

FIVE GENERATIONS: DAVIS FAMILY



Courtesy of Jim Davis

Lifelong Wallowa County resident Mel Davis, 90, of Enterprise recently met his 1-year-old great-great-grandson for the first time and four of five generations of his family were represented. Standing, from left: Mel's son Jim Davis of Wallowa and Jim's granddaughter Destiny Davis of Wilsonville. Seated is Mel Davis holding Destiny's son Hunter. Jim's daughter Nicole Davis was not available for the photo.

Habitat Board positions open

ODFW is currently accepting applications for the Chair and a Hunter Representative opening on the Access and Habitat Board. The deadline to apply for both positions is Friday, Oct. 14.

People with an interest and experience in hunting and wildlife conservation are encouraged to apply. Please contact Isaac Sanders at 503-947-6087 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/hkkdwky> for application forms and more information.

The Board is made up of seven volunteers — three landowners, three hunters, and the Chair — who discuss and recommend wildlife habitat improvement and hunting access projects to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Board members, who are appointed to four-year terms by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, meet four times each year in various communities throughout the state.

OBITUARIES

Eva Rosella Wheeler  
Dec. 3, 1935 to Sept. 25, 2016

Eva Rosella "Mike" Wheeler of Enterprise passed away Sept. 25, 2016 at age 80. She was born Dec. 3, 1935 in Martinez, Calif. She lived in California until moving to Oregon in 1975, and later to Enterprise in 2000.



Mike married Dick Wheeler on Sept. 25, 1980 — she died on their 36th wedding anniversary.

Her passions were family, friends and artwork, including oil painting, pencil pictures, crocheting, antique light shades and various other crafts. She had a special place in her heart for animals and was known to welcome in many a stray that came her way.

"My favorite memories are of the two of us in the art room, playing old albums, singing and laughing with tears rolling down our cheeks fogging up our eyes until we could no longer see the art we were working on," said daughter Diana Fay Keller. "The joy and laughter in the art room with Mother are some of the most precious moments I had with her."

Mike is survived by husband Dick, son Lloyd Lee Keller, daughter Diana, 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, as well as brother Lloyd Joe Pearles and sister Luella Joan Rogers.

A service was held Oct. 2 at the Enterprise Seventh Day Adventist Church with Pastor Jonathan De Weber officiating. Music was provided by Mike's brother, Joe Pearles.

Interment will take place at Enterprise Cemetery.

Kirk Andrew Watson  
Aug. 10, 1967 to Sept. 24, 2016

Kirk Watson of Joseph passed away at his home Sept. 24. He was born Aug. 10, 1967 in Lewiston to Dennis Watson and Linda Watson (Kirkland).



Kirk grew up on farms owned by his father and grandfather in Anatone and Pomeroy, Wash. He graduated from Asotin High School in 1985. In 1988 he married his high school sweetheart, Angie Blimka. Kirk and Angie started their family in 1990 with the birth of their son Jacob, and then had another son, Dillon, in 1993.

In 2000 Kirk and Angie divorced and Kirk left the farm to move to Spokane, where he continued his diesel mechanic career at Roman Machinery. In 2003 he moved back to Lewiston to be closer to his boys. He enrolled at LCSC, where he then met his second wife Emily Benzing in 2004. Soon after this he began losing his eyesight (a complication of diabetes) and had to quit taking classes and claim disability. Kirk and Emily bought a house in Nezperce, Idaho, where he went on creating wooden furniture with the help of his family.

In the fall of 2008 Kirk and Emily separated. Kirk moved back to Lewiston for a short period before he went to Boise to attend school through Idaho Commission for the Blind. With the help of ICBVI he learned how to continue his woodworking trade with very limited vision.

In 2011, Kirk finished up in Boise and moved back to Lewiston. With the help of New Bridges Community Church, he started a small business named "Blind Craft" that manufactured engraved signs.

Kirk loved his church and his friends he met through the Lord, but due to his health and eyesight challenges he decided to move to Joseph in February of 2015 to be near his sister Shelly Steen. In Joseph, Kirk met a new church family where he continued living and serving the Lord.

Kirk loved all of his friends and family but his boys and their families were his pride and joy. He always looked forward to the next text picture or visit from his grandkids. Kirk was an amazing friend, brother, son and father and he will be missed by everyone that he touched.

Kirk is survived by his parents Dennis (Shirley) Watson of Pomeroy and Linda Kirkland of Custer, Wash.; sisters Shelly (Shawn) Steen of Joseph and Dawn Watson Cardona of Lynden, Wash.; sons Jacob (Ashton) Watson and Dillon (Sierra) Watson of Lewiston; grandchildren Remington, Kenzi, Jayden and Hunter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Two celebrations of life are being held for Kirk: 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Abundant Life Assembly in Enterprise and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at New Bridges Community Church, 2102 8th St. in Lewiston. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Federation of the Blind.

About Obituaries

Send obituaries by email, [obits@wallowa.com](mailto:obits@wallowa.com); fax, 541-426-3921; or mail, PO Box 338, Enterprise, OR 97828. The deadline to submit an obituary is 2 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper.

Correction

A Sept. 28 article about local black bears listed an incorrect first name for High Lostine Homeowners Association President Ron Polk.

DEATH NOTICES

William Frazier

William Frazier of Wallowa died Oct 2, 2016 at a La Grande Care Center at age 76. A complete obituary will be published at a later date. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements, assisted by Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Chester Allyn Bennett

Chester Allyn Bennett Jr., 84, of Hermiston died Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, while visiting friends in Pine Top, Ariz. He was born Jan. 6, 1932, in Corvallis. Arrangements are pending with Owens Livingston Mortuary in Show Low, Ariz.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

This week's athlete of the week is Enterprise High School junior Riley Gray. In a Sept. 24 Outlaws loss to Grant Union, Gray kept her chin up and contributed five kills, eight digs and five blocks to lead the EHS effort.

Gray, 16, also participates in track and basketball. A scholar-athlete, Gray maintains a regular place on the school's honor roll and has collected a number of academic awards. In her spare time, she also belongs to the Future Farmers of America and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Gray is the daughter of Justin and Chelsie Gray of Enterprise.

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	High	Low	Conditions
Oct. 6	54	38	Partly cloudy
Oct. 7	61	41	Mostly cloudy
Oct. 8	67	43	Partly cloudy
Oct. 9	72	42	Clear
Oct. 10	64	41	Clear
Oct. 11	68	43	Partly cloudy

**Phases of the moon**

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

**WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET OCT. 5-11**  
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Oct. 5 Rise: 6:53 Set: 6:21	Oct. 6 Rise: 6:54 Set: 6:19	Oct. 7 Rise: 6:56 Set: 6:17	Oct. 8 Rise: 6:57 Set: 6:15	Oct. 9 Rise: 6:58 Set: 6:13	Oct. 10 Rise: 7:00 Set: 6:11	Oct. 11 Rise: 7:01 Set: