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Enterprise fifth-grade students pose in front of Enterprise School wearing costumes from various decades in the past 100 years. The class created a video celebrating the first 100 years of the school. They hold signs representing the school districts that were consolidated into Enterprise School District when the building was dedicated.

Fifth grade teacher Lorri Fischer is third from the right. Linda Bright was costume designer and Steve Roundy contributed his expertise in the area of photography.

## Enterprise School turns 100

Enterprise School will celebrate a century of excellence April 13 at 2 p.m. in the

The event is styled after a pep assembly with a high-energy program that includes cheerleaders, music and dancing. Visitors will also enjoy a visit down memory lane with a historical presentation by former music teacher Randy Morgan, art displays from students K-12, a tribute to athletics presented by coach Randy Strohm, a movie depicting the 100-year history of the main building created by fifth grade students with mentor assistance, a display of EHS annuals and more.

Alumni and community members are invited to the event - and encouraged to wear the school colors of



Courtesy photo

Yearbook photo of Enterprise School when it was constructed 100 years ago.

red and black. After the program, guests are welcome to refreshments and tours of the

An Alumni Room will be available for graduates to view memorabilia from the archives of EHS. Alumni are also asked to loan the design committee their vintage letterman sweaters and cheerleader uniforms. They may be delivered to the Enterprise High School office.

The event is free and all visitors are welcome.

# **Tourists still visit county** in search of The Shack

By Kathleen Ellyn Wallowa County Chieftain

Back in 2008 the Chieftain interviewed William Paul Young about his book set in Wallowa County, "The Shack."

That book has gone on to be a huge bestseller and is now a movie.

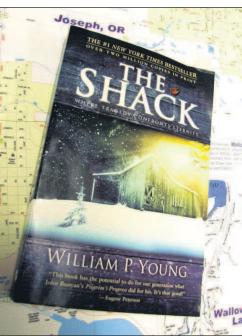
Because of it, tourists are coming to Wallowa County to experience the landscape in which the story is set and sometimes in hopes of "meeting God" as the hero of the story did. And so, the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce is suggesting that business owners read the book so as to be prepared to talk about it with tourists.

The book was a surprising hit – even to the writer.

Young was not a seasoned author and didn't expect to offer his book to publishers. It was his own story of a man dealing with what he called "The Great Sadness" and his search for a way to transcend that sadness.

The Great Sadness experienced by Young's hero, Mack Phillips, is not based on Young's own experience. It is the horrific murder of the fictional Phillips' daughter -- an event that creates the immediacy needed for the story.

As Phillips seeks to understand how God could allow this terrible thing to happen, he visits a shack in Wallowa County that is the site of the murder and there meets God in three forms: God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. And none of these aspects of God are what he thought they would be.



The book struck a chord in

the hearts of millions of readers

and went on to multiple print-

ings, sold more than 10 million

copies, was on the New York

Times Best Seller list for 70

weeks and is now a full-length

broadly in early March and has

grossed more than \$49 million

Graw (as "Willie" in The Shack

and providing songs for the

soundtrack), Sam Worthington (as "Mack Phillips" in The

Shack, and also known for roles

in "Avatar," "Clash of the Ti-

tans," "Terminator Salvation"),

Octavia Spencer ("Hidden Fig-

aware that the shack featured

in the book is fictitious and will

drive out to Dug Bar Road and

on into the Hells Canyon Na-

tional Recreation Area search-

Some people are still un-

ures") and many other stars.

The film was released

The film stars Tim Mc-

feature film.

worldwide.

ing for the actual shack. "There is a tone of authenticity when you use real settings, and it opens up within the fiction," Young said.

The book can be purchased or ordered at The Bookloft, 107 E Main in Enterprise.

### The family of Linda Sue Lewis

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