

Community Calendar: *Orchestra concerts; bear den outing; prayer day*

Wednesday, Feb. 25
Volunteer Orientation, 7 p.m., Wallowa County Humane Society Information Center, 104 N. River St., Enterprise. Class for new and existing volunteers. More info: Karen Mason, 541-432-7310.

Thursday, Feb. 26
Young People's Concert by the Wallowa Valley Orchestra, 9 a.m., Enterprise High School. Free. Includes interactive and informational activities.

Film (50 minutes), "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible," followed by a discussion about

race and culture with Gwen Trice of Maxville Heritage Center and Bennie Moses-Mesubed of EOU's Multicultural Center, 7 p.m. at Josephy Center in Joseph. Event is part of Black History Month.

Saturday, Feb. 28
Wallowology! Bear Hibernation Outing with Jim Akenson and Mike Hansen of ODFW. Meet at 9 a.m. in the ODFW office parking lot on Fish Hatchery Road. Participants will take their own cars to a Western Larch den tree located off the North Highway. Roughly 50 miles round trip. Roughly a 10-minute hike to the den

tree. Bring a day-pack with sack lunch and water, plus binoculars, and camera. Back in town by early afternoon. RSVP to jcreative@eoni.com.

Sunday, March 1
Community Concert by the Wallowa Valley Orchestra, 4 p.m., Enterprise High School. Free.

Thursday, March 5
Free screening of movie, "Monumental," a film about America's "true national treasure." 7 p.m. at OK Theatre in Enterprise. Sponsored by Stewards of the Wallows.

Friday, March 6
World Day of Prayer observance, 2 p.m., St. Pius X Catholic Church, 407 S. Pine, Wallowa. More info: Marietta Herinckx, 541-240-0714, mariettaherinckx@yahoo.com; www.wdp-usa.org.

Saturday, March 7
Blue Mountain Fiddle Show, 6 p.m. at Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise. Admission \$5. Dinner at 5 p.m. catered by Apple Flat Catering. More info: 541-432-3195.

Sunday, March 8
Wallowa Valley Choral Winter Concert, 4 p.m., Lostine Presbyterian

Church. Program will combine an edgy collection of '50s pop music with "Climb Every Mountain" from the Sound of Music, also classic hymns, Irish melodies, and a solo performance by Den-ny Kolb, Joseph postmaster.

Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Friday, March 13
Joseph FFA Alumni Dinner/Auction. Doors open 5 p.m., Joseph Community Center. Tri-tip dinner. Tickets \$12, at the door or in advance at Sports Corral. More info: Karen Rinehart, 541-432-0770.

Sunday, March 15
Hurricane Creek Grange will be drawing the winner of the Trophy Elk Raffle (tag awarded by The Nature Conservancy) during the Grange's 7 p.m. meeting. Preceded by a potluck starting at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

The Community Calendar lists fundraisers, free local events and those with a nominal fee organized by non-profit organizations. Submit information to calendar@wallowa.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. To promote for-profit events, contact sales representative Brooke Pace at bpace@wallowa.com.

OBITUARIES

Bettie Ann Goebel
July 11, 1942 – Feb. 20, 2015

Bettie Ann (McCoy) Goebel, 72, of Wallowa, passed away peacefully on Feb. 20, 2015, surrounded by her family and friends. There will be a potluck celebration of life on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Wallowa Senior Center.

Bettie Ann was born on July 11, 1942, to Jake McCoy and Betty Lou (Haney) McCoy.

She grew up and went to school in Wallowa and Looking Glass. Many people remember Bettie Ann from delivering The Observer for over thirty years in Wallowa. She also worked as the Wallowa County dog catcher and at the Wallowa Transfer Site. She waitressed, cooked and bartended for Baird's Tavern and The Lostine Tavern and worked on the McCoy farms.

Bettie loved yard sales and collected many treasures and antiques. She also loved to garden and watch hummingbirds.

She enjoyed tinkering with all types of machines with her dad and her son and grandsons. In earlier years she loved racing jeeps and her '68 Dodge Charger, and river rafting with friends.

Bettie loved all animals and rescued many of them over the years, including a very special cat, LJ (Little Jake). If you ever needed anything, all you had to do was ask Bettie. She was always there to help anyone.

Bettie is survived by her four children Debra (Gene) Smith Wilson of Chattaroy, Wash., Kelly (Susan) Smith of Olympia, Wash., Terri Ann (Rick) Skillings of Wallowa, and Travis (Niki) Goebel of Wallowa. She is survived by seven grandchildren, Jessica and Adrienne Wilson, Zack and Wade Skillings, Chance and Gage Goebel and Madi Smith. She is also survived by two sisters Lois Williams and family of Redmond and Shirley Surber (David) Surber and family of Culver. Bettie is also survived by many amazing life-long friends, including best friend and cousin, Elsie and Red Evans and Debbie and Steve Hafer.

Bettie was preceded in death by her mother Bettie Lou (Haney) McCoy, her father Jake McCoy and the love of her life Star Longley.

Charitable contributions in Bettie's name may be made to the Wallowa County Humane Society.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Genesee "Jenny" Rae Murfitt
Aug. 31, 1942 – Jan. 21, 2015

Genesee "Jenny" Rae Murfitt passed away Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, at age 72. She was born in Enterprise Aug. 31, 1942, to Bertrand and Constance (Butner) DePierris.

Jenny cherished growing up in Enterprise on her grandparents' ranch, which nurtured her never-ending love of Oregon. She embraced the values of growing up in a rural, intimate, self-reliant community that shaped her personal characteristics; she was loyal, tough, adventurous, sentimental, and loved to have fun and laugh.

Jenny's family moved to The Dalles where she graduated from high school in 1960, and during a summer job cooking on a wheat ranch, she began a lifelong love affair with a charismatic, "150 pounds of twisted steel and sex appeal" ranch hand, Jim Murfitt. They married in June 1962, and moved to Portland where he eventually became a career firefighter.

Jenny's professional life began as a model for Jantzen, however, her curiosity and sense of adventure led her to a variety of jobs, ultimately spending 21 years at Mercantile, owned by her sister, Victoria Taylor. She retired three years ago and was honored to volunteer at St. Vincent Hospital and Good Samaritan.

After moving to Portland, Jenny and Jim quickly had three beloved sons, leading a busy life with school, sports, good cooking and full of fun. They took numerous road trips to visit friends, and where they all could preserve close relationships with their large and colorful family of aunts, uncles and cousins. Jenny felt her greatest accomplishment was her family and role of mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. She spoiled her grandchildren Remy, Sofia, Max and Lily and treasured the time she spent with them.

Jenny was never without a book, and frequently gave books as a gift. She read dozens of British mystery novels, American thrillers, and loved to watch old Hollywood movie classics. Everyone appreciated her unique sense of style, and that she lived her life unfiltered and independent. Jenny will be immeasurably missed, and left us too early, but with a lot of great memories, funny stories and laughter.

She was preceded in death by her father Bertrand DePierris; mother Constance (Butner) Thrasher DePierris; husband Jim Murfitt. She is survived by her sons Rhett (Rebecca) Murfitt; Marc (Tracy) Murfitt; Eric (Rachel) Murfitt; sister Victoria (Kirk) Taylor; sister Anne Thrasher; and grandchildren Remy Murfitt, Sofia Murfitt, Max Murfitt and Lily Murfitt.

A memorial service will be held Saturday Feb. 21, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel, 1701 SW 4th Ave., Portland.

Remembrances to Portland Providence Medical Foundation Cancer Research.



DEATH NOTICES

Wilma F. Goucher

Wilma F. Goucher, 84, of Enterprise, passed away at a local care facility on Feb. 16, 2015. A complete obituary will be published at a later date. Bollman Funeral Home in Enterprise is handling the arrangements.

Robert V. Evans

Robert V. Evans, 87, of Wallowa, passed away on Monday, Feb. 23, 2015, at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. A full obituary will be published at a later time. Bollman Funeral Home in Enterprise is handling the arrangements.

About Obituaries

News obituaries are a free service of the Wallowa County Chieftain. The paper accepts obituaries from the family or funeral home. Information submitted is subject to editing. Send obituaries by e-mail, obits@wallowa.com; fax, 541-426-3921; or mail, PO Box 338, Enterprise, OR 97828. The deadline to submit an obituary is 2 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper.

For more information, or to inquire about a paid memorial, call 541-426-4567.

High and Low Temperatures

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

Enterprise			Lostine		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Feb. 18	22	56	Feb. 18	21	56
Feb. 19	28	48	Feb. 19	26	49
Feb. 20	35	43	Feb. 20	34	47
Feb. 21	32	35	Feb. 21	31	37
Feb. 22	11	33	Feb. 22	16	36
Feb. 23	11	46	Feb. 23	12	47
Feb. 24	21	n/a	Feb. 24	20	n/a

Joseph			Wallowa		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Feb. 18	27	55	Feb. 18	21	59
Feb. 19	27	46	Feb. 19	24	51
Feb. 20	34	41	Feb. 20	36	44
Feb. 21	30	34	Feb. 21	32	38
Feb. 22	9	32	Feb. 22	18	40
Feb. 23	9	43	Feb. 23	12	51
Feb. 24	21	n/a	Feb. 24	19	n/a

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Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Feb. 18	28	53	Feb. 18	27	59
Feb. 19	30	56	Feb. 19	29	61
Feb. 20	33	54	Feb. 20	30	57
Feb. 21	41	52	Feb. 21	37	47
Feb. 22	23	40	Feb. 22	24	44
Feb. 23	19	45	Feb. 23	20	49
Feb. 24	27	n/a	Feb. 24	25	n/a

Six-day forecast

Feb. 25 - March 2

Source: National Weather Service

Feb. 25		H: 45 L: 27	Increasing clouds
Feb. 26		H: 40 L: 25	Chance of rain
Feb. 27		H: 41 L: 25	Chance of rain
Feb. 28		H: 41 L: 17	Mostly cloudy
March 1		H: 41 L: 20	Mostly sunny
March 2		H: 41 L: n/a	Slight chance of snow

Phases of the moon

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

Get ready, Wallowa County...



6-8 p.m.
Tuesday,
March 17

Odd Fellows
Hall (above
Soroptmist
Thrift Shop)
in Enterprise

Rotary's Community Spelling Bee is back!

Top adult team and top student team win \$250 each for a Wallowa County charity of their choice.

Remaining proceeds benefit Project Heartbeat, the nonprofit that places automated external defibrillators throughout the county, and other Rotary projects.

It's time to assemble your team of three spellers – adults or students. Register at wallorarotaryclub.blogspot.com or Bank of Eastern Oregon. Registration fee: \$75 (or request a sponsor).

Plan to cheer on your favorite spellers and have fun! Admission: \$5 donation suggested.

Info: Marilyn Dalton, rmdalton7@gmail.com.

Rotary Club of Wallowa County wallorarotaryclub.blogspot.com

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