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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On 10th day of November, 2015 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Wallowa County Justice Center, 104 W Greenwood Street, in the City of Enterprise, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 307 South Street, Enterprise, OR 97828. The court case number is 15-01-14507, where AMERIHOM MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, its successors in interest and/or assigns is the plaintiff, and CHRISTA KOBRZYCKI aka CHRISTA NICOLE KOBRZYCKI aka CHRISTA NICOLE BANKS; JOHN KOBRZYCKI aka JOHN RAY KOBRZYCKI; AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES are the defendants. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Wallowa County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to:

www.oregonsheriffssales.org

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA In the Matter of the Estate of Kathleen A. Coughlan, Deceased. No. 3051 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative in care of Paige Sully P.C., 103 Highway 82, Suite 1B, Enterprise Oregon 97828, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Paige Sully P.C.

Dated and first published on October 14, 2015.

Brian Coughlan
Personal Representative

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Rhonda C. Powers has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of THOMAS EDWIN BROWN, Deceased, Probate Case No. 3053, Wallowa County Circuit Court, State of Oregon

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate must present them to the Personal Representative at:

Alyssa D. Slater, P.C.
Alyssa D. Slater, Attorney for Personal Representative
107 Depot Street – P.O. Box 729
La Grande, Oregon 97850
(541) 663-8300
(541) 663-8298 Fax
within four months after the first publication date of this notice or they may be barred.

Dated and first published October 21, 2015.

The DEADLINE
for LEGAL NOTICES
is 10AM Monday



Steve Tool/Chieftain

"The Geography of Water" author, Mary Emerick, enjoying some sunshine on the porch of her Joseph log cabin.

Joseph author took long, winding road to publication of first novel

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

Joseph author and U.S. Forest Service employee Mary Emerick just saw her dream of becoming a published novelist realized with the release of her first novel, "The Geography of Water."

The author recently discussed her life and new novel from the front porch of her log cabin in Joseph. Emerick grew up in northern Michigan, eventually earning a degree in creative writing from Michigan State University. "At the time, everybody laughed and asked what I'd do with that degree, but I always knew I'd use it some day," she said.

Emerick is a lifelong writer, starting in journals, before graduating to publishing in magazines, anthologies and online. "I've always enjoyed writing and publishing, but this is the first novel I've had published," she said. She got her idea for the book from her travels on Baranof Island in the Alaskan Panhandle. "I was a wilderness kayaker," she said. "We'd go out for five days at a time and pass these small towns and communities and meet people who really lived isolated lives, and I started thinking about their lives in such an isolated

area," Emerick said.

Although the book is not based on any specific people Emerick knew, it's written with the idea that living in such isolation profoundly shapes the personalities of those who live in such areas. "The wilderness in Alaska is so fascinating. It's so wild. It's true wilderness in that everything that was there in the beginning is still there. When you're out there, you feel very remote and wild," Emerick said.

Although Emerick started the first chapter of the book while still in Alaska, it languished for some time as she pondered which direction to take. She is a six-year resident of Wallowa County and credits local writing organization Fishtrap and some local writers for helping her complete the book. "I went to the Fishtrap Writers retreat down on the Imnaha and really started seriously working on it and figuring out where I wanted to go with it," she said. "Fishtrap was a great experience."

The book took about five years of intermittent effort for Emerick to complete. "I have a regular job with the Forest Service, so I had to put it aside at times" she said. She works on a national team for the USFS, often all over the country, writing on such diverse topics

as wild and scenic river plans (including the Wenaha before it burned), environmental analysis and wilderness plans.

"My writing background helps because I write really clearly and don't write in government jargon," Emerick said. She added that it can be difficult to switch gears from government writing to fiction writing, one of the reasons she participated in the Fishtrap retreats.

Emerick said the process of looking for a publisher was a lengthy process involving sending out queries and waiting for accept/rejection letters.

The University of Alaska Press expressed some interest, and two of their editors suggested some revisions. The UAP board eventually voted to publish the book. "(The book) kind of wrote itself," Emerick said. "The characters knew where they wanted to go. The most difficult part for me was the revision." She said she had three different editors, all with different ideas of where the book should go.

She said putting the book out for public perusal also was difficult. "Now it's out there," she said. "What if nobody likes it? It is your thing, and you're very vulnerable in putting out there what you write."