

Ray Harris tops in shooting contest

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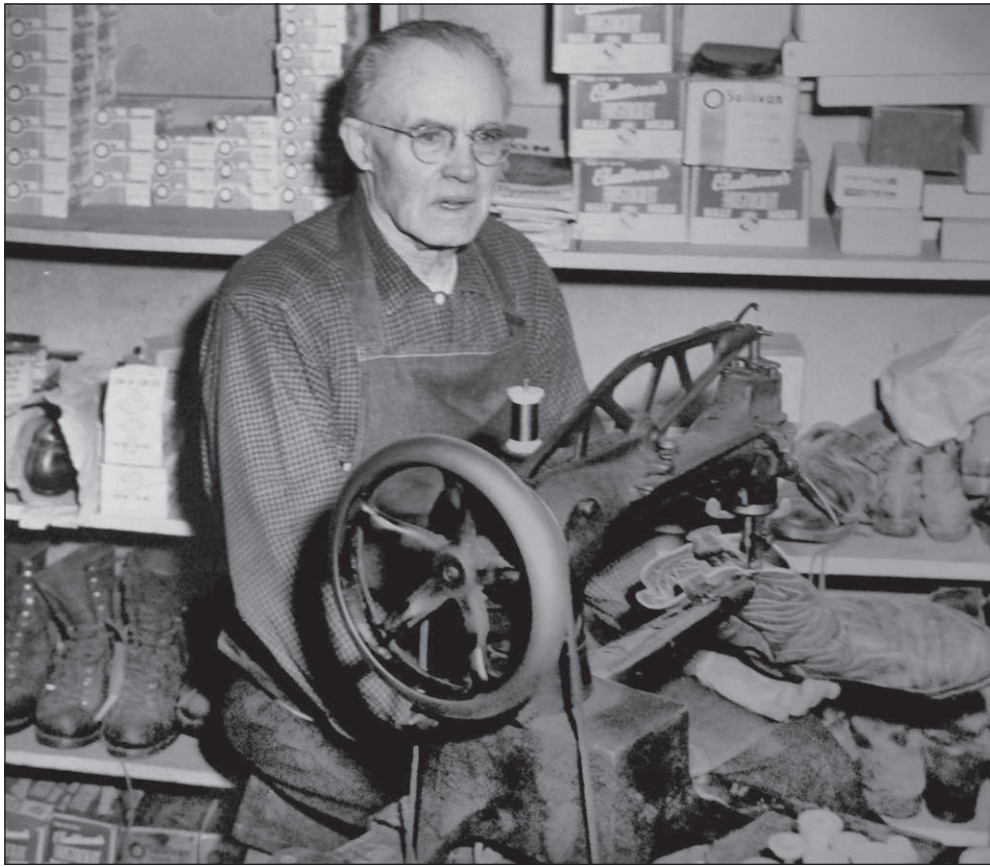
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100 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1917

None of the familiar features of the old-time stage coach were visible in a published photo, but a representation of the Chico stage leaving Enterprise the morning of Tuesday, April 10, of this year was shown. The team of six fractious horses, the heavy vehicle loaded with passengers and baggage and the proud driver with whip in hand are all absent. But the outfit was adapted to the need of the moment, as similar outfits have been used many times on Wallowa County mail routes.

Miss Gertrude Warnock and Harry C. Mays were married at Joseph Sunday, May 27, 1914, and will make their home on the Imnaha where Mr. Mays is in the cattle business with his bride's brother, W. A. Warnock. The bride is the daughter of D. W. Warnock of Joseph and Crow Creek, and the groom is a son of Mrs. Mollie Mays. His father was the late Polk Mays, who was widely known in the county. Best wishes to the couple.

Notice is hereby given that the city marshal of Enterprise has taken up two mares found



Chieftain file photo
Frank Shevlin, owner of Frank Shevlin Shoe Top in Joseph shows off the latest equipment in shoe repair in this undated photo. His shop was at the north end of the Rumble/Parmeter Building in Joseph.

running at large within the corporate limits of said city; he has advertised said fact by posting a notice in three prominent places within the City of Enterprise and will on the 21st day of June, 1917, offer said mares for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for

cash in hand.

70 YEARS AGO
June 5, 1947

Word has been received from Baker announcing the passing of Mrs. A. W. Woodward on May 26 after a short illness. Mrs. Woodward, 70

years old, was the widow of Edwin D. Silver, who died 30 years ago.

The Enterprise FFA chapter boys will exhibit 29 fat steers and 32 fat pigs at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union June 6-7.

Ray Harris won first in the

.45 caliber and first in the .22 caliber shoots at the Idaho state pistol tournament held at Boise Sunday. Ray also took either second or third place in five other matches at the tournament, bringing home an armful of medals and merchandise prizes. This record is nothing new for Ray, who has been winning prizes at pistol matches for the past 10 years.

50 YEARS AGO
June 1, 1967

William Stubblefield of Hayward, Calif., brother of the late Blaine Stubblefield, from the Stubblefield family who were among the original settlers of Enterprise, writes with a unique suggestion for developing a new sport in Wallowa County. His comments: "I would like to see Wallowa County people develop a sport which I think is a natural for that 'Land of Winding Waters' — white water running."

Jessica Social Club met at the home of Mrs. Floyd Moffit of Wallowa on Monday evening. Mrs. Vern McLain was co-hostess. The hostesses served a dessert of frozen fruit salad, wafers, candy, nuts, coffee and tea to 13 members and guests.

There has been a hum of activity around Wallowa Lake and at Wallowa Lake State Park during the past few weeks in preparing for another busy tourist season. During 1966,

Wallowa Lake State Park recorded a total of 357,676 day visitors. A total of 105,147 camper nights were tallied. These figures broke all existing records, and it is expected that even a heavier flow of tourists will visit the park this year.

25 YEARS AGO
June 4, 1992

"We remember" was the theme used for the 1992 Memorial Day celebration held in Promise recently. Some 140 persons participated in the annual get-together.

Local rodeo star Mark Nichols continued his domination of the western regional rodeo competition title at the regional finals last week. Nichols finished the season as the region's bareback champion, second place in the saddle bronc competition and third place in bull riding, leading the Walla Walla Community College rodeo team to second place in the region.

Stacy Connall, a junior at Enterprise High School, was recently announced as an Oregon state winner of the Commodity Challenge, a nationwide economics competition for high school students sponsored by the Chicago Board of Trade.

EHS golfers placed 11th in the state tourney in a field of 16 teams in Class 2A-3A May 26-27. The Savages were the only 2A team that qualified for the meet.

Veteran is ready to explore in his TrackChair

By Stephen Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Joe Llewellyn served for one year in Vietnam — 1968 — long enough for him to be exposed to Agent Orange, a herbicide and chemical defoliant used extensively to clear jungle foliage. The chemical exposure led to the loss of one of his legs several years ago.

Llewellyn was outfitted with a motorized wheel chair, but he could no longer pursue his hobbies of hunting and fishing because of its terrain limitations. Although he regularly rode his motorized wheelchair around Joseph, becoming a familiar sight to the community, he thought his days in the woods were over.

Then he saw an Action TrackChair on Bill O'Reilly's Fox News show and other places. The chairs are essentially all-terrain vehicles mounted with a set of tracks, similar to a bulldozer, instead of wheel. The tracks allow the occupant to travel over steep and uneven ground.

Unfortunately, Llewellyn found the chairs were priced in the \$15,000 range, far out of his reach.

Through a friend, he met Katherine Stickroth, who has a keen interest in helping veterans. When the two met, Llewellyn mentioned he'd like to own a TrackChair. Stickroth googled the chair on her laptop and even found a nonprofit called the "Independence Fund," which helps purchase the chairs for vets with limited financial means. For Stickroth, the process was relatively easy.

"I found the Independence Fund online and went over the application with Joe," she said. "I asked him: 'Do you want to apply now?' He said, 'sure.'"

After scanning in the proper information, Llewellyn and Stickroth waited.

Last December, they received word Llewellyn's application had been labeled as a

priority-one need.

"I can't tell you how that astonished me," Stickroth said. "All I did was fill out an application."

Months later word came that the chair would soon be on its way. Llewellyn was asked what accessories he needed, and things began to fall into place.

A trailer was also needed to transport the chair from place to place and the Independence Fund allotted \$750 payment for that. With no trailers the right size available locally, Stickroth purchased the trailer from D&B Supply in La Grande.

"She did all this on her own. Bless her heart — she's a wonderful person," Llewellyn said.

Craig and Jeanette Holdahl of Vancouver, Wash., volunteers with the Independence Fund, delivered the TrackChair May 11 and also took time to stop off in La Grande and pick up the new trailer.

After Craig Holdahl gave Llewellyn a demonstration of the chair's capabilities, the veteran took the chair for a spin around his lawn, also testing the chair's stability, going up and down the steep slope at every conceivable angle where the lawn met the street. He gave the chair a hearty thumbs up.

"A lot of these other chairs can get hard to sit on because of the cushions," Llewellyn said. "With this missing leg, there's nothing but bones back there. This thing rides real smooth. It's too cool."

"I can carry my crutches with me, so I can get out and go in the store."

Llewellyn said his maiden voyage in the chair would include taking it for a spin up town to show it off to Joseph residents. After that?

"I'm going to be hunting and fish again," he said with a smile. "I can't wait to get out to the lake."

Llewellyn doesn't have room in his home for the new



Steve Tool/Chieftain

Marine Corps and Vietnam-era vet Joe Llewellyn tries out his new ActionTrackChair he received with the help of local citizen Katherine Stickroth and the non-profit Independence Fund.

chair, and he can't afford to build a shed, so Stickroth is working with Eagle Cap Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4307 to meet that challenge.

For information about donating, call Stickroth at 541-910-5372 or send a check to VFW Post 4307, P.O. Box 56, Enterprise, OR. 97828.

Joseph grad earns biomedical grant

Fascination with X-Men drives his research

the mutational process since his sophomore year at the University of Oregon. He admits his interest



Latta

Leigh Latta, an assistant professor in the Natural Sciences at Mathematics Division at Lewis-Clark State College, in Lewiston, Idaho, has been awarded an IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Pilot Project grant for almost \$100,000 over two years for his proposal "Mutation Accumulation and the Physiological Basis of Declines in Neural Function."

Latta is the eldest son of Pamela Latta of Joseph and a 1991 graduate of Joseph High School.

Latta's project was one of only two chosen from more than 25 applications to receive funding through the program, which is administered by the University of Idaho. Its purpose is to increase the state's competitiveness for federal biomedical research funding and to improve the quality of biomedical education in Idaho.

Latta has been studying

in the topic actually came from comic books, like the X-Men, which features mutants as superheroes.

"I was fascinated by it, and so I wanted to become a mutant biologist," he said. "I really enjoy what I do."

Latta has studied mutation for more than 20 years, and his latest project that received funding will take a look at the effects of mutation on the evolution of neural function.

The research is motivated by recent studies that have shown average human intelligence has declined 3-5 percent over the last 50 years, and suggested that the cause is the accumulation of bad mutations in the human population.

Latta is married to Katy Lear and they have two daughters, Paxtyn and Odessa.

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Student of the Week

Ashley is a senior at Wallowa High School. She is the daughter of Kimi Starner and Jeff Durning. Ashley has been active in several extra-curricular activities including volleyball, basketball, track & field, National Honor Society, FFA and student government. At this time, Ashley is planning on attending Blue Mountain Community College to study elementary education.

Ashley Starner-Durning
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