



THREE minutes with ...



ROSWITHA PARKS

Roswitha Parks, 72, of Joseph came to Wallowa County eight years ago when she and her husband, David, moved back to David's hometown after retirement.

David is the son of Maxine and Bill Parks of Joseph. Since arriving, Roswitha has been a spark in the community. She enjoys lunching at the Community Connection, and the table at which she is sitting is easy to locate because of all of the laughter.

She was raised in Munich, Germany, and came to the states in her early 20s. She had wanted to immigrate for some time, but once she was here (in Bend where she had friends), she found assimilation much more difficult than she anticipated. American culture was different, she missed German food, and she was homesick. But she says she was "too stubborn and refused to call it quits." Now, 40 years later, she is thoroughly American.

She worked two jobs in Bend, and after five years earned her citizenship. She then went to work for the U.S. Forest Service as an archaeological tech, a rangeland tech and a recreation tech. She was stationed in John Day and La Grande.

She met David in La Grande when he worked for ODOT as a right-of-way agent and the couple married in 1985. They have no children.

Roswitha works part-time at Heidi's Towne Shoppe in Joseph, a job she enjoys. The rest of her time is spent taking care of David, who is in poor health.

She is on the board of Community Connection and is chairwoman of the organization's Advisory Council. David

is a Vietnam vet and Roswitha is a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Q. What attracted you to Wallowa County — other than it was David's home territory?

A. I was almost ready to move three days after we got here because the wind blew so hard down Hurricane Creek. The Realtor had said the wind only blew three or four times a year. But I liked it right away because it was beautiful, the people are nice, and it was a small community. I came from a fairly large community, and that's fun when you're young. When you are older, you like it more quiet.

Q. What is your favorite pastime?

A. Gardening. It's how I relax. I have a big beautiful yard, and I'm always working in my yard. I used to have a big garden, too, before David became ill. I especially liked to grow all different kinds of lettuce. I used to grow six or seven varieties. I love the look of them all, and I have chickens, and they love the lettuce too. My favorite flowers are carnations because of the smell.

Q. Can you recommend a book for us?

A. I really liked "The Target" by David Baldacci. I love mysteries of all kinds: British mysteries or spy mysteries. I don't like romances because they always end the same way. I watch Mystery on PBS. I watch a lot of PBS. I also love watching "Doc Martin" on PBS.

'A Murder is Announced' an arresting production

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County residents are being treated to a skillful production of "A Murder is Announced" for three more showings this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Delightful amateur performances support the complex, 90-minute, two-act production of the Agatha Christie murder favorite.

It is an ambitious play, and one cannot help but admire the able direction of Kate Loftus in bringing it off.

Jennifer Hobbs as Letitia Blacklock carries the lion's share of the dialogue through most of the production. Her reserve is carefully spiced at precisely the right moments and her confident acting anchors the production.

Carol Vencill, as the ditzy Dora "Bunny" Bunner, gives a pitch-perfect portrayal of the character on the verge of "spilling the beans" with every comment. Vencill's acting skills allow "Bunny" to keep the audience laugh-



Three able actresses (from left): Gwen Menton as Miss Marple, Jennifer Hobbs as Letitia Blacklock and Carol Vencill as Dora "Bunny" Bunner in the ambitious production of "A Murder is Announced."

ing while skating the very edge of crossing the line into caricature.

Gwen Menton is a perfect Miss Marple. Her arrival on the stage elicited such joy of recognition prompting instant applause. Menton's experience was visible throughout as she remained true to character in every moment, acting with such subtlety that the

character of Miss Marple was evident even when she was simply sitting on the couch listening to other characters.

Other cast members include Andy Martin, Anna Moholt, Sebastian Hobbs, Paige Lattin, Amé Leggett, Jeff Fields, Bryce Leggett, Stuart Vencill and Steve Kliewer.

Gwen Menton and Carol



Inspector Craddock and Miss Marple (Stuart Vencill and Gwen Menton) try to solve the mystery before the murderer strikes again in the MidValley Theatre Co. production of "A Murder is Announced." Three performances remain, 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Lostine Academy in Lostine.

Vencill selected costumes for the cast that enhance every actor's performance and brought wonder at each costume change. The choice to dress stagehands as parlor maids and allow them a moment or two of acting or interacting with the audience during costume changes also kept the audience engaged throughout the performance.

IF YOU GO

"A Murder is Announced" is staged at Lostine Academy Gym 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The play runs 90 minutes with an intermission. Snacks and drinks are available. Tickets at the door for \$8.

FOR THE RECORD

OCT. 30

12:26 p.m. — A 911 caller reported a domestic disturbance in a vehicle in rural Joseph.

12:08 p.m. — Criminal mischief reported in Joseph.

8:16 p.m. — 911 caller reported a possible disturbance in Imnaha.

OCT. 31

6:59 p.m. — A dead deer was blocking the roadway in Enterprise.

NOV. 1

6:49 a.m. — 911 report of an unattended death in Joseph.

10:51 a.m. — Report of a retraining order violation in Enterprise.

NOV. 2

1:27 p.m. — Report of an identity theft in Lostine

NOV. 3

12:40 p.m. — Report of criminal mischief in Enterprise.

NOV. 4

1:37 p.m. — Judith Denise Clark, 37, Joseph, was arrested by Wallowa County Sheriff's Office on a probation violation. Original charge was Felon in possession of a weapon. She was transported to Umatilla County Jail.

1:24 a.m. — A traffic stop in Enterprise resulted in the arrest of Timothy Shannon Poteat, 56, of Enterprise, for DUI. He was cited and released.

NOV. 5

10:18 p.m. — 911 call reporting a traffic crash in Enterprise. Amanda Lanae Cecil, 32, of Joseph, was arrested by Wallowa County Sheriff's Office for DUI. She was cited and released.

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Housing Rehabilitation Program - Get Your Name In!

Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. is TAKING NAMES FOR THE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM. To qualify you must:

- Own or be buying your home, with a value less than \$175,000.
- If over 60 years of age, have a net worth under \$40,000, not including your home.
- If under 60 years of age, have a net worth under \$20,000, not including your home.
- Have adequate collateral to secure the amount you will be borrowing.
- Live within Baker, Grant, Union or Wallowa counties.
- Have a yearly income that is less than the amounts shown below.

Household Size	Maximum Income By County			
	Baker	Grant	Union	Wallowa
1	\$29,900	\$29,900	\$29,900	\$30,800
2	\$34,150	\$34,150	\$34,150	\$35,200
3	\$38,400	\$38,400	\$38,400	\$39,600
4	\$42,650	\$42,650	\$42,650	\$44,000
5	\$46,100	\$46,100	\$46,100	\$47,550
6	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$51,050

6) Have sufficient insurance to cover the loan amount. Meet other requirements of the program.

The Housing Rehab Program will provide a zero percent interest deferred payment loan up to \$24,999. Typical repairs include plumbing, electrical, roofs, doors, windows, siding, painting, foundations, and heating systems, etc. The loan is repaid when the property is sold, upon death of the last surviving borrower, when you no longer reside at the home, or a change of ownership.

If you are interested in this program please complete the bottom of this page and return it to Community Connection, 2802 Adams Ave, La Grande, OR 97850. Fax 541-963-3187

There is no obligation and all information is strictly confidential. To learn more call (541) 963-3188 or 1-800-838-3186 or visit www.ccno.org (click Weatherization/Housing Rehab)

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