

OBITUARIES

Tom Payne
May 15, 1936 to Aug. 1, 2016

Tom Payne died peacefully Aug. 1, 2016 at his home in Corvallis, Ore., surrounded by his family. He was 80.



Tom was born May 15, 1936 at his home in Enterprise to Glen and Lois Payne. Tom spent his childhood in Enterprise before moving to Oakland, where he graduated from Castlemont High School. Tom attended San Francisco State University, where he played varsity baseball and received his bachelor's degree. After graduating Tom married his childhood sweetheart, Ann Ratcliff, on Jan. 7, 1959.

Tom and Ann lived in Redwood City, Calif., where Tom worked for the American Red Cross. In 1961 Tom, Ann and their young son Brad moved back to La Grande, where their daughters, Jill and Karen were born. Tom completed his master's degree in education at Eastern Oregon University and taught in the La Grande school system for 17 years. After retiring, Tom managed the La Grande Airport for several years.

During their years of retirement, Tom and Ann (and dog Jiggs) traveled extensively with their Good Sam group before settling into a snowbird lifestyle between Gold Canyon, Ariz., and Wallowa Lake.

Tom and his family spent their summers at their cabin at Wallowa Lake, a tradition that has continued with his children's families. During the summer Tom shared his passion for water sports by teaching everyone to water ski, tube and drive the boat. Throughout his life Tom enjoyed building and flying airplanes big and small. He also pursued his love of baseball, golf, square dancing and travel.

Tom had an unsurpassable zest for life and love for those around him. He shaped the lives of many and will be dearly missed. His enthusiasm and joy will be passed on through his wife Ann; sister Lora Lee Evans; step-mother Berlyce Payne; children Brad (Janell) Payne, Jill (Brent) Goold and Karen Payne; grandchildren Laurel (Michael), Kyle (Samantha), Ryan, Steve, Jordon, Jillian, Megan and Nick; and great-grandchildren Launa and Athena.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 3 at Enterprise Community Church.

Charley Graham
Aug. 29, 1961 to Aug. 12, 2016

Charley Ralph Graham passed away at his home in Enterprise on Aug. 12 at age 54.



Charley was born Aug. 29, 1961 in Eugene to Ralph and Ann Graham. He grew up in Eugene and enjoyed summers in Wallowa with grandparents Ernest and Margaret Snuffer. He graduated from South Eugene High in 1979, then went on to attend Lane Community College, where he earned a degree in computer-assisted drafting and machining. Charley enjoyed wrestling, hunting, fishing and football. He was employed for 15 years at the Lane County Public Works Department, where he started on a shovel handle, then road crew and ended up operating the largest crane.

While in Eugene, Charley welcomed three beautiful children into his life — Emily (oldest), Kaila and Megan (youngest). In 2001, Charley returned to Wallowa County. He enjoyed time spent at the family homestead in Promise. His hobbies were making beautiful furniture and raising a garden. Survivors include daughter Emily and her husband Nick Poisel, as well as daughters Kaila Graham and Megan Graham; mother Ann Graham-Sorensen and her husband Ted; sister Leisa Prince and family; step siblings Stanley, Annette, Teddy (deceased) and Shane.

He was preceded in death by father Ralph; grandfather Ernest Snuffer; grandmother Margaret Snuffer; grandfather Art Graham; and grandmother Opal Graham.

A celebration of life was held Aug. 17 at Assembly of God Church in Wallowa, followed by private interment at Lostine Cemetery.

Bollman Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Priscilla Sabo Coleman
Nov. 2, 1918 to July 31, 2016

Priscilla Sabo Coleman passed away July 31, 2016 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

She was born Nov. 2, 1918 in Carteret, N.J., to Andrew Sabo and Boris Balazsi. Growing up, she spent time in Fords, N.J., Perth Amboy, N.J., Bethesda, Md., Oakland, Wallowa and Enterprise.

She married Edward Wallace Coleman and served in the U.S. Navy. She also worked in a pair of dentist offices.

She enjoyed caring for stray cats and loved African violets and cactus plants.

She is survived by sons Kenny A. Coleman of Enterprise; son Kim E. Coleman and his wife Cindy of Marbleton, Wyo.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life with military honors will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at Enterprise Cemetery.

The family suggests donations in her name to the Wallowa County Humane Society.

Margaret 'Bethel' Croghan
Sept. 1, 1919 to Aug. 10, 2016

Margaret Bethel (Wilson) Croghan, 96, of Elgin passed away Aug. 10, 2016 at home with two of her daughters by her side.



Bethel was born Sept. 1, 1919 in Wallowa to Fonzy M. and Opal M. (Ketcham) (Young) Wilson. The family lived on Smith Mountain and then in the Wallowa River Canyon east of Minam until Bethel was 5 years old and started school in Elgin. While there, Bethel attended the Elgin Christian Church.

Later the family lived on Palmer Junction Road and on Gordon Creek, both north of Elgin. Bethel attended country schools through eighth grade at Thorny Grove, Gordon Creek and Partridge Creek (the Darr School). She graduated from Elgin High School in 1936. She was in 4-H clubs, took piano lessons locally and joined the Rockwall Grange at age 14.

Bethel married neighbor and family friend John Croghan on June 14, 1939. After a year at John's mother's, they moved to another farm in 1940 on Palmer Junction Road, where they raised six children and built a new home in 1950. John sawed and sold lumber and raised cattle. Bethel raised chickens and a huge garden, and sold produce, milk products and eggs.

Bethel and John played the piano and violin for many local dances. They also played at Senior Meals in Elgin, which Bethel continued to do after John passed away in 1997 until about a year before her death. She also played music at the Promise Grange Hall for their annual reunion in recent years, like her father and grandfather did before her. Bethel and John joined the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association in the 1970s and played at many Fiddle Shows around the area. Bethel played at her last Fiddle Show on June 11 at the Hurricane Creek Grange in Joseph.

She was member of Rockwall Grange in Elgin for 83 years. She belonged to the Rockwall Home Extension group and more recently the Triple E Home Extension, the Palmer Valley Ladies Bible Study and the Union County Historical Society.

Bethel had a quiet faith and was devoted to serving her husband and family. She was gracious and giving, tough and a good sport about most anything. She survived much in her life, but felt she'd had a good life. What a trooper!

Bethel was preceded in death by husband John; her parents; half-brother Wilson, who died in infancy, and half-brother Jesse Vandevort (her father's sons); half-brother Willard Young; siblings Fred, Richard, Fonzy Jr. and Esley Wilson, Jessie McDonald (formerly McDowell) and Sidney Wilson.

She is survived by her children and spouses: Janita Post of Pendleton, Terrel and Pearl Croghan of Elgin, Margie and David Vaughn of La Grande, Cathleen Croghan of Palmer, Alaska, Tamera Croghan of Elgin and Laura and Chris Banta of Elgin; sister-in-law (on John's side) Marlene Croghan of Boise; seven grandsons; two step-granddaughters; 16 great-grandchildren, including step-greats; one step-great-great granddaughter and one on the way; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service was held Aug. 20 at the Elgin Christian Church, followed by a graveside service at the Elgin Cemetery. A dinner followed at the Elgin Christian Church.

Contributions may be made in memory of Bethel to the Rockwall Grange in Elgin or the Promise Grange Hall in Wallowa. Arrangements are through Daniels-Knopf Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center in La Grande.

Lois Nuss
July 26, 1915 to June 23, 2016

Lois Viola Nuss passed away peacefully June 23, 2016 with her daughter by her side.

She was born July 26, 1915 in Joseph to Bud and Sadie Simms. She grew up in both Joseph and Enterprise. She married August Staub and the couple had two children. She later married Irving Nuss and gave birth to a son before moving to Yakima, Wash.

Lois was an accomplished seamstress and spent many years working in a bridal shop in Yakima. She thoroughly loved her work.

She is survived by daughter Charlotte Staub Adams; son John Nuss and wife Lori; granddaughter Cookie Lockhart and husband Harvey; great-granddaughter Lindsey Lockhart and husband Jeremy; great-grandson Benjamin Lockhart and wife Amanda; great-great-children Jacob Lockhart and Harper Lockhart; and nephew Bud Frashier and wife Sue.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Anton August Staub and sister Leona Baxter.

Interment will take place at a later date in Enterprise. O'Hair Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Bathrooms at Wallowa Lake State Park torn down for replacements

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

As the adage says: "When you gotta go, you gotta go." But don't try that at sections B and C at Wallowa Lake State Park campgrounds.

The state just demolished the bathrooms in those sections of the park for replacement. Park Manager Nancy McLeod said current and prospective campers shouldn't worry as campground sections A, D and E still have functioning bathrooms that also have showers and laundry facilities.

"Most of the sites are full hookup sites, so they should be able to take care of it in their own unit," McLeod said. The B and C bathrooms were built in the 1980s, and their age, coupled with leaking roofs and the bad conditions of the sewer lines underneath the concrete, forced the decision to rebuild.

"We went back and forth between remodeling versus tearing them down. The deci-



Steve Tool/Chieftain

A Wellens-Farwell employee cuts up a laminated roof beam during the demolition of one of the bathroom facilities at Wallowa Lake State Park. The facilities will be replaced with ADA accessible facilities.

sion was made that it was less expensive to tear them down and start over," McLeod said.

As an added bonus, the section C bathrooms served as a buffer against a tree that needed cutting down. The bathrooms kept the tree from

breaking up the area's asphalt.

McLeod said the state tried to time the demolition with the tail end of the tourist season to inconvenience as few tourists as possible. The new bathrooms are expected to be completed sometime next

May. Slated improvements include Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility. The showers will be separate from the bathrooms, thereby eliminating the need to shut down an entire side of the facility during cleaning operations.



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	High	Low	Conditions
Aug. 25	77	46	Clear
Aug. 26	81	51	Clear
Aug. 27	84	50	Clear
Aug. 28	81	48	Partly cloudy
Aug. 29	82	47	Clear
Aug. 30	81	46	Clear

Phases of the moon

Aug. 24	Sept. 1	Sept. 9	Sept. 16
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET AUG. 24-30

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30
Rise: 6:02	Rise: 6:03	Rise: 6:04	Rise: 6:05	Rise: 6:06	Rise: 6:08	Rise: 6:09
Set: 7:40	Set: 7:38	Set: 7:36	Set: 7:35	Set: 7:33	Set: 7:31	Set: 7:29