

Students give boost to Creating Memories

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

Joseph students are helping raise awareness of people with disabilities by making presentations and raising money for Creating Memories, a local organization dedicated to helping disabled children bond with nature — particularly through hunting and fishing.

Freshmen Renee Seal and Tori Suto and sophomore Poonamfa Teekayupan, an exchange student from Thailand (aka Money Walters), are participating in Joseph Charter School's Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) program. They're helping raise money for a pontoon boat for Creating Memories.

On top of the fundraising the girls presented information on disabilities awareness to each class at their school. Their presentation focused on living with a disability and in-



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Making a difference through community and school action. Left to right: Renee Seal, Ken Coreson and Tori Suto. Not pictured: Poonamfa Teekayupan.

cluded having students try to put on clothing such as a jacket or sweatshirt or tie a ponytail with one arm behind their back — no one succeeded in tying the ponytail.

When the girls were seeking an FCCLA project at the start of the school year, teacher Marla Dotson guided them toward Creating Memories.

"I went to the Chamber of

Commerce banquet last year and picked up a pamphlet and was just thinking it would be a cool thing for kids to get involved in," Dotson said.

After a few phone calls, the girls were on board.

"We visited the Creating Memories camp and started exchanging ideas of what we could do," Suto said.

Fundraising as included such diverse efforts as gaining \$229 from selling root beer floats to volunteering as servers at the Eagle Cap Extreme, which netted them a \$250 donation. Walters started a Christmas tree pick-up event that netted \$308, and the girls have received several personal donations. Altogether, the girls have raised \$947 for the camp.

Their next project step is to get their friends together to pick up shed elk horns on the Zumwalt Prairie. They've identified a company paying top dollar per pound for the horns.

Creating Memories Direc-

tor Ken Coreson shared stories and photos with the girls of the various hunting and fishing trips supported by his group. Coreson said he was overwhelmed by the project and expressed his heartfelt thanks to the girls.

"What you girls are doing is phenomenal. It means so much to me that you have a heart for these people because a lot of them hurt all the time. I can't thank you enough because you've made my day."

Seal said this experience and stories have opened her eyes to the plight of others with physical needs.

"I grew up hunting and I know how difficult it is," Seal said. "It blows my mind that they've taken so many kids on so many successful hunts."

"I've never raised so much money before — I've never even had a summer job," Suto said. "I enjoyed teaching kids about disabilities, and fundraising for these kids is very heartwarming."

Scholarship, loan funds available from P.E.O.

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The Local P.E.O. Chapter announces the availability of scholarships offered by the local chapter as well as access to scholarships and low-interest loan programs sponsored by the organization's state and international offices.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a philanthropic, educational organization made up of chapters across the United States and Canada. Chapter R of Wallowa County, like all chapters, works to assist women in achieving their educational goals.

Chapter R is actively recruiting interested women to apply for these funds. Women eligible include entering freshman, college juniors and seniors or graduate students. Funds also may be awarded to women pursuing their educational goals after a break in their education.

In addition to scholarship opportunities, P.E.O. offers 2 percent loans of up to \$20,000 for those who qualify. In all cases, funds are available only for those attending accredited schools.

Information and interest forms are available by request to local Chapter R member Rhonda Harguess at 541 426 4056 or rharguess12@yahoo.com.

Mule Days taking applications for Max Walker scholarships

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The Hells Canyon Mule Days Board of Directors will award \$1,000 scholarships to three Wallowa County high school seniors this spring.

The first annual Max Walker Memorial Scholarship was a \$1,000 award given in the 2004-05 to Wallowa High School student Lindsay Easom.

The scholarship is open for application by any Wallowa County high school senior with a grade-point average of at least 3.0 who will be attending college in the fall of 2016. Applications can be obtained from the high schools or downloaded at www.hellscanyonmuledays.com.

Applications must be postmarked no later than

April 11. Applications may also be hand delivered to Sondra Lozier at Thompson Auto Supply in Enterprise by April 11.

To date, \$32,000 has been distributed through the Max Walker Memorial Scholarship fund, which is funded by the Max Walker family, Hells Canyon Mule Days Max Walker Memorial Cowboy Poetry Gathering as well

as other businesses and individuals.

Any donations to the scholarship fund will be welcome. You may send your tax deductible contribution to: Hells Canyon Mule Days, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 50, Enterprise, OR, 97828. For more information contact Sondra Lozier at 541-426-3271 or 541-263-0104.

Hells Canyon Mule Days president Sondra Lozier said: "The mule days board of directors is very appreciative of the overwhelming support from the city of Enterprise, in-county and out-of-county businesses, and individuals who give through sponsorships, ads and donations to support the success of the Hells Canyon Mule Days event."

OBITUARIES

Marcella Britton
July 3, 1923 to March 7, 2016

Mrs. Dewitt Britton nee Marcella Lewis of Fredericksburg, Texas, passed away March 7, 2016 at the age of 92. She was born July 3, 1923, in San Antonio, Texas, the daughter of Alonzo Lewis and Stella Usener Lewis. She worked as a registered nurse and married Dewitt Britton on Oct. 12, 1948 in Enterprise.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Dewitt in 1989, sister Doreen Kreimeyer, and brother Alonzo Lewis III.

Marcella is survived by three sons and their spouses — Lewis Britton of Lostine; Paul and Sharon Britton of Enterprise; and Perry and Alla Britton — as well as seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 18, in the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg, with Pastor Ann I. Hoch officiating. Interment of her remains will take place at a later date in Oregon.

Those who so desire may make memorial contributions in her memory to the Memorial Presbyterian Church Choir. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. Friday prior to the memorial services in the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at www.schaetter.com. Arrangements are by the Schaetter Funeral Home.

Viola Kreizenbeck

Longtime Wallowa County resident Viola M. Kreizenbeck passed away March 12, 2016, in Portland. The date and site of her memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Edward Thomas McCormack
1944-2016

Edward Thomas McCormack, 71, passed away March 9, 2016, at home surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ed was born in 1944 in Bremerton, Wash., to James and Mildred McCormack. The family moved to Salem in 1946. He graduated from North Salem High School in 1962 and married his high school sweetheart, Sharon. He then joined the Navy, where he was stationed aboard the USS John A. Bole.

After discharge, he moved back to Salem with his family and began his lifelong work in the tire industry. He worked in Salem, Bend and Enterprise before moving to Longview, Wash., in 1984 to open his own tire store, McCormack Tire Factory. He retired in 2011. Ed was active in the Masonic Lodge, Shriners and was past president of the Northwest Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association. When he was younger he enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting. In his later years he loved golf, gardening and hitting the road in an RV. He always looked forward to traveling south to warmer areas with Sharon and friends in the winter.

Ed was a loving family man. He is survived by his wife Sharon; three children, Mark McCormack (Sherry) of Longview, Melissa Willcock (Mark) of Wilsonville, and Mike McCormack (Teresa) of Winlock, Wash.; nine grandchildren, Mike, John, Jenny, Melissa, Megan, Tim, Nicole, James and Tyler; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Bill.

A celebration of Ed's life will be announced later this spring. Please remember Ed with a donation to the American Cancer Society for research or your favorite charity.



Patricia (Patti) Faye Strohm
Oct. 15, 1947 to March 2, 2016

Longtime Hillsboro resident and Oregonian Patricia (Patti) Faye Strohm, 68, died unexpectedly on March 2, 2016.

The youngest of three children, Patti was born to Faye and Hercial Jones on Oct. 15, 1947. She was born in La Grande and grew up in Wallowa before attending Eastern Oregon State College (now Eastern Oregon University).

Patti married Michael Strohm in 1966, and they raised three children before divorcing amicably in 1989. Patti was an excellent mother and homemaker. She spent her early adulthood working in a variety of roles at the schools her children attended. In 1990 she graduated with honors from Trend Business College in legal office administration and began working in the legal and courts fields. She worked for Bailey and Wolf, Attorneys at Law, for three years before enjoying a 20-year career with Washington County as a courtroom clerk and judicial assistant for four different judges. She spent her last two years in retirement enjoying the little things like extra time with family, updating her house, trips to the Oregon coast, yoga and her close circle of friends.

Patti is survived by her three children and their spouses, Tracey Massey (George Massey), Tami King (Timothy King) and Matthew Strohm; grandchildren Taylor King and Ava Massey; step-grandchildren John and Daniel King and their families; her sister Gayle Irving; and cousins, nieces and nephews. They miss her fiercely.

There will be a celebration of life at 1 p.m. Monday, March 28 at the Christian Church of Hillsboro, 540 NE Edison St., Hillsboro, Ore. The family invites friends and relatives to come and share stories of her life and share some light refreshments. Memorials in her memory may be made to the Union Gospel Mission or the charity of choice.



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	High	Low	Conditions
March 17	40	16	Partly cloudy
March 18	45	26	Clear
March 19	48	31	Partly cloudy
March 20	54	36	Partly cloudy
March 21	52	34	Chance of rain
March 22	45	31	Chance of rain

Phases of the moon

March 23	March 31	April 7	April 13
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET MARCH 16-22

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
March 16 Rise: 6:59 Set: 6:57	March 17 Rise: 6:57 Set: 6:59	March 18 Rise: 6:55 Set: 7:00	March 19 Rise: 6:53 Set: 7:01	March 20 Rise: 6:51 Set: 7:02	March 21 Rise: 6:49 Set: 7:04	March 22 Rise: 6:47 Set: 7:05