

HIGHWAY REOPENS AFTER LANDSLIDE

Highway 3 has reopened north of Enterprise after it was closed for hours due to a landslide Saturday near the Washington border. According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, the highway was expected to be closed throughout the night, but crews were able to get it open by about 8 p.m. Travelers are advised to drive with caution in this area. Crews will continue to monitor slide activity.



Photos courtesy Oregon Department of Transportation

OBITUARIES

M. Colleen DeGroff
Sept. 30, 1925 — Dec. 12, 2016

Longtime Wallowa resident, Colleen DeGroff, passed away in Hermiston on December 12, 2016. She was 91 years old. Martha Colleen Howell was born in Richland, Oregon on September 30, 1925, the third child of Orla John Howell and Imogene Cooper. She attended Richland schools until the family moved to Baker City, where she completed high school in 1943. Colleen was queen of the Baker County Fair in 1941.

In 1946, she met and married William M. DeGroff Jr. After Bill returned from his Army service, they joined the DeGroff family ranching business near Baker City. After the DeGroffs bought ranch land in Wallowa County, Colleen and Bill moved to Wallowa in 1948 to continue working with Bill's father and brother.

In 1956, Colleen and Bill purchased Wallowa Hardware, and were active members of the Wallowa "Main Street" community for many years.

After selling the Hardware in 1978, Colleen was employed by the State of Oregon Department of Human Services, and the Oregon Department of Forestry. She was a longtime member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Wallowa Methodist Church, where she especially enjoyed being the pianist and organist.

Colleen always supported her children's activities, serving as an adult leader for Rainbow Girls and 4-H. She rarely missed one of their concerts, plays or volleyball games. She had a keen interest in politics and current events, and was an enthusiastic fan of the Portland Trailblazers and the Wallowa Cougars.

Colleen and Bill loved traveling in their RV, and visited every corner of the United States. Many winters were enjoyed in Arizona and Southern California. With an already-large circle of friends in Wallowa County, through their travels they added new friends and reconnected with distant relatives across the U.S.

In 2014, they moved to a senior living community in Hermiston, near their daughter Sue. Bill passed away in May 2015, one month before their 69th wedding anniversary.

Colleen is survived by her daughters, Diane (Bob) Alexander of Redmond, Marilyn (Gary) Hulse of Wallowa, Susan (Don) Daggett of Hermiston, and Nancy (Craig) Creel of Corvallis. Colleen was very proud of her six grandchildren, Mary, Tricia, Wayne, Mitchell, Andrew and Hana, and was excited to have six beautiful great grandchildren. Also surviving are her nephew Dean Sass, and nieces Sandra, Helen and Cathy Howell. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill, her parents, her sister Rowena Sass, brother Clark Howell and niece Robyn Sass.

A memorial service will be held Saturday March 25, 1:30 p.m. at the Wallowa Methodist Church. Light refreshment will be served in the social hall after the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wallowa Methodist Church, Community Connection, or a charity of your choice.

Janet Kay Kraxberger
Sept. 5, 1939 — March 7, 2017

Janet Kay Kraxberger born September 5, 1939, has passed away peacefully in Spokane, Washington, at Sacred Heart Hospital on March 7, 2017.



She is survived by her husband of sixty years Kenneth Kraxberger, and six children Linda Anderson of Darby, Montana, Synda Warren of Molalla, Oregon, Mark Kraxberger of Canby, Oregon, Lorinda Tripp of Enterprise, Oregon, Aaron Kraxberger of Canby, Oregon, and Melinda Wanderschied of Molalla, Oregon.

Also surviving her are twenty-one grandchildren and forty-three great grandchildren and one of two sisters Patty Olney of Estacada, Oregon.

Janet enjoyed horseback riding, rodeos, wilderness, camping and fishing. She was a rodeo princess for the Molalla Buckeroo, a lookout person for the John Day lookout tower, drove tanker truck for Chevron in Portland, Oregon, and purchased a Coast to Coast hardware store with her husband in 1973.

A celebration of life will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Enterprise, Oregon on March 26, 2017 at 1 p.m.

Larry Jones

Larry Jones, 81, of Lostine died Mar. 19 at St Luke's Medical Center in Boise.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lostine Presbyterian Church with vault interment to follow at the Lostine Cemetery. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements full obit will appear next week.

Correction

The March 15 story about Devil's Gulch incorrectly noted that The Nature Conservancy-owned property allowed dogs and shed hunting. It does not.

BIRTH

Isabelle Rose Casper
March 12, 2017

Rosemary and Brandon Casper of Wallowa: a girl, Isabelle Rose Casper. Grandparents Laura and Steve Gehring and Kathy and Don Casper.

FOR THE RECORD

March 13

- 10:11 a.m. a 911 call reported a hawk that was hit. Referred to ODFW.
- 1:33 p.m. a controlled burn in Wallowa.

March 14

- 7:19 p.m. an Identity Left complaint was reported in Enterprise.
- 2:29 p.m. a dog bite incident was reported in Enterprise.

March 16

- 9:02 a.m. the negotiating of a bad check was reported in Wallowa.
- 10:00 a.m. advisory of water across the road, above and below Troy.

- 5:05 p.m. Enterprise PD tagged two vehicles to be moved.
- 5:28 p.m. Levi Westly Albert Fine of Wallowa, 22, was arrested on a Wallowa County Circuit Court Warrant. Charges are probation violation, original charge harassment. Fine was cited and released.
- 9:36 p.m. a 911 call reported a flu fire in Enterprise.

March 17

- 1:19 p.m. IRS scam calls reported in Joseph.
- 1:40 p.m. a 911 call reported an altercation in Enterprise. EPD arrested John Jerome Tye of Enterprise, 28, on charges of criminal trespass and harassment. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.
- 3:05 p.m. a 911 call reported an altercation in Enterprise. WCSO arrested John Jerome Tye of Enterprise, 28, on charges of felon in possession of a weapon. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

March 18

- 5:28 a.m. report of a stolen

vehicle in Enterprise. Recovered in rural Enterprise.

- 8:30 a.m. a 911 call reported a theft in Joseph. WCSO arrested Max M. Greenway of Joseph, 21, for robbery. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

- 9:06 a.m. a 911 call reported a disturbance in Enterprise. WCSO arrested Otilia Theil of Enterprise, 52, for probation violation, original charge trespass. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

- 9:10 a.m. report of a runaway/missing juvenile in Joseph. Located.

- 1:53 p.m. tree reported on power line in rural Joseph.

- 6:32 p.m. a missing child was reported in Joseph, located shortly after reported.

- 8:41 p.m. a 911 call reported a deceased deer on Highway 82. Deputy removed it from highway and advised ODOT.

March 19

- 6:21 p.m. report of cows out on Highway 82 in rural Enterprise.
- 11:38 p.m. brown pitbull reported running loose on Golf Course Road in rural Enterprise.

A new Hank the Cowdog story

THE CASE OF THE WANDERING GOATS

by John R. Erickson

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Happy Administrative Professionals Day

April 26, 2017
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Wallowa County CHIEFTAIN

Introducing Resident

Dr. Aimee Rowe, MD

Dr. Rowe graduated from University of California, Davis medical school after receiving a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Dr. Rowe is here on the Family Medicine Rural Rotation program through Cascades East. She will be in residency at Mountain View Medical Group through April 7.

To schedule your appointment with Dr. Rowe, call Mountain View Medical Group
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Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
March 23	56	39	clear
March 24	51	36	chance of rain
March 25	51	32	rain
March 26	51	35	rain
March 27	54	37	snow
March 28	54	36	chance of rain

Phases of the moon

March 27	April 3	April 11	April 19
New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET MARCH 23-29
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
March 23 5:46 a.m. 6:06 p.m.	March 24 5:44 a.m. 6:07 p.m.	March 25 5:42 a.m. 6:09 p.m.	March 26 5:40 a.m. 6:10 p.m.	March 27 5:38 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	March 28 5:36 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	March 29 5:34 a.m. 6:12 p.m.