

Resolution calls for state park

100 YEARS AGO
Sept. 23, 1915

Exhibits at the county fair show an unusually large and meritorious display of field products in the main pavilion, with Joseph and Imnaha precincts attracting great attention. In livestock, the swine section is well filled with excellent exhibits. Cattle and horses are below the showing of last year. This is accounted for by the fact so many farmers are busy harvesting and threshing the immense crops, and so could not spare the time to get their stock in. The stock was late in arriving for the same reason.

A new manner of travel was introduced this week on the East Oregon company's railroad. It is called, by J. C. Edsall, the builder, a Ford track motor, and it consists of a Ford automobile with stile flanged rims fitted over the regular wheels. The steering gear is disconnected and all the driver has to do is to start the engine and control the speed.

By the accidental discharge of a .22 caliber rifle in the hands of Elmer Emmons last Friday morning, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Emmons of Elk Mountain, Nora Read was fatally wound-

ed. She recovered from the immediate effect of the shock, and believed she would get well. Tuesday afternoon her brother John Read went to the home of Walter C. Teel to telephone to Enterprise that she had gained so much that she was considered out of immediate danger. As he started to leave the house, a messenger arrived from Mr. Emmons' home, bearing word that his sister was dead.

Two additional threshing machines were taken into the hills east of town a few days ago, to help handle the grain on the new farms. One was brought from Union county by Mr. Wilson, whose son has a homestead near the Buttes. This was unloaded Monday night and went to the Buttes at once, to begin on T. S. Fort's place. The other was a new Rumely outfit brought by H. E. Davis of the Three Lakes district.

70 YEARS AGO
Sept. 20, 1945

A resolution passed by the Joseph chamber of commerce recommending the establishment of a state park at the head of Wallowa lake was read to members of the Enterprise Lions club Tuesday night, and following a discussion of the project, the club voted to concur

OUT OF THE PAST

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in the resolution and to communicate the action of the club to the superintendent of the state park system and the state highway commission under whose jurisdiction the park system operates. A letter from the director of the park system stating that the Joseph commercial club resolution had been referred to the individual members of the state highway commission ahead of their next scheduled meeting was read to the club.

A program was presented at the memorial services held at the Wallowa Methodist church Sunday honoring the memory of those boys from the community who gave their lives for their country in the recent war.

Miss Chella Pickett, pioneer school teacher of Wallowa county, passed away at her home in Wallowa Sunday evening. Chella Pickett was born the daughter of George and Margaret Pickett on January 24, 1862, at Dowaglac, Mich. When she was ten years old she with her family moved to Walnut, Kansas, where she grew up and began her career

as a school teacher. On Oct. 2, 1881, Miss Pickett, along with her family, came to the Wallowa valley. Miss Pickett had lived in this community ever since that time.

Capt. Gayle Stockdale, who arrived in Enterprise Sunday, Sept. 9, on a short furlough, left the first of the week for Camp Beale, Calif., where he will receive an honorable discharge from the army, after which he will return to Enterprise permanently.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 23, 1965

The gaps of disagreement between the school boards of Wallowa county closed dramatically Monday evening when the Wallowa County School Boards Association met at the Enterprise school to discuss consolidation issues. At a previous meeting it had been proposed by members of the Enterprise and Wallowa boards that the Imnaha and Joseph districts give up the High Mountain Sheep Dam site before holding their vote on an administrative district to include those two districts.

A tragic accident involving one car claimed the life of two local people Saturday morning as a couple were en route to Spokane, Washington. Vernon and Helen Bonfield of Enterprise both lost their lives as a result of the accident. The couple were driving north on the Enterprise-Lewiston highway about 6 a.m. and were in the vicinity of the Day ridge road turn-off when the accident occurred. Judging from the tire marks and evidence at the scene of the accident, police officers surmised that Bonfield had encountered a deer on the highway at the scene of the accident and in swerving to miss the animal, lost control of the car.

25 YEARS AGO
Sept. 20, 1990

The state Board of Bar Examiners this week voted unanimously to recommend to the Supreme Court that Mary Grote, candidate for Wallowa County district attorney, be admitted to the Oregon State Bar.

Destiny's royal year

By Stephen Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

Destiny Barney of rural Enterprise is having a busy year for a sixth-grader. Barney, 11, is the Junior Miss Rodeo Oregon, a title she won after competing for the honor in July of 2014. Barney is the daughter of Vixen Radford and Jeff Weeks, and Ryan and Ranzie Barney, all of Enterprise.

The young Barney said many of her weekends are spent at rodeos representing the Miss Rodeo Oregon program. Her most recent visit was to the Canby Rodeo, which was hosting the Miss Rodeo Oregon Pageant. "It went very well. I got to do some little dances and speeches. It was really fun," she said.

Barney said it's been an interesting year. "When I started out, I wanted it to be about me and my horse, Music, and meeting the other girls. Now I really like getting to watch the rodeo and then seeing the other girls and meeting them," Barney said.

Music is bearing up well under the pressure. Barney said the horse can be hard to catch for a trip, but enjoys the rodeo atmosphere. "When she's there, it's like, 'Hey, I get to meet new horses, and I get to have fun, just me and my little girl,'" Barney said.

Playing the role of Junior Miss Rodeo Oregon is easier than Barney expected. She initially thought she would suffer unending stress with constant media interviews and spent a considerable amount of time learning to answer potential questions. As it turns out, no one has interviewed Barney at a rodeo. "It's been easier than competing," Barney said.

Having been to a number of rodeos during her reign, Barney said her favorite is the St. Paul Rodeo held over the 4th of July weekend. "I didn't do that much there, but seeing the little kids looking at me and taking pictures while I pet my horse and talked to them



Courtesy photo/Vixen Radford
Destiny relaxes during the Sisters Rodeo in June.

was fun. St. Paul has a really different arena. It's round, and I had to work with Music to get us used to it," Barney said.

Shuffling her duties with schoolwork hasn't been particularly difficult for Barney. Part of her role included visiting schools and talking to children about her duties, which Barney enjoyed best of all. "Just seeing their faces light up and saying, 'Oh, who is she?'" kind of made my day," she said.

Barney's mother said she's enjoyed watching her daughter learn and grow through the year. "I would say she's learned to be proud of who she is and know that not everyone will like you or be nice to you, but you can still smile and be friendly to them even if they aren't friendly back," Radford said.

Radford also enjoyed having the mother/daughter time. "It's been fun, but busy. We've lived in our horse trailer all summer, but I'm spending time with her I'll never get back," she added.

As to her future, Barney said she plans to try out for Wallowa County's 4-H court and following that, try out for Chief Joseph Days rodeo court before returning to the Miss Rodeo Oregon program and eventually compete for Miss Rodeo USA. "Who knows where I'll go from there," Barney said.

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Are you part of a nonprofit in Wallowa County? We need your help.

The Wallowa County Chieftain is working to create a master list of nonprofits in Wallowa County.

We are looking for the NAME of the nonprofit, CONTACT PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS and WEB SITE if available to be updated or added to this list!

Either call the information into the Chieftain Office at 541-426-4567 or email cjenkins@wallowa.com

Our current list of nonprofits:

- Wallowa County Stockgrowers
- Wallowa County Humane Society
- Fishtrap, Inc.
- Joseph Center for Arts and Culture
- Mid-Valley Theatre Company
- Wallowa Valley Arts Council
- Wallowa Valley Music Alliance
- Wallowa Valley Orchestra
- Wallowa Valley Photo Club
- Joseph Chamber
- Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Enterprise Main Street Group
- Magic Garden
- Slow Food Wallows
- Enterprise Education Foundation
- Enterprise SDA School
- Flora School Education Center
- Joseph Education Foundation
- Wallowa FFA Alumni
- Wallowa School Foundation
- Wallowa County Project Heartbeat
- Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation
- Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center
- Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center
- Wallowa County Museum
- Wallowa Resources
- Chief Joseph Summer Camp
- Ferguson Ski Club
- The Nature Conservancy
- Wallowa Land Trust
- Wallowology
- Building Healthy Families
- Community Connection of Wallowa County
- Creating Memories for Disabled Children

- Divide Camp Inc.
- Northeast Oregon Economic Development District
- Safe Harbors
- Soroptimist International of Wallowa County
- Wallowa County 4-H & Extension Service
- Wallowa County Business Facilitation
- Wallowa Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
- Wallowa Mountain Quilter's Guild
- Wallowa Resale Store
- American Legion
- Chief Joseph Flyers, Inc.
- Ducks Unlimited
- Enterprise Elks Lodge #1829
- Enterprise/Joseph Lions
- Friends of the Joseph Branch
- Friends of the NRA
- Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation
- Rotary Club of Wallowa County
- VFW
- Eagle Cap Shooters Association
- Wallowa County Gamblers Snowmobile Club
- Alpenfest
- Bronze Blues & Brews
- CJD Rodeo
- Eagle Cap Extreme
- Hells Canyon Mule Days, Inc.
- Mountain High Broncos & Bulls
- IOOF Lodge (Odd Fellows)
- Alpine Meadows Golf Course
- Hurricane Creek Grange
- Southfork Grange
- Liberty Grange
- Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's athlete of the week features Wallowa High School freshman setter Riley Ferré. The WHS freshman had ten assists and three kills in a Sept. 19 match against Condon/Wheeler. Ferré had another superb match against Riverside, recording five kills in that effort.

WHS coach is impressed with the young player.

"She is doing very well as our setter, Riley is gaining confidence in her position and exceeding my expectations. I am very proud of her." Ferré is the daughter of Peter and Whitley Ferré of Wallowa.

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