

DEATH NOTICES

Frances Crow

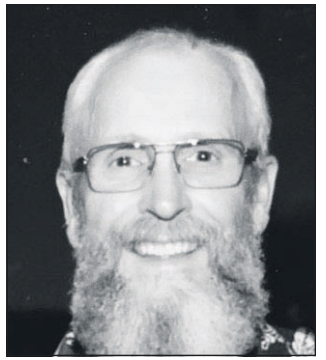
Frances Crow, of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Wallowa County, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015. A full obituary and service time will appear later. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Plum Belle Dressler

Pluma Belle Dressler, 97, passed away Aug. 31, 2015. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, at noon at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Arrangements are by Hill Funeral Home, 253-845-1172.

OBITUARIES

Ralph Mackay Moore
Oct. 9, 1955 – Aug. 22, 2015



Ralph Mackay Moore, age 59, died on Aug. 22, 2015 in Walla Walla, Wash., after a short battle with cancer. His wife, Nancy (Strickler) and his sons, Lucas and Taylor were by his side.

Ralph was born on Oct. 9, 1955 in La Grande to Ralph E. and Katherine (Flanagan) Moore. He spent his early years living with his mother on the Flanagan family farm in La Grande while his father served overseas in the Army. In 1957, the family relocated to Huntington Park, Calif., where Ralph would spend much of his childhood. Each year, the family would make their way back to the Flanagan Farm and reconnect with his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and many cousins.

In 1971, the family returned permanently to La Grande. By then, Ralph was big brother to six and enjoyed many moments with all of his siblings, hiking, hunting, fishing, camping and adventuring all over Eastern Oregon. In 1974, he joined the Army for a four-year tour of duty and during that time on July 5, 1975, he would marry the love of his life, Nancy, in a beautiful garden ceremony on the family farmland that would forever hold his heart.

In 1978, Ralph began attending Eastern Oregon State College majoring in the Fine Arts Program. This was a special time in Ralph's life and the mentorship of Tom Dimond, Ian Gatley, Judd Koehn, and Tom Morandi would launch a life-long commitment to the arts.

Throughout Ralph's professional life, he would remain connected to creating and craftsmanship. He worked as a jeweler, sign designer and painter, as well as a top metal tooler and welder for several bronze foundries in Wallowa County. Throughout college and his adult life, Ralph was awarded many opportunities to put his own creativity to work and in 2002, recreated the "Cast Iron Mary" for Max Square in downtown La Grande.

Ralph loved many things about life on this earth — BMW's, old automobiles, the outdoors, horses, sketching, cupcakes, and Oregon Duck football to name a very few. He will forever be remembered for his extreme artistic ability, strong and liberal political opinions, and his compassion for every living thing on this earth. Above all, Ralph loved, loved, loved his family including his beautiful granddaughter, Taylinn.

Ralph was passionate about the care of our country's war veterans and in lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder, Walla Walla, WA. The family will hold private services in Walla Walla later this month. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.herringgroseclose.com.

Soroptimist club calls for Live Your Dream applicants

Women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families and seek financial assistance to continue their education or receive training can now apply for the Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women.

Applications are available only on-line at www.soroptimist.org (Our Programs/Live Your Dreams/Application Instructions). Go to the website and follow the instructions on how to fill out the writable PDF, which must be submitted on-line by the deadline, Nov. 15. For application questions contact Amy Stubblefield, 541-398-1068 or Ann Browder, 541-426-3204; aebrowder@gmail.com.

The Soroptimist club will provide a \$2,000 cash grant to its award recipient, who will then advance to the Soroptimist Region level, where one recipient will receive \$5,000. The program culminates with three finalist \$10,000 awards. Last year the Wallowa County recipient received a \$3,000 award at the Region level.

Recipients can use the Live Your Dream Award to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. This includes tuition, books, childcare, carfare or any other education-related expense.

The Live Your Dream Award provides more than \$1.6 million in cash grants to head-of-household women in

need each year. Since the program's inception in 1972, approximately \$30 million has helped tens of thousands of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. According to Soroptimist, the program improves the recipients' quality of life; builds their confidence, strengthens their self-determination and makes them want to, in turn, help others. Helping women in this way has the demonstrated effect of leading to stronger communities, nations and the world.

Soroptimist International of Wallowa County is a volunteer organization for business and professional women dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls,

in local communities and throughout the world. The Wallowa County Soroptimist club was founded in 1947 and is part of Soroptimist International of the Americas where almost 80,000 Soroptimist members in about 120 countries and territories contribute time and financial support to community-based projects that benefit women and girls.

In addition to participating in the Live Your Dream Awards program, Soroptimist International of Wallowa County helps a large number of local students, women and groups from proceeds of the local club's Thrift Shop. For more information about Soroptimist, phone 541-426-3204.

University of Idaho livestock judging contest set

All Wallowa County 4-H members are welcome to take part in a livestock judging contest Sept. 25-26 at the University of Idaho.

Following the contest, participants will attend the UI Vandals' Saturday night football game with Georgia South-

em in Moscow's Kibbie Dome.

The deadline is Sept. 15 to sign up and pay a \$20 travel fee. Registration forms are

available at the OSU Extension Office in Enterprise. For more information, phone 541-426-3143.

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Enterprise			Lostine		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Sept. 2	53	64	Sept. 2	53	64
Sept. 3	44	66	Sept. 3	44	66
Sept. 4	33	66	Sept. 4	33	66
Sept. 5	41	55	Sept. 5	41	55
Sept. 6	33	68	Sept. 6	33	68
Sept. 7	37	69	Sept. 7	37	69
Sept. 8	37	60	Sept. 8	37	60

Joseph			Wallowa		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Sept. 2	53	64	Sept. 2	53	64
Sept. 3	44	66	Sept. 3	44	66
Sept. 4	33	66	Sept. 4	33	66
Sept. 5	41	55	Sept. 5	41	55
Sept. 6	33	68	Sept. 6	33	68
Sept. 7	37	69	Sept. 7	37	69
Sept. 8	37	60	Sept. 8	37	60

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Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
Sept. 2	51	68	Sept. 2	53	64
Sept. 3	40	54	Sept. 3	44	66
Sept. 4	35	61	Sept. 4	33	66
Sept. 5	42	51	Sept. 5	41	55
Sept. 6	36	63	Sept. 6	33	68
Sept. 7	38	65	Sept. 7	37	69
Sept. 8	39	61	Sept. 8	37	60

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Six-day forecast
Sept. 9 – Sept. 14
Source: Weather Underground

Sept. 9: H: 79 L: 39 Clear

Sept. 10: H: 80 L: 40 Clear

Sept. 11: H: 83 L: 40 Clear

Sept. 12: H: 84 L: 46 Clear

Sept. 13: H: 79 L: 43 Clear

Sept. 14: H: 75 L: 43 Partly Cloudy

Phases of the moon

Sept. 13 Sept. 21 Sept. 28 Oct. 5

New Moon 1st Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter