWC as a benefit corporation in the next year or two," she said. Benefit companies are committed to honoring a triple bottom line of "profit, people, and planet."

To learn more, visit GenuineWallowaCounty.com or GWCProvisions.com.



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Open Class Results from Wallowa County Fair

ARTS — ADULT

Division: ACRYLICS

Class: DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Blue Ribbon winner: 'SUNSET HORSE' by Cynthia Harvey

Division: DRAWINGS

Class: DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Best of Show — Adult: 'HORSE' by Cynthia Harvey

Division: FABRIC ART

Class: WALL HANGING

Blue Ribbon winner: 'INDIGO DYED KATAZORNE HONEYBEE' by Breanne Austin

Division: GROUPINGS

Class: WALL HANGING

Blue Ribbon winner: 'SPRING WILDFLOWERS' by Linda Bauck

Division: MIXED MEDIA

Red Ribbon winner: 'DARKNESS INTO LIGHT' by Cathryn Paterson

ARTS — JUNIOR YOUTH

Division: ACRYLICS

Class: ABSTRACT

Blue Ribbon winner: 'PINK CLOUDS' by Piper Harvey

Division: DRAWINGS

Class: LANDSCAPES

Blue Ribbon winner: 'STARRY NIGHT' by Edith Kennedy

Division: DRAWINGS

Class: LANDSCAPES

Red Ribbon winner: 'MOUNTAIN SUNRISE' by Remedy Harvey

Division: DRAWINGS

Class: WILDLIFE

Blue Ribbon winner: 'BLUE BANANA FOX' by Kourtney Hoffman

Division: DRAWINGS

Class: WILDLIFE

Red Ribbon winner: 'SEA LIFE' by Ruthie Neveau

Division: GROUPINGS

Class: THREE DIMENSIONAL

Blue Ribbon winner: 'CHICK LOVE' by Greta Kennedy

Division: MIXED MEDIA

Blue Ribbon winner: 'DRAGON EGG HATCHING' by Edith Kennedy

Division: MIXED MEDIA

Red Ribbon winner: 'THE OASIS' by Ruthie Neveau

Division: MIXED MEDIA

White Ribbon winner: 'BEE'S KNEES' by Aggie Wilburn-Foster

Division: WATERCOLOR

Class: ABSTRACTS

Best of Show — Junior Youth: 'SPLATTERY' Piper Harvey

Division: WATERCOLOR

Class: FANTASY

Blue Ribbon winner: 'PANAKES TREE' by Piper Harvey

Division: WATERCOLOR

Class: LANDSCAPES

Blue Ribbon winner: 'RISING SUN' by Ruthie Neveau

Division: WATERCOLOR

Class: LANDSCAPES

Red ribbon winner: 'MOUN-

MORE RESULTS COMING

Continue looking for Fair results in upcoming editions of the Chieftain.

TAIN SUNSET' by Piper Harvey

Department: ARTS — PROFESSIONAL

Division: WATERCOLOR

Class: LANDSCAPES

Best of Show — Professional: 'YESTERDAY'S SCHOOLHOUSE' by Crystal Newton

BAKED GOODS — ADULT

Division: 2 CRUST PIE

Class: PEACH

Ida Hillock Award: Barbara Warnock

Division: COOKIES

Class: CHEWY MOLLASSES

Blue Ribbon winner: Connie R. Jenkins

Division: COOKIES

Class: PUMPKIN DROP

Blue Ribbon winner: Cheryl Jenkins

Division: COOKIES

Class: SHORTBREAD

Blue Ribbon winner: Bev Hayward

Division: COOKIES

Class: SUGAR COOKIE

Blue Ribbon winner: Bev Hayward

Division: COOKIES

Class: ZUCCHINI BAR

Blue Ribbon winner: Connie R. Jenkins

Division: QUICK BREADS

Class: LEMON/B BERRY

Blue Ribbon winner: Connie R. Jenkins

Division: QUICK BREADS

Class: MUFFINS

Blue Ribbon winner: Cheryl Jenkins

Division: QUICK BREADS

Class: PUMPKIN BREAD

Best of Show — Adult: Cheryl Jenkins

Division: QUICK BREADS

Class: ZUCCHINI

Blue Ribbon winner: Bev Hayward

BAKED GOODS — JUNIOR YOUTH

Division: BUTTER CAKES

Class: CARROTS

Blue Ribbon winner: Edith Kennedy

Division: COOKIES

Class: PB & J

Blue Ribbon winner: Greta Kennedy

Division: DECORATED CAKES

Class: FROSTED CAKE

Best of Show — Junior Youth: Liona Perry

BAKED GOODS — SENIOR YOUTH

Division: COOKIES

Class: BROWNIES

Blue Ribbon winner: Saman-

tha Starner-Durning

Division: COOKIES

Class: OREO CHEESECAKE DROPS

Red Ribbon: Amelia Starner-Durning

BAKED GOODS — GOLDEN

Division: 1 CRUST PIE

Class: CHEESECAKE

Ida Hillock Award: Rowena Patton

Division: BUTTER CAKES

Class: MICROWAVE

Best of Show — Golden: Rowena Patton

Division: CONFECTIONS

Class: CARAMEL

Red Ribbon winner: Rowena Patton

Division: QUICK BREADS

Class: CORNBREAD

Red Ribbon winner: Rowena Patton

CLOTHING — ADULT

Division: CHILDREN'S APPAREL

Class: DRESS

Best of Show — Adult: Bonnie Marks

Division: CHILDREN'S APPAREL

Class: SKIRT

Red Ribbon winner: Bonnie Marks

Division: WOMEN'S APPAREL

Class: DRESS

Red Ribbon winner: Elvaree Fine

Division: WOMEN'S APPAREL

Class: DRESS

White Ribbon winner: Karolyne Doss

CLOTHING — GOLDEN

Division: CHILDREN'S APPAREL

Class: VEST

Blue Ribbon winner: Rowena Patton

Division: INFANT APPAREL

Class: BIB

Blue Ribbon winner: Rowena Patton

Division: REPURPOSED

Class: CHILDREN'S CLOTHING — SKIRT

Blue Ribbon winner: Rowena Patton

Division: REPURPOSED

Class: OTHER

Blue Ribbon winner: Rowena Patton

Division: WOMEN'S APPAREL

Class: APRON

Best of Show — Golden: Rowena Patton

Division: WOMEN'S APPAREL

Class: VEST

Blue Ribbon winner: Rowena Patton

CLOTHING — JUNIOR YOUTH

Division: REPURPOSED

Class: SKIRT FROM T-SHIRT

Red Ribbon winner: Camdyn Weer

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