

OBITUARIES

Ronald Parsons

Ronald Lee Parsons died at the age of 80 in Walla Walla, Wash., on Feb. 5, 2015. His loving family members were present. He came into the world on the family farm near State Center, Iowa, in 1934. He was the youngest son of Leland and Elizabeth Parsons and brother to George and his sister Okal.



Ron relocated with his parents to Joseph, Ore., in 1950. He met his "sweetie," Charlotte Reavis, at the foot of Wallowa Lake that first summer. Charlotte told her female classmates, "Back off, he's tall and he's mine!" They both graduated from Joseph High School and went on to finish teaching degrees at Eastern Oregon University. Ron enjoyed playing sports and lettered in basketball, football, track and also played American Legion baseball.

As a flat-lander Iowan transplant, he fell in love with the mountains of Wallowa County. He worked for the forest service while in college and was an avid fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman. Friendly poker games earned pocket money for taking Charlotte to the movies. They were married in 1955 and raised a large family of seven kids: Andy, Lori, Joe, Nina, Dawn, Mary and Jim. They were blessed additionally with 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

"Mr. Parsons" taught school from 1956 - 1993. He started his career in Imbler, moved to Brookings for a year and then taught and coached at Central School and McLoughlin High School in Milton-Freewater. He received his Masters in Guidance Counseling from University of Toledo in 1968. Toward the end of his career, he started an arts and crafts class and took on the additional mantle of Vice Principal. He was good with his hands and taught himself to tie flies and build Birchwood furniture. In addition, he supplemented his teaching income with painting houses, driving wheat and pea combines, picking fruit, and working at Lamb Weston in order to support his large family. He was the epitome of a strong work ethic and passed that onto his children.

After Ron retired in 1993, he and Charlotte became avid adventurers. They preferred to explore and stay off the beaten path in most countries and as such were able to connect with the locals and have rich cultural experiences. After an introductory dive on the Great Barrier Reef, they became Scuba certified in Guam, dove in Yap and Palau. They frequently wintered in St. Pete Beach, Fla., Kauai, and Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Ron loved picking up shells and fishing.

The family is planning a private memorial for Ron at Wallowa Lake in June. Memorial donations can be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, www.lbda.org.

To leave a condolence on-line visit: www.munsellerhodes.com

DEATH NOTICES

Joyce Terry

Joyce Terry, 84, of Lostine, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2015, in Enterprise. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, at Lostine Presbyterian Church. A full obituary will be published at a later date.

Norma Long
May 9, 1916 - Jan. 30, 2015

Norma Fern Jensen Crawford Long, 98, of Baker City, died Jan. 30, 2015, at Settler's Park Assisted Living Center.

Her memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St.

Norma and her twin brother, Norman, were born on May 9, 1916, at home in Pleasant Valley to Lars Christian Jensen and Lulu Pearl Hixon Jensen. She was a 1934 Baker High School graduate.

She married Harry Noel Crawford on Oct. 29, 1935. They lived in Baker County all of their married life. Harry died in December of 1986. In December of 1997, Norma married Ralph Long of La Grande. He died in November of 2005. In January of 2007, Norma moved to Settler's Park where she lived until her death.

She worked as a waitress for many years. She and her sister, Iva, were owners of the Blue & White Cafe for a while and she also worked at the Royal Cafe and the Baker Hotel.

She enjoyed gardening and raised beautiful flowers. Roses were her favorite. She crocheted beautiful afghans and did embroidery work on pillowcases and dish towels.

She was a member of Home Extension, the Garden Club and the Merry Club for many years.

Norma was a member of Esther Chapter, No. 11, Order of Eastern Star, for more than 40 years. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and attended as long as she was able.

She loved spending time with her family, especially her five grandsons, camping and being outdoors was her favorite.

She also loved to travel.

Survivors include her two sons, Gerald and Lorraine Crawford of Joseph and Don and Beverly Crawford of Pendleton; her five grandsons, Mike, Darryl, Randy, Kenny and Aaron; 10 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Lloyd Jensen; one sister, Mildred Stinger; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by Harry and Ralph; her parents; and six siblings.

Memorial contributions may be made to charity of one's choice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.



Deer reduction request makes no headway

ODFW suggests citizens stop feeding the deer

By S.F. Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — The city council has received a reply from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to the council's January letter requesting ODFW's help in reducing the number of deer in town. That response from ODFW: no dice.

The ODFW reply, signed by ODFW employee Pat Matthews, places partial blame on Joseph citizens who intentionally feed the deer. He suggested the city pass an ordinance forbidding the feeding of deer, adding that he realized such a measure's limited efficacy.

Matthews' letter also said the ODFW tried trapping the deer in the past several decades only to have them return. He cited ODFW's limited resources and personnel in refusing to trap the deer again now or in the future.

The letter ended with Matthews offering to sit down with the city council if it had new ideas or solutions to offer.

Mayor Dennis Sands said that during a recent conversation with Matthews, the two discussed the city petitioning the state to use lethal methods of reducing the deer population, but Matthews threw cold water on the idea, expressing doubt about its chances of approval in Salem.

In lieu of the ODFW's lack of ideas on deer population control, several citizens offered thoughts of their own. "Let's gather them up

and take them over to Salem," a citizen called out during the city council's Feb. 5 meeting.



Sajonia

Another citizen added, "Along with the wolves."

When hearing that Joseph Public Works employees removed "a lot" of dead deer from private property, councilor Teresa Sajonia suggested private property owners take responsibility of carcass disposal with possible help from public works.

Sands said he still thought of it as the responsibility of ODFW as Joseph citizens could not shoot the deer inside the city limits.

Sajonia reiterated her point that carcass disposal responsibility lay with the landowner. Sands again disagreed, citing his belief that ODFW is ultimately responsible.

The discussion ended with an agreement for the council to start work on an ordinance forbidding the feeding of deer within the city limits.

During a subsequent telephone interview, Matthews said ODFW and other agencies pick up dead deer carcasses from private property, although the agency often gives the property owner the option of carcass disposal if the owner so chooses.

Matthews added, "I've also received calls from people who don't want us to do anything about the deer, because they like the deer. We have people on both sides of the issue."

About Obituaries

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High and Low Temperatures

According to data sent to MesoWest: www.mesowest.utah.edu

Enterprise			Lostine		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Feb. 4	33	37	Feb. 4	31	38
Feb. 5	34	56	Feb. 5	34	57
Feb. 6	52	61	Feb. 6	52	63
Feb. 7	41	59	Feb. 7	43	57
Feb. 8	35	58	Feb. 8	33	57
Feb. 9	41	51	Feb. 9	40	49
Feb. 10	39	n/a	Feb. 10	43	n/a

Joseph			Wallowa		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Feb. 4	32	36	Feb. 4	32	36
Feb. 5	32	54	Feb. 5	35	51
Feb. 6	n/a	61	Feb. 6	49	64
Feb. 7	n/a	n/a	Feb. 7	43	60
Feb. 8	n/a	n/a	Feb. 8	31	58
Feb. 9	39	50	Feb. 9	41	55
Feb. 10	37	n/a	Feb. 10	44	n/a

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Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Feb. 4	33	38	Feb. 4	38	44
Feb. 5	41	53	Feb. 5	38	50
Feb. 6	46	56	Feb. 6	45	60
Feb. 7	45	60	Feb. 7	44	54
Feb. 8	39	64	Feb. 8	40	54
Feb. 9	48	53	Feb. 9	44	50
Feb. 10	40	n/a	Feb. 10	42	n/a

Six-day forecast

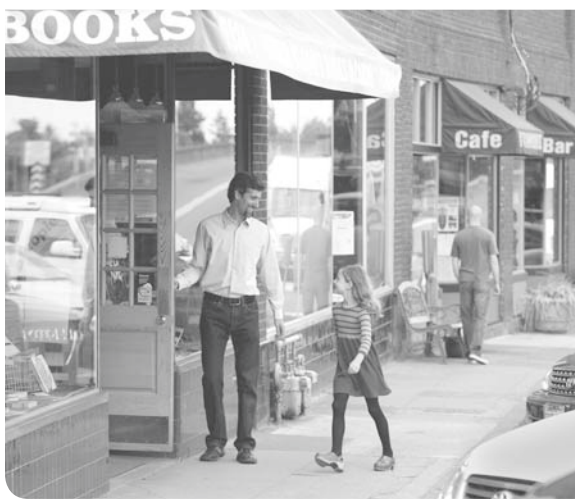
Feb. 11 - Feb. 16

Source: National Weather Service

Feb. 11		H: 48 L: 31	Mostly sunny
Feb. 12		H: 51 L: 32	Mostly sunny
Feb. 13		H: 50 L: 33	Mostly sunny
Feb. 14		H: 53 L: 31	Mostly sunny
Feb. 15		H: 47 L: 30	Mostly sunny
Feb. 16		H: 45 L: n/a	Mostly sunny

Phases of the moon

Feb. 17	Feb. 24	March 3	March 10
New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter



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