

Wal-Mart store opens its doors in La Grande

OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Paul Wahl

100 YEARS AGO
Sept. 27, 1917

Notices have been sent to six more prospective soldiers to report to the local draft board: Thomas G. Murray, Enterprise; Lawrence Schindler, Joseph; Lawrence C. Brown, Lost Prairie; Daniel DeLoss Akin, Enterprise; Guy Fisher, Lostine; and Fred R. Nichols of Enterprise. They will be sent to U.S. Army training camps and then to serve their country in the Great War.

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Thomas DeCoursey left this week for Chico, Calif., where he and Sam Suther have a small alfalfa and fruit ranch. They went down there last winter and bought the place, and Sam has remained on it since. Both are in love with California.

70 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1947

Byron Daggett and Bill Ferguson have formed a partnership under the name of the

Wallowa County Sales for the purpose of dealing in used cars. The business has been functioning for several weeks and sold approximately 70 cars during the past month. The company may take a new car agency, Mr. Daggett states.

Excavation has been completed for a 24x42-foot basement and addition on the north side of the Christian Church in Enterprise. The walls will be of cement block, providing room for a new oil heating plant, recreation room, kitchen and restrooms in the basement and larger Sunday school rooms on the main floor.

Edelweiss Inn at Wallowa Lake has returned to its winter season schedule; no more Wednesday night dances, but Saturday night events continue. This week, music is by Virg Orton and his Rhythm Airmen of La Grande.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 28, 1967

Donna Tippet, Kay Denney and Mary Powers are this year's candidates for homecoming queen at Enterprise High School. The football team will play Nyssa.

Burglars struck recently at the Riverside Shell Service in Joseph making off with nearly \$300 in merchandise and cash. Entry into the store was gained through a window leading into a restroom from the back.



Chieftain File Photo

Yet another photo -- this one extremely high quality -- from the files with no identification or date. The vehicle is likely a 1955 or so Austin and appears A50. It is uncertain who in Wallowa County may have owned a British-made vehicle in that era. Any guesses? Send to editor@wallowa.com.

Several cars of the Wallowa County Cannonball were derailed last week as the train was enroute to La Grande. The derailment, which involved nine cars, occurred about two miles east of Wallowa at the Wayne Wolfe place. Shifting lumber on one of the cars is believed to be the cause.

25 YEARS AGO
Sept. 24, 1992

An estimated 200 persons turned out last week to voice their opposition to the proposed Prairie Creek pipeline project unveiled last summer

by the Wallowa County Soil and Water Conservation District and Associated Ditch Company.

Five members of the Wallowa County Sheriff's Posse have received silver buckles to commemorate 15 years of service: John Duckworth, Norm Witherrite, Grant War-nock, Roger Decker and Bud Zollman.

The posse was founded in 1972 by former sheriff Guy Davis.

A full-page advertisement announced the grand opening of Wal-Mart in La Grande.

OBITUARIES

Robert Gerald Casper
March 28, 1934 — Sept. 16, 2017

Robert Casper, better known as "Jerry," died peacefully at home Sept. 16, 2017, in Wallowa at age 83. No funeral services will be held. A celebration of life for the family and friends with military honors was Sept. 30.

Jerry was born March 28, 1934, in Emmett, Idaho. He graduated from Klamath Union High School in Klamath Falls, Ore., in 1952. In 1965, Jerry started the locally owned and operated company Casper Roofing.

He worked until he retired and handed the business over to his son Don in 1998. Jerry and his family have always been very thankful for the community support they always showed by hiring the company.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Jan, to whom he was married for 55 years. He is also survived by three children: Tina and Hugh Duncan of Anchorage, Alaska, Gerald and Betsy Casper of Grass Valley, Ore., and Don and Kathy Casper of Wallowa; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to charity of choice.

Steven Ray Gibbs
July 16, 1953 — Aug. 16, 2017

Steven Ray Gibbs went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ and his wife, the late Marvella (nee Lappin) Gibbs on Aug. 16, 2017.

He was born July 16, 1953, in Enterprise to Clyde and Lola Opal (nee Davis) Gibbs. He attended school in Wallowa County and graduated from Enterprise High School in June 1971.

After graduation, Steve held jobs as a police officer with the Enterprise Police Department and was a deputy sheriff with the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office.

He met Marvella soon after leaving the sheriff's office, and they were married in 1978 in Corvallis, Ore. They were married for 36 years prior to Marvella's homegoing in 2014.

Steve entered the U.S. Army in 1984 at 31, the cutoff age for enlistment. His service took him to locations such as Washington, California and Arizona. He served honorably until he was medically discharged. He then served as a federal police officer at Fort Ord, Calif., in the San Francisco Bay Area, raising three children until their return to Oregon.

In 1997, Steve accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and served Him until his death. He passed away from complications related to Multiple Sclerosis.

Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Sept. 27	77	45	Clear
Sept. 28	79	46	Clear
Sept. 29	77	48	Clear
Sept. 30	63	42	Chance of rain
Oct. 1	59	41	Chance of rain
Oct. 2	61	41	Chance of rain
Oct. 3	58	36	Partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Sept. 27	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET DATE SEPT. 28-OCT. 4
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:44	6:45	6:47	6:48	6:49	6:50	6:52
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's athlete of the week is Wallowa High School quarterback Gus Ramsden.

Gus Ramsden

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Student of the Week

Rachel Frolander

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Rachel Frolander has continued to excel academically here at EHS. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her high school career. She is a two year foreign language student, taken Anatomy and Pre-Calculus while also excelling in the Advanced Placement English Classes. Rachel is also a member of FCCLA and currently serves as President. Congratulations Rachel on a successful high school career and for your part in making EHS a better place.

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