

Corset rep enjoys her Wallowa County stays

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO

Sept. 13, 1917

The sky was clear Sunday for the first time in weeks. Rain fell in western Oregon a few days before and put an end to the smoke, which had blown to this part of the state from forest fires in the region.

William Mahan of Joseph has bought a new Ford car.

Mrs. L. O. Kennedy, representing a corset company, spent several days in Enterprise demonstrating at the store of Hanna and Link.

Her travels take her through many sections of the northwest and stated that the Wallowa mountains were in a class by themselves for their rugged beauty.

Yanks are running in the streams at the head of the lake and each day sees scores of autos going in that direction loaded with people and fishing paraphernalia.

70 YEARS AGO

Sept. 12, 1947

Jack Lexington was cut severely on the right leg last week while working at the mill at Minam. He was operating the swing saw used to cut up slab wood when the saw, in some manner, bounded back and struck him on the leg.

Lexington was taken to a hospital in La Grande and received 60 stitches. He expects to be released this week.

The forest service reports that O'Neal Construction Co. has now set up camp on the Chesnimus near the Frank Green place and expects to be in full operation on the new road up the Chesnimus by Oct. 1.

Two new swings have been added to the play yard at the Reavis School this week and new outside steps are being built from the road to the school yard.

Gospel meetings with Frank Driver preaching will be held at the American Legion Hall in Enterprise. Services are planned each evening except



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All dressed up, but who are they and where are they going? Do you know the answer to this week's Out of the Past photo ID contest?

Monday for the foreseeable future. Plain gospel preaching. Good congregational singing.

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 14, 1967

Mick Courtney of Court-

ney Motors in Enterprise announced his firm will hold an open house to show the new 1968 model Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge cars and Dodge trucks. Coffee and donut are on the menu.

Erwin Real Estate announces that Frank Hays has received his real estate license as a salesman and is working at the firm.

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\$1,295. Call Leo Goebel. Marine Lance Corporal John W. Roberts, son of Mr. And Mrs. Ivan R. Roberts of Wallowa, is in Vietnam serving with a Military Police Company.

25 YEARS AGO

Sept. 10, 1992

Joseph City Council accepted the bid of Tom Gleasman Construction for the city's new fire hall. The bid included a building and floor but no electricity or heating. It was the only bid received.

Albert H. Durgan has announced his retirement as CEO of Pioneer Bank after 34 years of service. A reception was held Sept. 15.

Randal Johnson and Denny Dawson are offering self-defense classes at the Enterprise High Gym.

"We welcome all ages — men and women."

Linda Botts, who assisted Kathy Schaeffer with the Joseph High School volleyball program last season, moves into the head coaching role for this year.

Five spots open for Mentor Match program

Students get a chance at hands-on educational experience

The Mentor Match Entrepreneur program kicked off its eighth year Sept. 6 with seven county teens — all girls — from three high schools in Wallowa County who showed up to learn what to expect.

That leaves room for five more participants.

The program, funded and administered by nonprofit Building Healthy Families, is open to all county juniors and seniors who want to learn how to start a business.

The objective of the program is to introduce youth to entrepreneurship and business as a career and educational choice in hopes that they may one day use those skills to start or help expand a business in Wallowa County.

"It's always amazing what kids will do," said program creator and adviser Stacy Green. "You give them a tiny bit of direction, and they are off and running."

Green said some of the most profitable businesses in the program's history have been built around recycling, helping people with chores, baking and pet-sitting.

The most creative have been an underground school newspaper for Enterprise called "The Outlawed Press," and a repurposed furniture business that involved paint-



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Lane Clements, left, and Caleb Reed, past participants in the Mentor Match Entrepreneur program, make their cookie bowls that formed the basis of their business Clements Cookie Bowls

ing second-hand wood furniture with paint mixed with shoe polish.

The business that shipped product the farthest — Florida — was Toasty Toes Foot Warmers.

The biggest single sale was \$400, for 40 black and white photographs of the Wallowas, sold by Art Adoption, which represented local artists to retail stores and businesses. The sale was to Viridian Management, which used them for client gifts.

"I wrote my college essay on the business I created," said Nikolai Christoffersen, a 2015 graduate of Enterprise who created Metal Man, a scrap recycling business. "I continue to use my experience in the program as a distinguishing feature in resumes, cover letters and interviews." Christoffersen is a junior majoring in economics at Williams College.

Hannah Schaafsma Widener, a 2014 graduate of Enterprise who is a senior at Lewis

and Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, was part of a second group who emulated "The Outlawed Press," and published an underground newspaper for Enterprise they called "The Underground Observers," with partners Carsen Sajonia and Katie Birkmaier.

"I highly recommend the Mentor Match program," said Widener. "It's an amazing networking tool."

Green said teaching the kids how to network, and introducing them to adults who can help them is a primary objective of the program.

"Through the program, the kids can access all the networks of all the business owners they meet through the program, which include some pretty connected people," said Green.

In Wallowa County, that group includes Getty Pollard, who trains falcons in Lostine; Tyler Hays, owner of M Crow & Company; Caio de Velo, accountant at Eide Bailey; Jack Walker, owner of a tree removal company; Deve Wolfe, owner of Teal Boutique; Will Roundy, owner of Beecrowbee; and many others volunteers.

The group also embarks upon a leadership and innovation tour, most recently to Seattle in June.

The students took a private tour of Microsoft including lunch at their food court. The young entrepreneurs visited with four Microsoft employees and learned how they landed at the software giant.

If there's one thing Green would like to change about the program, it's the ability to

attract both boys and girls.

"I'm not sure why the boys have fallen off so much," said Green, noting the first year, nine boys participated, but in the last three years, there have been only four boys total who have completed the program. "This program really benefits boys too, especially those who are not sure what they want to do after high school."

The Mentor Match Entrepreneur program meets every other Wednesday evening 6:30-8:15 p.m. at Building Healthy Families in Enterprise and includes dinner.

The program works around participants' sports schedules as necessary.

The next class is Sept. 20. Interested students can contact Green at 541-398-2314 to sign up. The class is free to participants.



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