

OBITUARIES

Fern M. Strickler
Oct. 31, 2015

Longtime Enterprise and Joseph resident Fern M. Strickler died Oct. 31, 2015, at the Brookdale Senior Living Community in College Place, Wash. Memorial graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at the Enterprise Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Enterprise Cemetery Fund or to the Wallowa County Museum through the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater, Ore.

To leave a condolence online visit: www.munsellerhodes.com

Fern was born at the family home near the "S" curve west of Enterprise. She was the daughter of Charles and Lena Malzer Emmons.

She said the doctor was summoned by horseback but by the time he had hitched his buggy and got there she was helped into the world by an aunt who lived about a mile away. Fern continued to live at home through her school years in Enterprise and worked at the variety store.

On July 7, 1940, she married Ben Strickler and they moved to the farm on Upper Prairie Creek. Friends said the farming venture would not last.

A variety store clerk and a gasoline distributor just couldn't farm.

For 32 years they successfully farmed and raised a family. In 1972 they retired from the farm and moved to Joseph.

Fern continued her interest in farming by growing a garage and patio full of begonias, geraniums and fuchsias. She kept Ben busy making pots to put them in.

Ben passed away in 1987 and she continued to garden and travel. Fern was a lifetime Wallowa County resident until 2006, when declining health forced her into assisted living in College Place to be closer to family and doctors.

Fern always marveled at the advances in technology during her lifetime — born into a home without electricity, running water, plumbing or telephone to today's world of plenty. She saw the coming of the automobile, airplane, television, space travel, man on the moon and a cellphone as an everyday necessity.

She is survived by her son Tom Strickler of Milton-Freewater; daughter Sally Strickler of College Place; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ronald V. Morgan

June 24, 1946 – Nov. 28, 2015

November 28, 2015 our wonderful Ronald V. Morgan was called home to be with our Lord. He was surrounded by loving family and friends. Ron was born June 24, 1946 in Portland, OR to Leon and Joyce Morgan. He attended Hosford grade school, graduated in 1964 from Benson High School and attended a year and a half at MHCC.

Ron enlisted in the Marine Corp on January 1, 1965. While in Vietnam he received the Naval Accommodation Medal for heroic action under hostile fire. He was injured in Vietnam and returned home to marry his high school sweetheart, Suzanne Zachor September 17, 1966. They returned to Camp where he earned the rank of SGT. in less than 2 years. His injury forced him to leave the USMC. They moved to Gresham, OR where they had 2 daughter Anna and Kristan. Ron worked for Eoff and Taylor Electric, Carnation, Blitz and then took a job with the Postal Service. He transferred to Joseph



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Oregon in 1980 where he raised his children. Ron and Suzanne were blessed with seven beautiful grandchildren. Mychal (Kristal), Jaymes and Andrea Butterfield. Anthony, Genna (Calvin), Mia and Sofia Salerno. Ron was very proud of his Son in Law Damian who was a Recon Marine, Anthony a USMC SGT, and Mychal who served in the Army. His love of fishing, hunting and being outdoors was second only to his love of his family and dear friends. Ron and Suzanne moved back to Gresham to be with their granddaughters keeping their house in Joseph where they spent summers. Ron enjoyed watching his granddaughters, before and after school where they loved watching the old westerns with their Papa. However Papa expressed his dislike for Spongebob Square pants to his granddaughters delight. In 1995 Ron and his best friend and foxhole buddy Bill May, were reunited after 30 years of thinking each other had not survived Vietnam. Ron was loved deeply and dearly by his wife Suzanne of 49+ years, his precious daughter Kristan, Damian, Mia, Sofia and his many close family and friends. Ron's family would like to thank the amazing Mt. Hood ICU/CCU Dr. Laura, Dr. Starley, Dr. Lehti, Dr. Greg, Christina, Siobhan, Brenda, Tresa, Mey-lin, Kristen, Angela, Nicole, Patrick, Rick, and Andrea and Tenzing & Cora (4th floor) for their loving care of our Ron and his family.

Jerry Douglas Howerton

Jerry Douglas Howerton of North Powder, Ore., was born June 26, 1937 in Grangeville, Idaho. He died Dec. 18, 2015 in Hermiston at the age of 78.

A celebration of life gathering with military honors will be held at a later date.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

David Coombs

David Coombs, 84, of Enterprise died at a care center in La Grande on Dec. 18, 2015. At this time, no services are planned. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Josephine Case

Josephine Case, 90, of Joseph died Dec. 19, 2015 at her daughter's home in Joseph. A celebration of life will be held in January. A full obituary will be published prior to the event. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 24

Enterprise Community Church is holding a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 9 p.m. The Christmas Story. Special music and candle lighting.

Come and celebrate Christmas at Joseph Baptist Church. There will be a special service at 6 p.m. with a reception to follow. Bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

Enterprise Christian Church will host Christmas Eve services at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Christmas hymns, special music, bell choir and the Christmas narratives make this a great way to celebrate the birth of our Savior. All are welcome!

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Third St. in Enterprise, is offering a Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m. with Holy Eucharist. Cookies and cider will be available. For details, call Ann at 541-432-4834.

Wallowa United Methodist Church on Main Street in Wallowa will be holding a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 25

Community Christmas Dinner: Weaver Adult Foster Home, Weaver Machine and Keepin It Simple are sponsoring a free Christmas dinner for the public at 1 p.m. Christmas Day. Please RSVP by calling Monica at 541-426-9091, as space is limited. An address

will be provided when an RSVP is submitted. Please bring a side dish, your own drink and a donation of non-perishable food for the food bank. Hope to see you there.

Thursday, Dec. 31

Ring in the New Year at the Wallowa Lake Lodge with live music, libations and a New Year's Eve buffet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Homemade Jam bring their old-time country music to the lodge. Al Bell and Todd Kruger will play into the new year from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Admission is \$20 at the door for live music and hors d'oeuvres. Beer, wine, beer and cocktails are available for sale.

Rooms and cabins are available. For more information call 541-432-9821. Breakfast will be served New Year's day.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Preparation for the next Wallowa Valley orchestra concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Enterprise High School band room. Dates for Tuesday rehearsals are as follows; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23. A concert is scheduled for Feb. 28 in Elgin. For more information contact the Inland Northwest Musicians, 541-289-4696 or associate conductor Randy Morgan 541-426-3593. More information about the WVO and INWM can be found on our facebook pages or by visiting our website, [\[westmusicians.com\]\(http://westmusicians.com\).](http://inlandnorth-</p>
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Wednesday, Jan. 6

Northeast Oregon Network (NEON) will host an open enrollment event from noon to 7 p.m. at Wallowa Resources, 401 NE 1st St., Suite A, in Enterprise. For more information, contact Vixen Radford at 541-398-2539 or vradford@neonoregon.org.

Sam Collett hosts a twice-monthly still life drawing gathering, complete with a live model every first and third Wednesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Josephy Center. \$5-10 suggested donation for model. All skill levels welcome.

Sunday, Jan. 11

Enterprise Mayor Steve Lear will be hosting his bimonthly meeting, "An Afternoon with the Mayor," 3 to 5 p.m. in the Tomas Building Conference Room, 309 S. River St., Enterprise. The purpose of the meetings is to get local residents more actively involved and to move their issues forward.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Community Connection is hosting free Energy Education Workshops with door prizes and giveaways from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Wallowa Senior Center.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Old-Time Community Dance (Squares, Reels, Circles, Waltzes, Contras) with Live String Band and caller from 7-10 p.m. at Hurricane Creek Grange Hall, between Enterprise and Joseph. \$5/person, under 12 free. Beginners welcome. No partner or special

clothing required. All dances taught and called. For details, call Laura at 541-398-0800.

Lower Valley Farmers' Market, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 301 E. 1st St., Wallowa.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

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Saturday, Jan. 23

Lower Valley Farmers' Market, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 301 E. 1st St., Wallowa.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Community Connection is hosting free Energy Education Workshops with door prizes and giveaways from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Joseph Fire Hall.

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

ANNIVERSARY

Churchills to celebrate 50th anniversary

Cecil and Becky Churchill of Elgin are hosting a reception from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Elgin Community Center to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple wed Dec. 26, 1965 in Elgin.

Home for the holidays?
Time to put together
family history for book

Wallowa County Chieftain

Families throughout the county are coming together for the holidays, making it the perfect time to reminisce and compile family stories for the new Wallowa County History Book.

The Wallowa County Museum Board would like to see many more family histories submitted for the book. The original Jan. 1 deadline has been extended to Jan. 31 to allow extra time to finalize submissions.

The book is a continuation of the out-of-print history published by the museum in

1983. Wallowa County families — from pioneer clans to new residents — are urged to submit new or updated histories. There no longer is a word limit for free entries, and one free photo per family (or branch of family) is still allowed.

Please submit written stories or questions by email to museum@co.wallowa.or.us or by mail to History Book, 101 S. River St., Room 202, Enterprise, OR, 97828. Include name, address, phone number and email address.

For more information contact board member Elane Dickenson at 503-944-9103.

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Condition
Dec. 24	25	15	Snow showers
Dec. 25	24	5	Snow showers
Dec. 26	22	16	Clear
Dec. 27	27	18	Snow showers
Dec. 28	29	16	Snow showers
Dec. 29	29	15	Snow showers

Phases of the moon

Dec/ 25	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE, SUNSET DEC. 23-29
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29
Rise: 7:27	Rise: 7:27	Rise: 7:27	Rise: 7:28	Rise: 7:28	Rise: 7:28	Rise: 7:29
Set: 4:10	Set: 4:10	Set: 4:11	Set: 4:12	Set: 4:12	Set: 4:13	Set: 4:14

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 9 AM

For more information or to place an ad:

Call Jennifer Powell at 541.426.4567

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closed Jan. 1st**

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