

# Celebration to commemorate Wallowa County's purchase of East Moraine

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For the Wallowa County Chieftain

**JOSEPH** — Those who live in Wallowa County know what a special place it is and keeping it rural is more than a slogan — it's what brings people together.

To commemorate Wallowa County's acquisition of more than 1,800 acres of the Wallowa Lake East Moraine, the community is invited to the East Moraine Community Forest Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The former Ronald C. Yanke Family Trust property was acquired in January 2020 after years of fundraising by the Wallowa

Lake Moraines Partnership — Wallowa County, Wallowa Resources, Wallowa Land Trust and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration was postponed for two years.

Since the acquisition, members of the partnership gathered information through personal and focus group interviews, an online survey and a 30-day comment period on the East Moraine Community Forest's Draft Management Plan. The plan was designed by resource and recreation professionals to meet the multiple uses of the property — forest and

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The public is invited to a guided tour from the west side of the moraine. Participants are asked to RSVP and shuttle from the south end of Wallowa Lake (meet in front of the Wallowa Lake Lodge by 2:45 p.m.). A catered dinner and live music are from 5-7 p.m. on the Wallowa Lake Lodge's back lawn. To attend, please RSVP to [www.wallowaresources.org/east-moraine-celebration-rsvp](http://www.wallowaresources.org/east-moraine-celebration-rsvp).

For more information on the East Moraine Community Forest, visit [co.wallowa.or.us](http://co.wallowa.or.us).

range management, wildlife and habitat conservation, cultural resources and recreation.

To welcome and inform users of the East Moraine Community Forest, a grant from Oregon State Parks is funding the development

of trailheads to both the east and west entrances to improve access for administrative and recreational use.

At a forum addressing the fragility of the moraines in 2008, the overwhelming community sentiment was that they should not be

developed into homesites. In 2011, the partnership formed and with the combined effort of the organizations, more than \$6.5 million was raised to purchase the property and convey it into county ownership.

With the upcoming approval of the Community Forest's management plan, the partnership's executive committee will continue to oversee the activities and allowable uses with input and support from a larger group of local natural resource agencies and organizations.

"Securing the East Moraine is an incredible achievement for our community, and we are eager

to finally celebrate with everyone on Sept. 10," Wallowa Land Trust's Executive Director Kathleen Ackley said.

Having the Community Forest in county ownership means it will be a public resource into perpetuity. John Hillock represents the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners on the executive committee and said much of the county's interest in acquiring the property had to do with public access and managing it as a working land.

"We are making it available for all people to access, see the view and keep it from further development," he said.

## IN BRIEF

### Online writing workshop with Amy Irvine planned

**ENTERPRISE** — "Writing to Captivate When It's All Been Said Before" is an online writing workshop with wilderness advocate Amy Irvine, presented by Fish-trap, according to a press release.

The workshop will be Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4.

Registration is \$240, or \$215 for Fish-trappers. Register online at <https://fishtrap.regfox.com/irvinesept>.

Irvine is a wilderness advocate, a sixth-generation Utahn, a feminist and a "descendant of notorious Mormons," according to the release. Her books have received numerous awards.

Learn more at [amyirvine.com](http://amyirvine.com) or [fish-trap.org](http://fish-trap.org).

### 40th Wallowa Valley Festival of the Arts is Sept. 16-18

**JOSEPH** — The 40th annual Wallowa Valley Festival of the Arts premieres Friday, Sept. 16, at the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, and will highlight 101 pieces of artwork from 63 artists.

The center is at 403 N. Main St. in Joseph.

The festival kicks off with an opening reception from 7-10 p.m. Sept. 16 at the center. The opening reception features hors d'oeuvres, wine, a hand-painted wine glass and provides an opportunity to preview artwork and meet the artists.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at <https://josephy.org/event/wvfa-opening-reception>.

Admission to the main event Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18, is free and open to the public.

The festival features the En Plein Air competition at the center, Sept. 16-18, and Quick Draw (Mount Joseph Lodge Gardens at 404 N. Main St., Sept. 17 from 2-4 p.m.).

For more information, contact Dawn Norman at [exhibits@josephy.org](mailto:exhibits@josephy.org).

### Stabbing case still awaiting grand jury

**WALLOWA COUNTY** — Wallowa County Sheriff Joel Fish confirmed Monday, Aug. 29, that the July 8 stabbing that left a Hermiston man dead at Hells Canyon Overlook was the result of a "road rage" incident.

Fish confirmed that Dan Ridling stopped where he saw the alleged stabber stop at the overlook parking lot. He confronted the man and pulled a firearm but then was distracted. The other man, who is from Albany but has yet to be publicly identified, used the distraction to pull a fixed-blade sheathed knife similar to a hunting knife.

The altercation resulted in a fatal knife wound to Ridling's torso. He died at the scene.

Fish said Monday that the issue still has to go before a grand jury, and it has been backed up with cases. The grand jury and the district attorney will then decide on any possible charges.

Fish said at the time of the incident that the Oregon State Police Major Crimes Unit was requested and responded to assist with the investigation, the release stated.

The man who is believed to have done the stabbing cooperated with the investigation, Fish said. Ridling's wife also was interviewed.

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## FOR THE RECORD

### AUG. 22

**8:21 a.m.** — Report of animal neglect in rural Enterprise.

**9:59 a.m.** — Traffic complaint in rural Enterprise.

**10:47 a.m.** — City of Enterprise reported the Montclair St. Bridge is open.

**12:51 p.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.

**1:59 p.m.** — Report of a prowler in Joseph.

**3:03 p.m.** — Public assist, possible medical in Enterprise.

### AUG. 23

**9:50 a.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.

**11:23 a.m.** — Vehicle release.

**1:35 p.m.** — Noninjury traffic crash in Joseph.

**5:20 p.m.** — Public assist in Joseph.

**10:03 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in Enterprise; Enterprise Police Department issued a citation for no insurance.

**11:28 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in rural Enterprise; EPD issued a warning.

### AUG. 24

**9:37 a.m.** — At a traffic stop in Enterprise; the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office issued a warning for speed.

**11:26 a.m.** — Public assist in Joseph.

**3:15 p.m.** — Found bike in Enterprise.

**4:14 p.m.** — Civil dispute in Enterprise.

**4:41 p.m.** — Reported fire from lightning strike in

rural Enterprise.

**5:27 p.m.** — Multiple fires reported in rural Lostine from lightning strikes. NE Dispatch and Lostine Fire dispatched.

**6:38 p.m.** — Harassment in Wallowa.

**7:29 p.m.** — Report of a possible burglary in Joseph.

**9:47 p.m.** — Bryan Gabriel Ramirez-Meza, 22, of Yakima, Washington, was arrested on a charge of probation violation on an order of arrest and detention issued by Wallowa County Community Corrections. The original charge was strangulation.

### AUG. 25

**11:15 a.m.** — Traffic crash in rural Enterprise.

**12:22 p.m.** — Burglary in rural Joseph.

**1:25 p.m.** — Jeffery Brian Meyer, 54, of Enterprise, was arrested on a WCCC order of arrest and detention on a charge of probation violation. His original charge was second-degree theft.

**1:58 p.m.** — Traffic crash reported in rural Joseph.

**2:54 p.m.** — Dog bite in Joseph.

**6:32 p.m.** — A disturbance reported in Lostine.

**8:55 p.m.** — Boating complaint on Wallowa Lake.

### AUG. 26

**2:11 a.m.** — Arcing power pole reported in rural Enterprise.

**2:51 a.m.** — Suspicious circumstances reported in Enterprise.

**8:46 a.m.** — Report of loose cattle on Highway 82 near "S"

curves in rural Enterprise; referred to Oregon State Police.

**9:22 a.m.** — Agency assist in Enterprise.

**9:38 a.m.** — Report of loose cattle on Highway 82 near Wade Gulch; transferred to OSP.

**10:47 a.m.** — Report of criminal mischief in the city of Joseph.

**3:08 p.m.** — Public assist in rural Imnaha.

**3:32 p.m.** — Welfare check in rural Wallowa.

**4:17 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in Wallowa; WCSO issued a citation for no insurance.

**4:50 p.m.** — Theft in Enterprise.

**6:04 p.m.** — Report of a vehicle vs bicycle collision in Enterprise.

**9:16 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in rural Wallowa; WCSO issued a warning.

**9:37 p.m.** — Devin Spencer, 30, of Wallowa, was arrested on a charge of DUI during a traffic stop in Wallowa.

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### AUG. 27

**7:16 a.m.** — Trespass in Wallowa.

**Noon** — Report of a fire at Salt Creek; transferred to NE Dispatch.

**8:14 p.m.** — Public assist request in Enterprise.

**9:51 p.m.** — Report of wildfire in rural Joseph; transferred to NE Dispatch.

### AUG. 28

**6:46 a.m.** — Harassing texts in Wallowa.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Taxi
- Cattle disease (abbr.)
- Before the present
- They burn in a grill
- Enough (archaic)
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
- Napoleonic Wars battle
- Chinese surname
- Fragrant essential oil
- Follows sigma
- Model
- A place with many dining options
- BBQ dish
- Corn comes on it
- A sheep in its second year
- Triad
- They
- Actor DiCaprio
- TV's "Edith Bunker"
- Sustenance
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- Cause a loud, harsh sound
- A way to take in liquids
- Gene type
- The Miami mascot is one

- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Importance requiring swift action
- Outfit
- Small Eurasian deer
- Weight used in China
- A major division of geological time
- Popular beverage
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Practical joking
- Pouchlike structure
- Pound
- Lily and Manning are two
- Stopped discussing
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Candy maker
- One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
- Beverage container
- Rock formation
- Partner to cheese
- Dorm official
- The bill in a restaurant
- Type of jug
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**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to summer.

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	4	1				7
9			2			5
4	8		1	5	6	2
		2				
5			6			
	6		9			
	5	4	9	8		
		8				

Level: Intermediate

**Guess Who?**

I am a singer born in New York on August 30, 1989. I got my start acting in musicals. I've written many popular songs, including one for Eminem and Rihanna, and also have had a successful singing career.

**CRYPTO FUN**

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to summertime. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = A)

**A. 17 20 15 17 20 14 19 22 11 6**  
Clue: Done for enjoyment

**B. 21 20 14 19**  
Clue: Quality of being hot

**C. 26 3 22 12 12 22 6 13**  
Clue: Treading water

**D. 7 14 15 14 19 22 11 6**  
Clue: Fun trip

**SUMMERTIME WORD SEARCH**

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

**WORDS**

AUGUST  
BACKYARD  
BARBECUE  
BEACH  
COOLING  
ENJOYMENT  
FAMILY  
FAN  
GRILL  
HOT  
JULY  
POOL  
RELAXATION  
REST  
RETREAT  
SEASIDE  
SHADE  
SUMMER  
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SWIMSUIT  
ULTRAVIOLET  
VACATION  
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