

County Rod & Gun Club formed

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO
March 22, 1917

To help protect the fish in the streams and lakes, the Wallowa County Rod & Gun Club was organized last week at Enterprise. There is a long list of applicants for membership.

Shortage of feed for stock, thought impossible at the beginning of winter, and regarded as only threatening two weeks ago, has become acute in the last few days. Many farmers have exhausted their supply.

At the auction sale held last week by W. R. Stein on his farm west of town, further evidence was given of the excellent financial condition of people of the county. The sale totaled \$2,750, of which all but \$150 was paid in cash.

Hanna & Link held their millinery opening this week and are showing the largest and most complete line of millinery ever brought to the county.

O.K. Gulch news: A gasoline lighting system has been installed in the school house, thereby filling a long-felt want, since the building is frequently used as a social and business center for the neighborhood.

Flora news: Monday registered one of the worst days of winter. The chinook that a good many are predicting doesn't seem to be very near yet. The snow drifts are as deep now as they have been any time this winter.

Chico news: Everyone is out of hay.

70 YEARS AGO
March 20, 1947

The state police have been investigating what appears to have been an explosion at the Canyon View lodge on the Flora highway early Monday morning. Several reports have been made to the authorities



Flooding in Enterprise — looking north on River Street.

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in recent weeks of prowlers and Peeping Toms around the lodge as well as around other buildings in the Flora district.

The Joseph Chamber of Commerce has launched its campaign to put over a bigger and better Chief Joseph Days celebration this year. The celebration was launched last year and drew several thousand people to see the parade, air show, Hell's Canyon nights, novelty races and other features. Work is now underway on the construction of a rodeo ground and football field.

The housing shortage in Enterprise will be further eased shortly with the construction of ten new housing units by Walter Moppus, who has acquired title to the lots lying on the west side of River street and north of the former Claude Reavis property.

Joseph library news: Mrs. Guy Mitchell has donated four well-chosen books from her personal library. The Gar-

den club took up a collection from their last meeting which was turned over to the library board. The Liberty grange voted to donate \$5 and each member volunteered to donate a book. Two new books purchased this week were "Touchstone" and "The Border Lord," both are popular historical novels.

50 YEARS AGO
March 23, 1967

The Wallowa Valley Toastmistress club held its annual speech contest at the Circle T Café in Enterprise on March 16. There were four speakers competing. First place winner was Mary Lou Brink. Cecil Evans won second place.

Two Wallowa FFA boys were highly honored at the state FFA convention in Eugene last week. Scott McCrae was presented with his state farmer degree and received a \$200 land grant scholarship. Tom Frazier was elected to

the post of State FFA Treasurer.

An "Organizational Meeting" was held Monday evening at the hotel in Joseph and a new Lions club was formed. Roy Carter is president of the new club.

EHS news: The annual mixed chorus concert will be held March 29 in the high school gym. The 66 members of the chorus, directed by Robert Clegg, will sing 12 selections. Christine Jensen and Aleta Stein will accompany the chorus.

25 YEARS AGO
March 19, 1992

Photo: Dennis Brennan of Valley Bronze puts the finishing touches on one of the larger than life horses of Santa Fe sculptor Veryl Goodnight. Twin monuments depicting the herd bursting through the rubble of the Berlin wall will be placed in both Germany and the United States.

J.D. Nobles hit on a pair of free throws in the final seconds to lift Family Video past Coleman & Chrisman in the Town Team Basketball championship played at EHS on March 8.

Photo: Matt Kurtz, Willie Zollman and Chad Nash wore Savage togs and fired up the crowd at the state basketball tourney in Pendleton last week (the Savages took second at state).

"Everyone is walking around on cloud nine," Wallowa Valley Photo Club president Doris Woempner said this week about the notification that the club had just won a national award for its 1992 color calendar.

Photo: This femur of a prehistoric horse was recently discovered in an ancient gravel bed near Enterprise by Forest Service archaeologist Bruce Womack. Womack believes the large bone is as much as 800,000 years old.

Bills would ease new dwellings on farmland

By Matusz Perkowski
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Two bills aimed at expanding affordable housing in rural Oregon would make it easier to build dwellings or permanently reside in recreational vehicles on farmland.

Advocates of House bills 2937 and 2938 say the proposals would help mitigate the state's housing shortage without undermining protections for farmland.

Critics argue the bills would disrupt agricultural operations without having much impact on housing and could encourage counterproductive short-term rentals.

Proponents of the bills said lawmakers need to be creative in finding solutions to Oregon's housing problem.

There are limits to what can be accomplished with legislation focused on landlord-tenant relations, said Julie Parrish, R-West Linn, during a March 14 legislative hearing.

Oregon's land use system was intended to preserve farmland but not to create insufficient housing and perpetuate homelessness, Parrish said.

Meanwhile, HB 2937 and 2938 have restrictions that limit new dwellings and won't "upset the land use apple cart in any significant way," she said.

Under HB 2937, a single "accessory dwelling" can be sited within 100 feet of an existing home in a rural residential zone, or in a "exclusive farm use" zone with a county conditional use permit.

The same conditions apply to a single recreational vehicle used for "residential purposes" under HB 2938.

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