

Apply for Beth Gibans Memorial Grant up to \$5,000

Local food producers urged to submit applications

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ENTERPRISE — Slow Food Wallawas is looking for the next winner of a grant to provide financial assistance open to anyone who grows, raises or makes local food products.

“Small-scale food producers are the movers and shakers of Wallowa County,” Lynne Curry, of Slow Food Wallawas, said in a press release.

This is the fifth year of the grant project, which is now named to honor Beth Gibans, the founder of the Wallowa County Farmers Market and owner of Backyard Gardens who died from cancer in June. The grant award is for \$5,000, a significant jump from previous years, the release stated.

“This is a great opportunity to highlight our unsung heroes, celebrate a pillar of the local food community and address why local food production matters to rural areas,” Curry said.

The grant award winners will be announced at an online celebration on Gibans’ birthday, Jan. 22.

The grant is open to small-scale food growers and community innovators



in Northeast Oregon for projects that serve the food community in Wallowa County. Project proposals for up to \$5,000 are due by midnight Dec. 31. View the online application at <https://tinyurl.com/Beth-Gibans-grant> for complete details on eligibility, evaluation and timeline.

Over the past five years, Slow Food Wallawas has awarded grants to fund a low tunnel system to extend the growing season, a new tiller to improve gardening efficiency, a special hood for propagating commercial mushrooms and equipment for a bakery with a focus on utilizing heritage grains.

This new grant opportunity builds on Gibans’ legacy — a belief that local

food production is essential to our health, well-being and our community. It is designed to provide direct support for new and existing food producers and entrepreneurs to increase their capacity to provide food for the local community. Slow Food Wallawas encourages first-time applicants, those with limited access to resources, people of color and others advancing sustainable agricultural practices to apply.

Slow Food Wallawas welcomes end-of-year gifts to the program to build Gibans’ vision for a thriving local food community. Make donations online or by check payable to Slow Food Wallawas, P.O. Box 78, Joseph, Oregon 97846.

Live Nativity to be held this weekend

Birth of Christ to be reenacted for second time

By BILL BRADSHAW
Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — A reenactment of the first Christmas will be portrayed for the second consecutive year by the Enterprise Seventh-day Adventist Church the evenings of Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18-19.

“We just want to invite people for a lovely event to tell the story of the first Christmas,” said Janice Bailey, personal ministries leader at the church who is the point person organizing the event.

It will be held in four half-hour performances each night, the first performance to start at 5 p.m. It will be held next to the Wallowa Valley Eye Care

Clinic in Enterprise at 515 W. North St.

This year’s cast in the live Nativity includes some newcomers to Enterprise. Joseph and Mary will be portrayed by real-life husband and wife Jordan and Brendy Lindsay. Jordan is a teacher of the fifth through eighth grades at the Seventh-day Adventist School.

There will be free cookies and hot chocolate for those in attendance.

Bailey said a donation jar will be set up to collect a contribution to be made to Community Connection of Wallowa County to help the needy with their heating bills. She said last year’s event brought in more than \$135 that was donated.

She said she doesn’t know of any other live Nativities being reenacted in Wallowa County, but said last week that the Seventh-day Adven-



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tist Church in La Grande planned to put on one this past weekend.

“We just believe it’s the most important story to get out to our community,” Bailey said. “It’s a little play and people can come out and do something different in our community and share the Good News.”

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