

Randy & Linda Botham — 50th anniversary



An open house to celebrate Randy and Linda Botham's 50th wedding anniversary will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Coe-Kerr Community Center at Cove's Ascension School Camp and Conference Center, 1104 Church St. All friends of the family are welcome.

2019 OREGON EAST-WEST ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

Wallowa County football players honored

Observer staff

The 2019 Oregon East-West All-Star Football Game was held in Baker City in August, with three Wallowa County high school players participating, Tyler Homan, Joseph Eagles, Coy Aschenbrenner, Enterprise Outlaws, and Gus Ramsden, Wallowa Cougars.

Trey Wandschneider was also recognized but was not tapped to participate in the game. Also participating as an assistant coach was Duncan Chrisman from the Joseph football program.

The game is known as "The Greatest Little Shrine Game in the World." It is recognized nationally as the No. 1 fundraiser of its kind, on the North American continent, for Shrine Hospitals for Children.

The rosters are made up of graduated players from Class 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. The players spend a week practicing for the game and enjoying various activities, including a trip to the Shrine Hospital in Portland, where they spent time with the young patients.



Courtesy photo

From left to right: Greg Johnson, Gerald Crawford, Duncan Chrisman, Tyler Homan, Sam Wade, Coy Aschenbrenner, Gus Ramsden, Jim Eldred, Melvin Brink, Bill Williams and Don Stein.

Homan, Aschenbrenner and Ramsden, along with their parents, were honored by the Wallowa County Shrine Club with a dinner at Vali's Alpine Restaurant.

Wandschneider was not able to attend due to work commitments. The three players and Chrisman agreed it was a great experience, and Coy called the trip to the hospital "humbling."

BRIEFLY

Dispatcher graduates from state training

SALEM — Margherita Cherise Kaechele, a dispatcher with the La Grande Police Department, graduated with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's 115th Basic Telecommunications Class on Aug. 16.

The three-week course covers emergency call handling techniques, stress management, civil liability, ethics, criminal law, overview of fire-rescue and law enforcement operations and a number of other topics.

Max Walker Memorial Scholarships awarded

ENTERPRISE — The Hells Canyon Mule Days Board of Directors supports the youth of Wallowa County by awarding Max Walker Memorial Scholarships to county seniors. This year's scholarships — \$1,000 each — were granted to Michael Diggins, Emma Hite and Deidre Schreiber. The committee was impressed by the students' diverse goals as well as their character evaluation references, career choices and leadership qualities.

Michael Diggins is the son of Bruce and Cyndie Diggins. He graduated from Wallowa High School and will continue his education at Sheridan Community College in Sheridan, Wyoming, where he will major in rangeland management.

Emma Hite is the daughter of James and Jill Hite. A graduate of Joseph Charter School, she will be attending Treasure Valley Community

College in Ontario, majoring in elementary education.

Deidre Schreiber, the daughter of Debi and Charlie Warnock, graduated from Enterprise High School. She plans to attend Oregon State University in the fall of 2020, where she will major in agricultural education. Deidre is delaying her college plans for one year in order to serve as a state FFA officer (secretary), the ultimate success in the FFA realm at the state level.

The Max Walker Memorial Scholarship program was conceived in 2005 to honor Max Walker, one of the founding members and ongoing supporters of Hells Canyon Mule Days. To date, HCMD has awarded a total of \$41,000 to Wallowa County students to help further their academic goals.

PEO awards \$3,000 scholarship

LA GRANDE — Jillian Roberts, a 2019 graduate of La Grande High School, was selected as the recipient of the 2019-2020 Union County PEO Trif-Chapter Scholarship. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior girl who will be attending Eastern Oregon University. Scholarship applications are evaluated for academic achievement, community service, financial need and commitment to higher education. The scholarship is funded by the three local chapters of PEO, a philanthropic organization dedicated to the education of women.

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What is Liberalism?

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Their core belief is Liberalism. What is Liberalism?
It is Socialism.

What is Socialism?
It is Communism.
Communism is the teaching of Darwinism.
It is the teaching that, "There ain't no God."
It's okay to lie, cheat, and steal.

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