

# Main Street Program plans regional effort

Program aims to boost rural communities

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ENTERPRISE — A series of walking tours, conversations and a countywide public meeting Wednesday and Thursday, May 4-5, will explore the possibility of establishing a Regional Main Street Program for Wallowa County, according to a press release.

The event will be led by Sheri Stuart, manager of the Oregon Main Street Program, that includes support for historic preservation, new

businesses and downtown improvements; access to special funding; and a structure for collaborative efforts to increase livability and maintain vibrancy of small rural towns.

The Northeast Oregon Economic Development District and the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce are conducting outreach and hosting activities to explore the feasibility of a such a program in Wallowa County, bringing all the county's communities that choose to participate together to participate in statewide programs with a single entity managing the program for all.

"We're starting conversations with business owners,

nonprofits and community members to gauge interest and learn about the types of projects people want to support in their communities," said Lisa Dawson, executive director at NEOEDD. "We hope to hear from everyone who likes to support their hometown, including business owners, people new to the community, and younger residents."

Those interested may participate in several ways:

- Take an online survey at <https://www.neoedd.org/wallowa-county-main-street/> to share information about plans, challenges and ideas for your business and/or community.
- Join a walking tour with

Stuart, NEOEDD staff and community members May 4 in Enterprise starting at City Hall at 9 a.m., at Wallowa Lake starting at Wallowa Lake Lodge at 1 p.m. or in Joseph at 1 p.m. at City Hall. On May 5, walking tours will be in Lostine at 11 a.m. at City Hall and in Wallowa at 1 p.m. at City Hall.

• Attend a countywide public meeting at 7 p.m. May 5 at the Southfork Grange on Rosewell Street in Lostine.

• Request an interview with the NEOEDD and answer a few questions about your interests and projects.

For more information, contact Chantal Ivenso at [chantalivenso@neoedd.org](mailto:chantalivenso@neoedd.org) or 541-426-3598.



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American Red Cross blood-collection technician Alexia Krigbaum, left, checks the blood pressure of Rebecca Frolander before the latter donates blood Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise.

# Blood drive sees large turnout

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ENTERPRISE — A total of 74 units of blood were donated Tuesday, April 19, during a blood drive held by the American Red Cross at the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise.

A unit is approximately 1 pint, said Alicia Hayes, Wallowa County Red Cross coordinator for the blood drive.

She said 87 people signed up to donate.

"It was one our biggest turnouts," she said.

Rebecca Frolander, one of the volunteer donors, said she's been donating blood since she was 18.

"I regularly donate blood. I feel it's something I can do to help people for just a little bit of my time," she said. "One of the workers said that for every blood donation, you can help three people."

Hayes said the short-staffed crew ran about 45 minutes behind.

"That was very unusual. ... They got backed up so we had to reschedule six," she said. "We were booked solid."

The blood drive ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hayes said donated blood covered the entire gamut of types, O (the universal donor), A, B and AB (the universal recipient), as well as positive and negative Rh factors.

"O negative is particu-

larly coveted," being the one that can be given to all others, but all types were received, Hayes said.

"It was pretty even across the board," she said.

Hayes said the American Red Cross tries to hold three or four blood drives a year in Enterprise. The next will be in June, followed by September.

"Weather permitting, we'll have one in November," she said.

Hayes said the COVID-19 pandemic led to lower turnouts of volunteers. In fact, the Red Cross even canceled its spring blood drive of 2020, when the pandemic started. The local situation is much like the national shortage.

"A big part of that is COVID — it scares people from donating," she said. "It's not that there were a lot of restrictions. It's just that people were uncomfortable with it."

Hayes said the blood collected can help local medical facilities, but at times outside sources may be contacted.

"Wallowa County only keeps a certain amount of blood on hand, so if they had a situation where needed a lot, they'd have to request from other areas," she said.

Hayes expressed her appreciation to all who donated.

"We greatly appreciate their gift of life," she said.

# Pinwheels for prevention



Students from the Wallowa County Alternative School plant pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention Month on the grounds of the Wallowa County Courthouse under the supervision of teacher Ron Pickens, left, and Court-Appointed Special Advocate Director Erin Taggard. Taggard said the pinwheels represent the "innocence that children should have and our hope that they will have a happy, healthy future."

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## IN BRIEF

### Four Wallowa County students receive grants

WALLOWA COUNTY — Four Wallowa County high school seniors were among a dozen students to receive awards through the DeWuhs-Keckritz Educational Trust, which according to its website was created to provide "grants to students in Eastern Oregon to enable them to pursue educational goals."

Between them, the 12 students earned \$36,000 in awards, including four who received a \$5,000 award.

The winners of a \$5,000 award in Wallowa County were Alona Yost of Enterprise and Bayden Menton of Joseph. The \$2,000-award winners were Maelen Rose Movich-Fields of Enterprise and Catherine Zeigler of Joseph.

The trust, established in 1972 by the wills of Joe DeWuhs and Tony Keckritz, has awarded more than \$1.4 million in funds to about 500 students.

Students in Wallowa and Union counties are eligible.

### Joseph council work session canceled

JOSEPH — A work session planned for Monday, April 25, was canceled when the Joseph City Council was to discuss American Rescue Plan Act funds and System Development Charges.

The work session was canceled due to "unforeseen emergencies," according to a press release Monday afternoon.

Discussion and voting on the ARPA funds and discussion of the SDC fees will take place at a special session to be held April 28 at 6 p.m.

Voting on potential SDC fees will take place at the May 5 council meeting.

### Applications for Dunn scholarship available

WALLOWA COUNTY — Applications are now being accepted for the Bruce Dunn Scholarship Fund, which, according to a press release, is open to col-

lege students who graduated from a Wallowa County high school and who are pursuing an education in natural resources.

Applications, which are on the Wallowa Resources website, will be accepted through July 15.

Preference will be given to those students entering their junior or senior year of college who are planning a career in "forestry, wildlife, fisheries, soils, hydrology, or other related fields," the release states.

The fund was started by Bruce Dunn's wife, Jane, and his friends following his death in August 2018. Bruce Dunn was a forester with both the U.S. Forest Service and with private companies. He oversaw RY Timber properties for more than three decades, and helped start the Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee.

"Through this scholarship the hope is to continue educating and training tomorrow's natural resource professionals in order for them to best serve Wallowa County's land-based economy," a statement from the press release reads.

Visit [wallowaresources.org](http://wallowaresources.org) for more information.

### Youth Arts Festival coming in May

JOSEPH — School-aged kids are invited to show their artwork next month at the Joseph City Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph during

the annual Wallowa Valley Youth Arts Festival.

The exhibit will be May 14-21. Entries should be submitted at the Joseph Center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 9-11, according to a press release.

Children in kindergarten through the sixth grade can show one piece of artwork. Youths in grades seven through high school can show two pieces.

Matting supplies and ideas include a do-it-yourself option. Central Copy in Enterprise has poster board for matting and offers free cutting to all entrants in the exhibit. The shop also has foam board for sale that must be cut to size. Misty's Uptown Art and Aspen Grove Gallery offer a professional touch with matting.

No frame is required for the entries, but a firm back is requested for hanging purposes.

For more information and to print entry forms, go online to <https://josephy.org/wallowa-valley-youth-arts-festival>. Contact Dawn Norman to learn more at 541-432-0505 ext. No. 1 or email [exhibits@josephy.org](mailto:exhibits@josephy.org).

### Young actors sought for 'Hansel and Gretel'

JOSEPH — Auditions are being offered to all students in Wallowa County to perform in the Missoula Children's Theatre's production of "Hansel and Gretel" at the

Enterprise School multipurpose room.

The auditions will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday, May 2. Those auditioning should arrive at 4 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions. Participants are urged to bring a snack in case they are there for the rehearsal.

About 50-60 roles will be available for local students. Students in grades first through high school are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Most students will rehearse 4 hours and 15 minutes each day, Monday through Thursday.

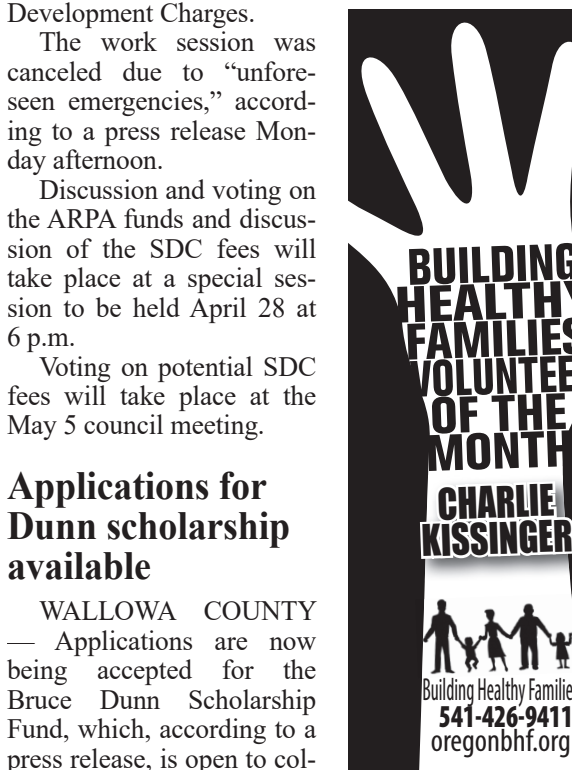
The performances are scheduled for Friday, May 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 at 1 p.m. Both performances will be at the Enterprise School multipurpose room.

For more information, call Dawn Norman the Joseph City Center for Arts and Culture at 541-432-0505, ext. 1111, or email [exhibits@josephy.org](mailto:exhibits@josephy.org).

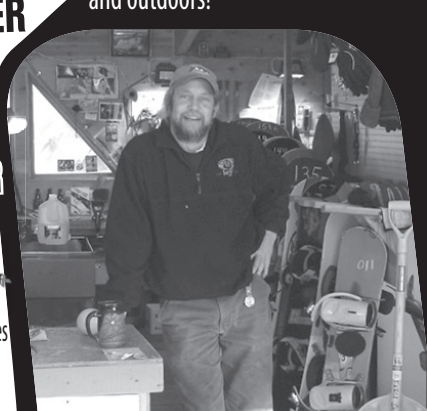
Volunteers also are needed to help with the production. Email DJ Lincoln at [systems@josephy.org](mailto:systems@josephy.org) and interested sponsors should contact Dera Stewart at [development@josephy.org](mailto:development@josephy.org) or 541-432-0505.

Funding that makes this production possible comes from the Juan Young Charitable Trust, donations and sponsorships.

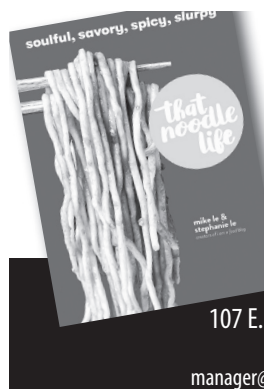
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Building Healthy Families wants to thank Charlie Kissinger for his commitment and support to youth winter recreation in Wallowa County. As the Fergie Ski Shop Manager, Charlie distributed our free winter helmets to youth and was crucial in getting nearly 100 kids geared up and ready to ski on School Ski Day! Thank you Charlie for helping kids get active and outdoors!



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