

Local glassblower to play Easter bunny again this year

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Stirling Webb, right, compares a real egg to one of the glass eggs he's blown Wednesday, April 6, 2022, for a customer at his Moonshine Glass Art shop in Enterprise. Webb plans to hide 100 glass eggs around Wallowa County for Easter celebrants to find Easter morning, Sunday, April 17.

Just three years in business, he did his first egg hunt in 2019 when he hid 40 eggs just in Enterprise and Joseph. In 2020, it was canceled because of the COVID-19

pandemic. Then, last year, he put out 100 eggs all over the county.

"We had a really amazing turnout last year," Webb said, adding that about 45 peo-

ple were waiting outside the shop Easter morning.

"People were running for their cars — we have to tell people not to speed because they were speeding off," he said. "They'd come back and say, 'There's no parking at the spot.' If you hide something, people will go look for it."

As Christ did on the first Easter, Webb gets an early start. This year, Easter Sunday is April 17.

"On Easter morning, I'll release those general hiding locations on my Facebook page and I'll have printed lists here in the shop," he said. "I'll have an extra hiding spot on that list. That'll encourage people to come in the shop."

He doesn't do the hiding alone, either.

"I'll have 'bunnies' out there hiding (the eggs) for me. I can't hide them all myself, so I'll have friends I call 'bunnies' who will be helping me," he said. "We pick spots together and they hide them Easter morning really early to try and prevent people from going out early and finding them all."

Nor are the eggs cheap. Webb said they cost about \$40 each for him to make, meaning the entire venture costs him about \$4,000. He hopes to recoup some of that expense with a sidewalk sale.

"That's a lot of eggs to hide and I've got to pay for it somehow, so I'll have a sidewalk sale all Easter weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday," he said. "I'll set up tables outside and my wife will be helping me and we'll

be selling eggs all weekend." His wife is Emily Bright, owner of B. Bright Vintage in Joseph.

For the most part, it's about giving back to the community, Webb said. In the past, he's had one special treat for egg-hunters to find. Those who find the eggs get to keep them as "keepsakes," he said.

"Last year, I put out a glass corn on the cob and whoever found that got a free glassblowing class and I'll probably do something special this year," he said.

But it goes along with Webb's idea of the arrival of spring.

"For me, this is about celebrating spring and getting people out of their houses and getting a little sun on their skin," he said.

IN BRIEF

Blood drive planned in Enterprise

ENTERPRISE — Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

That's what the American Red Cross says in advance of a blood drive that will be held in Enterprise by the Red Cross on Tuesday, April 19, at the Cloverleaf Hall.

Alicia Hayes, Wallowa County Red Cross coordinator for blood drive, said all blood types and Rh factors are needed.

Type O is the universal donor, meaning people with all blood types can receive Type O. Type AB is the universal recipient. Types A and B also are needed, as are all types with positive and negative Rh factors.

Hayes said some people who have had health issues or are taking certain medications are not able to donate.

"There's a pretty good

screening process," she said. Tattoos, piercings and recent surgeries also can be limiting.

The blood drive is all-volunteer, Hayes said, meaning no payments are offered for blood. She said there is a "hospitality center" at the Cloverleaf offering cookies and other "goodies."

But she urged people to come for the approximately 15-minute process.

"Even if you're unsure about the process, people can come down and find out about it," she said.

Hayes said for those who wish to schedule a donation appointment can call her at 541-663-6096 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org.

Wyden hosts virtual town hall for Wallowa County

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden is hosting a series of virtual town halls next week, including one for Wallowa

County residents. The Wallowa County town hall is set for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20.

A recent press release stated the senator has hosted more than 1,000 town halls during his time in office, and has hosted at least one in each county in Oregon each year.

A Facebook link to the town hall is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/m4jfa4ac>

To submit questions, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3vebjnjj>.

Vendor's symposium returns April 16

ENTERPRISE — A vendor's symposium for the Wallowa County Farmers Market is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise.

The event, which was canceled the past two years, will feature vendors discussing topics such as appealing booth displays, customer relation, marketing, advertis-

ing and networking. It is for both returning market vendors and prospective vendors. The symposium is free and open to the public.

It will also be an opportunity for attendees to meet Jessica Bogard, the new market manager. She will go over new information, policies, procedures and more. Members of the board of directors will also be on hand to answer questions.

A potluck brunch is part of the event, and participants are asked to bring a brunch item. Coffee and tea will be available.

The Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 28.

— Chieftain staff



Births

A daughter, Lennon Elayne Werst-Daggett, was born March 16, 2022, in Boise, Idaho, to Alyssa and Clinton Werst-Daggett of Wallowa. Grandparents are Wayne and Linda Werst, Brenda Cannon Daggett, Max and MayDee Daggett, Ena May Carper, and Jim Dempsey. Great-grandparents are La Verne Werst, Wyleigh Carper, and Art and Nancy Cannon.

A daughter, Beth-Anne Marie Schnetzky, was born March 23, 2022, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Alicia and Wade Schnetzky of Flora. Grandparents are Karl and Candace Seely, Lorelei Cannon Burch, and Allen Schnetzky. Great-grandparents are Art and Nancy Cannon, Larry and Jan Schnetzky, and Koni Schnetzky.



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

FOOT CLINIC: 12:30-3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

LIFESTYLE WELLNESS CLASS: 5-7 p.m., Wallowa Memorial Medical Clinic, Joseph. Wednesday evenings through May 25. Focusing on nutrition, exercise, sleep, decreasing stress, increasing social contacts and avoiding health risks. A supportive environment with like-minded people dealing with the same issues and wellness concerns. Call 541-426-7908 to register.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT TACO NIGHT: 5-8 p.m. VFW Hall, Enterprise. \$8 per person.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 21-22

RECYCLE CENTER ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP: Volunteers needed for spruce up projects to tidy up the recycling center.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

EARTH DAY AT WALLOWOL- OGY: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fam-

LIFESTYLE WELLNESS CLASS:

ily-oriented activities at the Wallowology center in Joseph.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

EARTH DAY WALK: 9-11 a.m. Discovery Walk on the East Moraine. Community bal-ancing twine collection. Visit Wallowology.org for more info.

EARTH DAY YARD SALE: Recycle Center on Fish Hatchery Road, Enterprise. All proceeds benefit community recycling. Coloring contest, games, recycling info and prizes! Bring donated items between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 21-22, or Saturday morning before the sale.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Noon — 3 p.m. Hurricane Creek Grange, Airport Lane, Joseph. Free, everyone welcome.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

QUILTING GROUP: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.



Join Us Easter Sunday Celebrate the Resurrection

Worship at 11:00 am
Community Meal Immediately Following
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Children's Egg Hunt following worship
Community Meal, upstairs fellowship hall, after worship



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