

OBITUARIES

Sharon Rose (Craw) Alberts  
June 2, 1953 to Feb. 3, 2016

Sharon Rose (Craw) Alberts of Post Falls, Idaho, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by loving family on Feb 3, 2016.

She was born in Marinette, Wisc., on June 2, 1953 to Edwin Craw (deceased) and Helen (Parthie) Craw. She married Jude Alberts on April 8, 1972. They later divorced. Together they had five children: Dana, Chad, Pam, Roxy and Shane. Chad Alberts is deceased.

Sharon was a stay-at-home mom for many years. She worked hard taking care of her family. She was kind, patient, loving, humorous and compassionate.



Her joys in life included spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren, and her dog Pepper. She also enjoyed swimming, horseback riding, reading, spending time outdoors and drawing closer to the Lord.

She later had various jobs including her last job at Itron, where she was employed for 16 years. Survivors include her children Dana Cherry and husband Sam Cherry, Pam Moff and husband Justin Moff, Roxy Webster and husband Elias Webster, Shane Alberts and fiancée Ashley Cox; sisters Marian Roberts and husband Ronnie Roberts, Lucille Harbin and Patti Hummel; her grandchildren Dominique and husband Logan, Zac, Christopher, Kyler, Catrina, Derek, Zakery, Tynique, Jacob, Kara, Bridget, Justin, Tyvin, Alex, Lily and Jacob and her great-grandchildren Jacob and Emma.

Arrangements are being handled by Bell Tower Funeral Home of Post Falls.

About Obituaries

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Kelly Lee  
March 24, 1928 to Jan. 30, 2016

Kelly Lee, 87, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., passed away Jan. 30. Born Audrey Barbara Jones on March 24, 1928, to Herschel and Faye Jones, Kelly grew up in Wallowa, which she regarded fondly for its residents and beauty. She returned to her hometown over the years to visit friends and family; her last visit was in 2006, for her 60th high school reunion at Wallowa High School.

As a youngster, Kelly played the in the school band, performed in numerous school plays, was an avid reader and was named princess of the Chief Joseph Days Parade. She particularly loved horseback riding and camping in the surrounding area with her family and friends. After graduating from high school, she moved to Portland to attend Emmanuel College to earn her nursing degree.

The degree allowed her to fly as a stewardess on the most coveted routes because a registered nurse was required on-board all flights at the time. At United Airlines, she was part of the first crew to fly its inaugural service to Hawaii, a flight that typically took 10 hours. Based in Los Angeles, Lee also modeled and was briefly an actress, appearing in “Big Jim McLain” with John Wayne.

Kelly resided in Bay Head, N.J., for over 50 years, raising her family there. She was a very active member of the local community as president of various local volunteer organizations, owner of Stretch and Sew Fabric store and a real estate agent.

Kelly is survived by her children: John J. Lee III of Costa Mesa, Calif.; Jeff Lee of Brick Township, N.J.; Cynthia De Riemer of Greenwich, Conn; Michael Lee of Jupiter, Fla.; and grandchildren Peter, Eric and Margot De Riemer, and Michael, Lexi and Reagan Lee. She was preceded in death by her husband, John J. Lee, Jr.

She was loved by all and will be long remembered as a positive influence on everyone who knew her.



Milo Pope  
July 18, 1936 to Feb. 24, 2016

Milo Pope, 79, died Feb. 24 at his home in Baker City. He was born July 18, 1936 to Milo and Grace Pope in Hoquiam, Wash. He was the fourth of five children.

Milo was raised in Sutherlin and John Day, where he attended Grant Union High School and graduated with the class of 1955. It was in high school that he met his beautiful bride Gayl Kilpatrick, whom he loved dearly all of his days. They were married in John Day on Nov. 20, 1958. They had three children, Marcia, Kevin, and Milo.

Milo began his law career in Idaho in 1961. He practiced in Twin Falls, Idaho, Milton-Freewater and John Day. In 1988 Milo was elected circuit court judge of Grant and Baker Counties and subsequently moved to Baker City.

Milo enjoyed his time on the bench. He brought his empathetic and no-nonsense sentiments, which left a lasting impression on friends and colleagues alike.

After retiring, Milo continued to practice law and acted as a mentor to many. He had great respect for the law, gave of his talents in many great ways and was dedicated to providing the best possible counsel to all those he served.

Milo was an avid reader and a lover of language, often correcting his children’s and grandchildren’s grammar, or asking how to spell novel words. He was always curious about the world. Milo loved people and his community. He served on city council and often wrote letters to the editor. He enjoyed woodworking, a skill he admired in his father, and often spent time with friends in his shop.

Milo is preceded in death by his parents Grace and Milo Pope and his wife Gayl Kilpatrick Pope.

He is survived by siblings Beverly Nordquist, Bruce Pope and Nila Palmer; children Marcia Winter and husband Bill Winter, Kevin Pope and Milo Dion Pope, and his grandchildren Genevieve Ehart, Rebecca Adair, Melissa Winter, Thomas Ehart, Bill Winter and Mike Ehart.

Per his request no funeral services will be held. However, a private family memorial will be observed this month.

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Milo are asked do so to the Open Door breakfast program in Baker City or to New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals through Tammi’s Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR, 97834. Online condolences can be shared atwww.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Big Read wraps up with storytelling bonanza

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Despite competition from the Young Americans concert preparations, about 75 people attended the Big Read Finale at Cloverleaf Hall on Sunday. The event wrapped up the 10th Big Read event. This year’s Big Read focused on two works of author Thornton Wilder: “Our Town,” a play, and “The Bridge of San Luis Rey,” a novel.

The finale focused on the “Our Town” aspect of the Big Read. Students from every public school in the county were represented at the event with projects entitled “Our Towns.” In a nod to the fina-

le theme, a potluck was part of the event to give it a real small-town vibe. Fishtrap program manager Mike Midlo said that the Fishtrap staff thought there was no better way to celebrate “Our Town” than to have local students tell the stories of their towns.

Numerous portraits by students adorned the walls of the hall, while three tables and a booth were equipped with Fishtrap Story Lab iPads for the purpose of creating different components of a Wallowa County time capsule. One table took photographs while others featured a music creation program, an interactive stop-time animation creation and a recorded interview



Eric Greenwell, Fishtrap development coordinator, watches Kaylee Kvasninoff make her contribution to a community interactive stop-time animation program. Joseph Charter School teacher Megan Smith looks on.

booth that asked the question: “What’s your favorite thing about Wallowa County?”

Children were able to show their parents and grandparents how they used technology to tell the stories of their communities, and adults got to do some experimenting of their own with the iPads. The compilation and storage place of the time capsule have yet to be determined.

After a meal that featured locally grown roast beef, Fishtrap executive director Shannon McNerney and Story Lab coordinator Cameron Scott offered brief summing-up speeches regarding the success of this year’s event. They were followed by an entertaining video compilation from the county’s schools featuring the story of their respective town or school.

Midlo said that the Fishtrap staff was pleased with

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**Live Auction!**

**Bingo Prizes!**

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**BIRTHS**

A daughter,  
Dakoda Dawn Harvey-McNall,  
was born February 16, 2016  
in Enterprise to Dwane Harvey and  
Misty McNall of Enterprise.  
Grandparents are Cynthia Holmes,  
Harry McNall and Diana  
and Dennis Harvey.

A son,  
Soren Boyd Kangas,  
was born February 17, 2016  
in Enterprise to Levi and Savannah  
Kangas of Enterprise.  
Grandparents are Ellen and Les  
Wilhelm, and Susan and Steve  
Kangas. Great-grandparent is  
Sandra Tandy.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Dennis W. George**

Dennis W. George, 72, of Enterprise died Feb. 22, 2016 at his home. At his request there will be no service. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

**Helen L. Jones**

Longtime Enterprise resident Helen L. Jones, 79, died Feb. 23, 2016 in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 8, 1936 in Reedley, Calif. A celebration of life is pending. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is handling arrangements. Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Weather Forecast**

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

|         | High | Low | Conditions     |
|---------|------|-----|----------------|
| March 3 | 55   | 34  | Rain           |
| March 4 | 57   | 41  | Partly Cloudy  |
| March 5 | 57   | 43  | Partly Cloudy  |
| March 6 | 54   | 37  | Chance of Rain |
| March 7 | 52   | 34  | Chance of Rain |
| March 8 | 50   | 34  | Chance of Rain |

**Phases of the moon**

| March 9  | March 15    | March 23  | March 31     |
|----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| New Moon | 1st Quarter | Full Moon | Last Quarter |

**WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET MARCH 2-8**  
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

| WED        | THUR       | FRI        | SAT        | SUN        | MON        | TUES       |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| March 2    | March 3    | March 4    | March 5    | March 6    | March 7    | March 8    |
| Rise: 6:24 | Rise: 6:40 | Rise: 6:41 | Rise: 6:42 | Rise: 6:44 | Rise: 6:45 | Rise: 6:47 |
| Set: 5:38  | Set: 5:20  | Set: 5:22  | Set: 5:23  | Set: 5:24  | Set: 5:26  | Set: 5:37  |