

# Fishtrap prepares for move to new home

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ENTERPRISE — Fishtrap, Wallowa County's premier writing organization, is preparing for a new chapter in its life as it anticipates moving into its new home on Main Street after 20 years in the Coffin House.

The reason for the move, according to Fishtrap Director Shannon McNerney, is that the nonprofit had outgrown the Coffin House, and it would have needed major renovations to make it work.

"It needed a lot of effort, time and money," she said, and that was when the decision was made to sell the house. And, the whole process was, she said, "like magic."

The sale, though, of the Coffin House was conditional on being able to find and lease a new space that fit all the organization's needs. Fishtrap had a list of what it wanted: a place that was centrally located, fully accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act, with room for an office, a kitchen and at least 1,000 square feet of event space. The house was listed in June and by July they had an offer.

"We're using the proceeds from the sale of the Coffin House to make sure (Fishtrap's) programs are healthy and strong for the long run," she said.

The new location is in the downstairs of the historic Bowlby Building as well as the adjacent former barber shop, giving the organization at large 4,000 square foot office space that will



Fishtrap, after 20 years in the Coffin House, is in preparation to move to the Bowlby Building and an adjacent former barber shop.

house administrative space, a kitchen, a conference room area, and a large venue for programs such as Fish-

trap's popular Fireside readings, Winter Fishtrap, The Big Read and writing workshops. The space will also be

made available to local organizations for their events, McNerney said.

The building housing



Shannon McNerney/Contributed Photo

Construction is underway on what will be the new home of Fishtrap.

the new Fishtrap space is owned by Bill Warnock and Michele Starr, who McNerney says, "have been remarkable to work with."

Currently some Fishtrap staff are working from home, and some are working from a small leased administrative office space.

McNerney said she is, "excited about a clean, safe, beautiful space we can work in" even though, "we loved Coffin house."

McNerney said she

expects people's, "jaws to drop" when they see the fresh paint, open space and high ceilings of Fishtrap's new location. The expected move in date is April 2022 and McNerney promises an open house.

"There will be a celebration for sure," she said.

"We're stewards of Fishtrap," she said. "it belongs to the community. People are proud of Fishtrap. I hope the community feels ownership and is proud of it."



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### CLUES ACROSS

1. "Arrival" actress Amy
6. "However ..."
9. Professional poser
14. Trouble continually
15. 2019 Women's World Cup champs
16. Come up
17. Summer weather measure (In this clue's answer, see the first 2 letters + the last 1)
19. Scurries
20. Commanded
21. Candy that reacts with Diet Coke
22. Backside
23. "Eureka!"
25. Risque
26. Noted educational You Tube channel (... first letter + last 4)
30. American Red Cross founder Barton
34. "Outfit of the day" shot, e.g., briefly
35. Lean
36. One making many tough calls
39. Shaken instruments
41. Graceless people
42. Contend
44. The Joker, to Batman
45. Breaded Italian-American dish, informally (... first 2 letters + last 3)
49. Mar
50. Whiz
51. End table fixture
55. Most G-rated
57. Titular woman in a Simon & Garfunkel hit
59. Corrosive substances
60. Captivate ... or what three indicated words do, vis-a-vis 17-, 26- and 45-Across?
62. Boat sometimes made of bark
63. Family
64. Implored
65. \_\_\_ boson (elementary particle)
66. "However ..."
67. Like flexible straws

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### CLUES DOWN

1. Detest
2. Big name in tractors
3. Carne \_\_\_
4. 39.37 inches
5. Sauce recipe instruction
6. Religious title that means "awakened one"
7. Manipulate
8. Wealth \_\_\_ (economic policy)
9. Got by somehow
10. Primate with reddish fur
11. Cajun dish containing ground meat
12. This, in Spanish
13. It's more, they say
18. Close by
21. Hajj city
24. Egyptian snake
26. Give it some gas!
27. He/\_\_\_ pronouns
28. Poetry competition
29. Craft site
30. Shoe customized with Jibbitz
31. Activist Remini
32. Validating
33. Canine given a new home
37. Track meet part
38. A, in German
40. Stage of deep sleep: Abbr.
43. Org. that tests disinfectants
47. One may go on a letter
48. Old movie holder
51. Cuba \_\_\_ (cocktail that could aptly be free)
52. Straighten
53. Dug up
54. Flooded grain field
55. Dash dial that anagrams to "chat"
56. Berry in some smoothies
58. Caveman's weapon
60. Word before "writing" or "light"
61. Flaky dessert

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