

COVID-19 count lowest in months

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SALEM — Wallowa County had COVID-19 numbers last week that more resembled what it saw during the spring prior to the Delta variant spike.

Just two cases of COVID-19 were reported in the county during the week of Nov. 8-14, with both of those cases being reported by the Oregon Health Authority on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Reports on Nov. 9, Nov. 12 and Nov. 15 — the third reporting date being

for the weekend — all showed no new cases in the county, and no new reported deaths. There was no report on Nov. 11. The number of cases for the total pandemic stands at 733.

So far in November, there have been 28 cases — 26 of those coming during the first week of the month. The county is on pace to finish well below previous months which saw COVID numbers spike. There were 180 cases in August, 163 in September and 123 in October. The daily average

for cases in the county in November is currently at 2 per day. It was 3.97 during October.

The previous five weeks saw 49, 21, 19, 12 and 26 cases.

The number COVID patients in Region 9 hospitals stands at 16, matching their lows from October, when the six counties in that region saw 16 patients on Oct. 24 and 26, per OHA data. Aug. 16 was the previous time COVID patients dropped that low. Aug. 5 was the last time the num-

ber dropped below 16 cases.

In the county, 67.9% of adults have been inoculated, and 63.9% have been fully vaccinated. Meanwhile, 18.5% have received an additional dose beyond full vaccination status. The county has seen 9.8% of 5-11 year-olds — 59 total — receive a shot with the recent approval of the child vaccine.

Breakthrough cases in Wallowa County have risen to 105, as of the latest report on Friday, Nov. 12.

Sign up for Fishtrap scholarships, fellowships

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ENTERPRISE — Applications are now being accepted for 2022 Summer Fishtrap Scholarships and Fellowships.

Foundations, individuals and local businesses have supported Fishtrap, and it is accepting applications for next year's workshop through Dec. 15, according to a press release.

The primary benefit of these awards is an opportunity to attend the 35th Summer Fishtrap Gathering of

Writers on July 11-17 at Wallowa Lake.

Scholarships and fellowships cover registration for the writers conference, which includes a weeklong workshop, readings, activities, discussions and special events. These opportunities also give writers the chance to build friendships and an inspired sense of creative potential in the unique setting that is Summer Fishtrap.

As for the difference between scholarships and fellowships, the former are awarded based on an appli-

cant's letter demonstrating how the opportunity to attend Summer Fishtrap will help them grow as a writer and how they may not be able to attend without financial assistance. There is no application fee.

Fellowships are awarded to new and emerging writers who show promise at an early stage of their careers. Awards are based upon the quality of the applicant's writing sample. Each entry is read by former Fishtrap fellows and selected by a fellowship judge. This year's

fellowship judge is educator and poet James Crews. Fellowships include Summer Fishtrap registration, food and lodging for the week. There is a \$25 application fee.

To learn more about Fishtrap, visit Fishtrap.org, the Fishtrap Scholarship and Fellowship Page at <https://fishtrap.org/scholarships-fellowships/> or the 2022 Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers at <https://fishtrap.org/summer-fishtrap-2022-workshops/>.

FOR THE RECORD

- NOV. 11**
7:28 a.m. — Loose horses in Joseph.
- 7:52 p.m. — Disturbance in Enterprise.
- 8:15 p.m. — Request for welfare check in Wallowa.
- 11:16 p.m. — Disturbance in Enterprise.
- NOV. 12**
8:37 a.m. — Animal call; rural Joseph.
- 8:55 a.m. — Dog call; city of Wallowa.
- 9:07 a.m. — Burglary; city of Wallowa.
- 9:18 a.m. — Animal call; city of Enterprise.
- 9:38 a.m. — Theft reported in Enterprise.
- 11 a.m. — Theft; city of Enterprise.
- Noon — Scam; city of Enterprise.
- NOV. 13**
12:16 a.m. — Report of loose horses in rural Joseph.
- 7:05 p.m. — Request for attempt to locate in Enterprise.
- 11:52 a.m. — Offensive littering in Joseph.
- 3:04 p.m. — Lost and found item in Wallowa, returned to owner.
- 3:59 p.m. — Theft reported in rural Imnaha.
- 4:13 p.m. — Traffic stop in Enterprise.
- 4:28 p.m. — Burglary reported in Enterprise.
- 5:39 p.m. — Assault reported in Wallowa.
- 9:36 p.m. — Welfare check near Wallowa Lake.
- 10:15 p.m. — Municipal code violation in Enterprise.
- 10:26 p.m. — Traffic stop in rural Enterprise; Enterprise Police Department issued a warning.
- NOV. 14**
8:33 a.m. — Trespassing reported in rural Joseph.
- 10:28 a.m. — Animal abuse reported in Joseph.
- 11:11 a.m. — Injured bull reported in rural Enterprise.
- 12:29 p.m. — Theft of services reported in Enterprise.
- 7:51 p.m. — Loose cattle reported in rural Joseph.
- 8:16 p.m. — Report of assault in Enterprise.
- 10:08 p.m. — Public assist in Enterprise.
- 11:22 p.m. — Agency assist in Wallowa.

IN BRIEF

Little Works closing reception is Friday

JOSEPH — The closing reception for the Little Works exhibit will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph, according to a press release.

The exhibit, which has been running since Oct. 11, will continue until Nov. 22.

At Friday's reception, there will be live music with Calico Bones.

Social distancing and face masks will be required because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Little Works are 2D or 3D mediums that fit into an imaginary 7-inch-by-7-inch-by-7-inch box.

The exhibit is curated by Pamela Beach, a ceramicist and designer living in Wallowa County. Beach studied fine art, earning a degree in graphic design. She's been honing her ceramic skills since 1999, after discovering clay while attending design school.

Meat shoot takes place in Wallowa

WALLOWA — The annual meat shoot at the Wallowa Rod and Gun Club is set for Sunday, Nov. 21, at the club's site on Lower Diamond Lane in Wallowa.

The event begins at 9 a.m., and will have games for nonshooters. Breakfast and lunch will be available, and meat prizes will be awarded. Novices are encouraged by organizers to attend the event.

For more information, call Randal at 541-886-3245 or John at 541-886-8802.

Eagle Cap Extreme volunteer meeting Thursday

ENTERPRISE — The Eagle Cap Extreme Sled

Dog Race is holding a volunteer meeting for the January 2022 edition of the race on Thursday, Nov. 18, Director Lynn Appleton said.

The meeting will be held in the Toma's Conference Room, 309 S. River St. in Enterprise, and begins at 6 p.m.

Four nonprofits receive grants

PORTLAND — Four Wallowa County nonprofits were among 60 statewide to receive COVID-19 Emergency SHARP grants from Oregon Humanities, the organization announced Thursday, Nov. 11.

In all, Oregon Humanities awarded more than \$700,000 in grants. The funding was part of more than \$51 million in emergency relief funding distributed to state and jurisdictional humanities councils, with the money's intent to "support local cultural groups and public and education humanities programming adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic." The funding was part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

The funding is intended to help the humanities community recover from the pandemic and enable reopening. Applicants were to share how they were adversely impacted by the pandemic, their need for funding and how funding would support their work.

The organizations to receive funding in Wallowa County were:

- The Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center, which was granted \$15,000.
- The Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, which was granted \$15,000.
- The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, which was granted \$12,500.
- Fishtrap, which was granted \$10,000.

October colder, drier than average

JOSEPH — Wallowa

County residents saw another month of colder, drier weather in October.

The National Weather Service in Pendleton reported in Joseph that the monthly average temperature of 44 degrees was 3.6 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 56.2 degrees, which was 5 degrees below normal, and lows averaged below freezing at 31.8 degrees, 2.1 degrees below normal. Oct. 5 was the hottest day of the month with a high of 75 degrees. The coldest temperature was a week later on the 12th, when the low dipped to 16 degrees.

Average high temperatures met or exceeded the average just 10 days out of the month, and were below average 21 days. Low temperatures were at or above average 12 days, and below average 19 days. Lows dipped below freezing on 13 days.

High temperatures failed to break 50 degrees 11 times, and the coldest high temperature was 42 degrees on the 13th and 31st.

Precipitation for the month was 0.64 inches, 0.81 inches below normal. For the year, the county is at 5.86 inches, which is 8.93 inches below normal.

Jingle thru Joseph bazaar scheduled

JOSEPH — A variety of gifts and decorations will be on display and for sale as the holiday bazaar for Jingle thru Joseph begins Friday, Nov. 26, according to a press release from the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce.

At the bazaar there will be jewelry, photography, Bushkins, Thirty-one bags, silver works, metal signs, blacksmithing, woodwork, knitted and woven items, quilting, pottery, felted ornaments, Sally B. Farms soap, wreaths, antiques, artwork and much more.

The first weekend of the bazaar is Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26-27. Hours will

be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. It will be located at the Joseph Community Events Center at 102 E. 2nd St. in Joseph.

Admission is free. Anyone interested in being a vendor at the event should contact Susie Madigan at 541-263-0100 or email susie.madigan@gmail.com. For a vendors 8-foot table space, the cost is \$20 for the weekend or \$40 for a 10-foot-by-10-foot booth.

Jingle thru Joseph parade planned Nov. 27

JOSEPH — Plans are underway for this year's Jingle thru Joseph and Holiday Parade that will take place Saturday, Nov. 27 in downtown Joseph, according to a press release from the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber urges area residents to check out the different shops downtown, many of which will have specials.

Santa Claus will be at the Joseph Chamber of Commerce Booth for photos from 3-4:30 p.m.

Then, at 5 p.m., watch the Jingle thru Joseph Holiday Parade. There will be warming barrels throughout town.

The Joseph Main Street Businesses will compete in a lighting contest on Friday, Nov. 26 in preparation for the Christmas Light Parade on Saturday.

For more information, contact Deena McFetridge at the Joseph Chamber of Commerce at 541-398-1729.

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