

FFA students earn American Degrees

Wallowa County Chieftain

Anna Rinehart of Joseph and Calli Miller of Wallowa will be awarded American Degrees during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 19-22. The American Degree is awarded to less than one percent of FFA members, making it one of the organization's highest honors. FFA members must earn at least \$10,000 and productively invest \$7,500 to qualify for the award. They also must participate in at least 50 hours of community service and complete a mini-

mum of three years of instruction in agricultural education. Rinehart is a 2015 graduate of Joseph Charter School and served as Joseph Chapter reporter and president. She also served as Eastern Oregon District reporter. Her supervised agricultural experiences are in beef production, swine production, equine science placement and agricultural education. Rinehart raises registered Hereford cattle and has raised market hogs and steers for the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show. She is currently a sophomore at Northwest College in Powell, Wyo.,

majoring in agriculture education. She competes on the Northwest College livestock judging team, and spent the summer working for the OSU Extension Service in Enterprise. "Earning the American Degree has been a goal of mine since I started FFA in the eighth grade," Rinehart said. "As a future ag educator and FFA advisor, I think it is especially important to demonstrate how goals can be reached through hard work and perseverance. I would like to thank my FFA advisors Dave Yost and Toby Koehn for their guidance

and encouragement." Miller is a 2015 graduate of Wallowa High School and served as Wallowa Chapter sentinel and parliamentarian. Her agricultural experiences were in sheep production, beef production and poultry production. Miller raised Barbado/Dorper/Katahdin sheep and Scottish Highlander cattle. She is currently a sophomore at Oregon State University majoring in veterinary science. This summer she worked for OSU toxicology professor Dr. Craig and started her honors thesis on phyto-ruminal bio-remediation in sheep.

County's P.E.O. celebrates 100th

Wallowa County's Chapter R of P.E.O. is hosting a 100th Anniversary celebration from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 8 at The Place (the Joseph First Methodist Church's new fellowship hall). Members of several northeast area Chapters will be attending. Women who have been scholarship recipients over the years are especially encouraged to attend. Most recent Chapter R scholarship recipients are: Erica Bailey, Jennifer Foster, Tonya Neil and Wendy Stauffer. P.E.O. is a national philanthropic educational organization for women whose focus is in assisting women of all ages to pursue their educational goals.

OBITUARIES/DEATH NOTICES

Gary Alford 1945 to 2016

Gary Alford of Joseph passed away recently at age 70. He was born Nov. 7, 1945 in Enterprise to Merle and Aleene Alford.



He attended school in Joseph and graduated from Joseph High School in 1963. He later attended Oregon State University, where he earned a degree in agriculture economics in 1971. He also served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-1971 and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, and Topeka, Kansas.

After college he resumed farming with his father, then purchased his own land and established his own farm.

He married Susan Gates-Cooper on Feb. 28, 1981 in Joseph. Gary and Susan loved to travel when the farming allowed it. They also attended many cattle sales.

Gary is survived by wife Susan; son Lee Cooper and family; brother John Alford and family; sister Marietta Hauser; and all of Joseph.

He was preceded in death by his parents Merle and Aleene and nephew Michael Hauser.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at the VFW Hall in Enterprise. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Shirley Mae (Hunt) Burns

Shirley Mae (Hunt) Burns died Sept. 21, 2016. A complete obituary will be published next week. At the family's request, a private memorial will be held in Marysville, Calif.

Marian Bowen March 30, 1918 to Sept. 19, 2016

Marian Itol Bowen, 98, of La Grande passed away Sept. 19, 2016 at her residence.

Marian was born March 30, 1918, in Leap, Ore., to Louis V. and Hazel A. (West) Lathrop. She resided in Wallowa County and also in La Grande. She graduated from Enterprise High School. On May 15, 1937, she married Russell Bowen.

Marian was employed as a cook for a local restaurant. She enjoyed playing cards, crochet, planting flowers and making pies.

Marian is survived by daughters Shirley Bartmess (Dale) of Hurricane, Utah, Darlene Pithoud (John) of Enterprise and Suzie Anderson (Chuck) of Elgin; brother Wayne Lathrop of Enterprise; sisters Mary Lou Huffman of La Grande and Sally Akin of Lostine; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Russell, son R. Glenn Bowen, daughter Nancy E. Bowen, parents Louis and Hazel, brothers Quentin, Jiggs, Leo (Tuff), Harold, Emra (Duke) and Melvin and sisters Hazel Muriel, Marcel Walker and Gladys Yost.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at Wallowa Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Kirk Andrew Watson

Kirk Andrew Watson, 49, formerly of Lewiston died at his home in Joseph on Sept. 24. A complete obituary with memorial service information will be published at a later date. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Robin Diane Shaver

Robin Diane Shaver, 57, of Enterprise passed away at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, Wash., on Sept. 16, 2016. Eiman's at Sunset Funeral Home in Richland is in charge of arrangements. A full obituary will be published at a later date.

Eva R. Wheeler

Eva R. Wheeler of Enterprise died Sept. 25 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital at age 80. A complete obituary with memorial service information will be published at a later date. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Joan Fager Feb. 16, 1944 to Sept. 21, 2016

Joan Maxine (Harmon) Fager of Walla Walla, formerly of Milton-Freewater, passed away Sept. 21, 2016 at her home at the age of 72 years with her husband and son by her side.



Joan was born Feb. 16, 1944 in Enterprise to Jack and Maxine Harmon. She graduated from Enterprise High School in 1962 and shortly thereafter moved to La Grande with her family. She attended Eastern Oregon College for two years while working various jobs, including a stint at A&W Drive-In, where she met her future husband, Leland Fager. The couple was married on July 19, 1964.

Leland and Joan had three children: Jon, Jenifer and Lisa. In 1977, the family moved from Oregon to Sitka, Alaska. Joan worked for the Sitka School District, first as a paraprofessional and later as an administrative secretary. After retiring from the school district, Joan explored some part-time opportunities working with a real estate office. This sparked an interest that led to Joan and Leland opening Angler's Landing Bed and Breakfast and operating vacation rentals in Sitka.

After 29 Alaska winters, the Fagers moved back to Oregon and took up residence in Milton-Freewater next door to their life-long friends, the Stricklers. Their final home was The Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla.

Joan was a domestic diva who loved cooking, sewing, crafting and all things Martha Stewart. She also was an avid volunteer who shared of her time, energy and talents with Rainbow Girls, Al Kader Shrine Divan Ladies, Daughters of the Nile and Emblem Club.

Joan was preceded in death by her mother, Maxine Harmon. She is survived by her husband Leland Fager of Walla Walla; father Jack Harmon of La Grande; sisters Julie Hickerson of La Grande and Jean Talbot of Portland; brother Bill Harmon of La Grande; son Jon Fager of Walla Walla; daughter Jenifer Fager of Interlochen, Mich.; daughter Lisa Hutton of Sitka, Alaska; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; multiple nieces and nephews; and many great friends.

Memorial services were held Sept. 27 at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater. Memorial contributions may be made to Walla Walla Community Hospice or Shriner's Hospital through the funeral home.

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Love you, Mom & Rick

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's athlete of the week is local archery phenom Cole Gomes. The 14-year-old, who has won several national archery awards in his age group over the summer, recently proved he could take his expertise to the field as well.

Hunting in the Imnaha unit for his "First Elk" archery hunt, Gomes managed to drop a 7x7 elk by getting within 23 yards of the animal.

The Enterprise High School freshman enjoys a number of outdoor pursuits and is a member of both FFA and 4-H. He make regular appearances on the school honor roll as well.

Cole Gomes

Cole Gomes is the son of Ed and Julie Gomes of Alder Slope.

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	High	Low	Conditions
Sept. 29	77	47	Partly cloudy
Sept. 30	71	40	Clear
Oct. 1	58	35	Partly cloudy
Oct. 2	55	36	Chance of rain
Oct. 3	49	33	Rain
Oct. 4	50	34	Partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Sept. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 22
New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET SEPT. 28-OCT. 4
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4
Rise: 6:44	Rise: 6:46	Rise: 6:47	Rise: 6:48	Rise: 6:49	Rise: 6:51	Rise: 6:52
Set: 6:34	Set: 6:32	Set: 6:30	Set: 6:28	Set: 6:26	Set: 6:24	Set: 6:23