Fishtrap prepares for move to new home

By ANN BLOOM For the Wallowa County Chieftain

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.

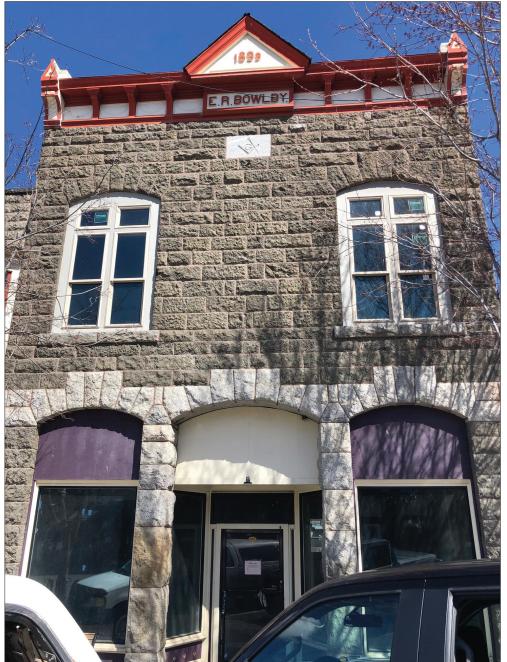
The reason for the move, according to Fishtrap Director Shannon McNerney, is that the nonprofit had outgrown the Coffin House, and it would have needed major renovations to make it work.

"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



Shannon McNerney/Contributed Photo

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 Fishtrap'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

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

trap 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.'

said McNerney 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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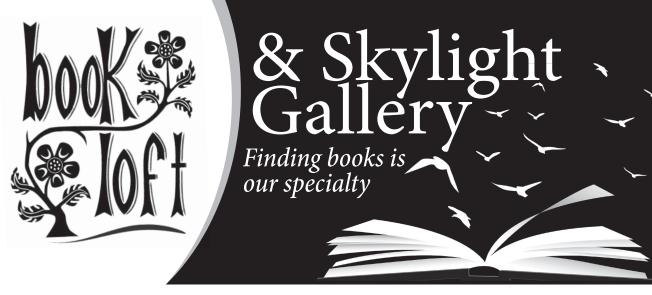
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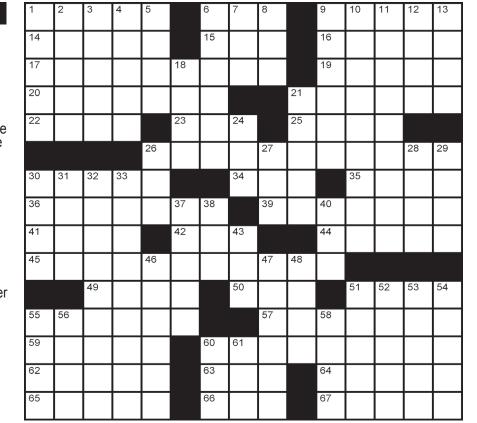
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- 9. Professional poser
- 14. Trouble continually 15. 2019 Women's World
- Cup champs 16. Come up
- 17. Summer weather measure (In this clue's answer, see the first 2 letters + the last 1)
- 19. Scurries
- 20. Commanded
- 21. Candy that reacts with Diet Coke
- 22. Backside
- 23. "Eureka!" 25. Risque
- 26. Noted educational You Tube channel (... first letter
- + last 4) 30. Americán Red Cross
- founder Barton 34. "Outfit of the day" shot,
- e.g., briefly 35. Lean
- 36. One making many tough calls
- Shaken instruments 41. Graceless people

letters + last 3)

- 42. Contend 44. The Joker, to Batman
- 45. Breaded Italian-American dish, informally (... first 2
- 49. Mar 50. Whiz
- 51. End table fixture 55. Most G-rated
- . Titular woman in a Simon
- & Garfunkel hit 59. Corrosive substances
- Captivate ... or what three indicated words do, vis-a-vis 17-, 26- and
- 62. Boat sometimes made of bark
- 63. Family
- 64. Implored

45-Across?

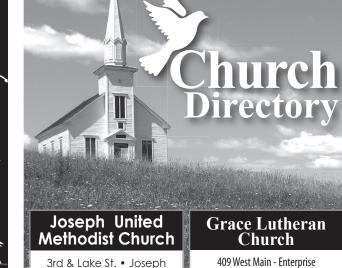
- boson (elementary
- particle)
- "However ..." 67. Like flexible straws



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Detest
- 2. Big name in tractors 3. Carne
- 4. 39.37 inches
- Sauce recipe instruction 6. Religious title that means
- 'awakened one"
- 7. Manipulate (economic policy) 8. Wealth
- 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. Egyptián 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
- 38. A, in German
- 37. Track meet part
- 40. Stage of deep sleep: Abbr. 43. Org. that tests disinfectants
- 46. Comes face-to-face with? One may go on a letter
- 48. Old movie holder (cocktail that could 51. Cuba
- aptly be free)
- Straighten 53. Dug up
- 54. Flooded grain field55. Dash dial that anagrams to "chat" 56. Berry in some smoothies
- 58. Cavéman's weapon 60. Word before "writing" or "light"
- 61. Flaky dessert



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