

# Fire department gets 1,000-gallon tanker

## OUT OF THE PAST

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### 100 YEARS AGO Nov. 22, 1917

The practice of playing cards for turkeys at Thanksgiving time was discussed by the enterprise City Council. It is the council's opinion that this is nothing but gambling and is forbidden by law.

W. G. Winchester is constructing an ice skating rink just south of the fairgrounds dance pavilion. A tract 40x200-feet will be enclosed and roofed over. Flooding will begin when the weather is cold enough.

While hunting ducks last week at the McFetridge Pond on Lower Prairie Creek, Irving Johnson accidentally discharged one barrel of his shotgun and blew off the great toe and joint of one of his feet. The boy remains hospitalized.

### 70 YEARS AGO Nov. 20, 1947

Approximately \$200 was taken from Coyle's Cafe during a robbery after the business had closed for the night. The robber entered through the door by means of a pass key. A former employee is suspected.

FOR SALE: Green and dry slab wood 50 cents per cord on nine cord orders. Joseph Fuel Co.

The Dorcas Society of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church is collecting clothing to be sent to Europe or used locally. Sev-



John Anderson poses with the antlers of a large buck he recently shot. From the Oct. 4, 1962, edition.

eral large bundles have already been sent overseas. Leave donations at Lester Ruud's Jewelry Store.

### 50 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Replinger have sold their 600-acre ranch on Prairie Creek to James and Joan Petty of Asotin, Wash. This is considered to be one of the best irrigated hay ranches in the valley.

The newest addition to the Enterprise Fire Department's arsenal of equipment has a 1,000-

gallon tank and a pump that delivers 250 gables of water per minute. The vehicle carries 400 feet of reconnect 1.5-inch hose and 200 feet of booster line.

The much-ballyhooded, long-awaited and acclaimed megamovie "The Sounds of Music" has come to the Vista Theater in Wallowa. Showings include 6:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Large crowds are expected.

### 25 YEARS AGO Nov. 19, 1992

Ken Reid, one of the founders of the Wallowa County

Small Woodlands Association, was recently selected Wallowa County Tree Farmer of the Year and is a finalist for the state award. He also received the honor 1985.

Wallowa County Memorial Hospital Administrator Ron Bender will be out of a job at the first of the year, the first casualty of the new hospital district he helped create.

Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed by a Joseph High School cast in the school's cafeteria.

# Programs keep hunger at bay in county

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Three times a week, a line of chairs along the wall at the Community Connection meal site in Enterprise fills. They are not all seniors; there is no checking of IDs or forms to complete.

What they have in common is they need a break on their grocery bills.

At 11 a.m., the double doors open into the conference room and the past-pull-date food donated by Safeway through the Fresh Alliance program is distributed. Most days folks in the line get one meat item and one bread item. Occasionally, greens are included.

Fresh Alliance is also offered at the Wallowa Senior Meal site on Wednesday and Friday.

It's one of several nutrition services available through Community Connection and supported by food drives and special events organized by service clubs, agencies and individuals in the county. Other services include the Food Bank,

Meals on Wheels and meals served in the dining rooms in Wallowa and Enterprise. Many of these meals are sponsored by local businesses and individuals.

The meals served at the two sites are also available to people of any age. Seniors 60 and over and their spouses may pay the suggested price of \$3.50, those younger are asked to pay \$5.75 per meal.

The dining event is often the high point of the day for folks who rarely get out or who are primary caregivers and now get to eat a meal cooked and served by someone else.

In October the two meal sites served 1,129 individuals older than 60 and 106 younger with 136 volunteers.

An additional 589 were served through Meals on Wheels.

The services are a boon to many on a fixed income, either a member of the 28 percent of Wallowa Countians who are seniors, the estimated 800 individuals in the county (of all ages) who are veterans or the

disabled. The aid is also welcomed by the severely rent burdened; the low-income workforce; and folks temporarily short of funds.

The number of individuals in need has grown dramatically since the 2008 recession, with Oregon Food Bank reporting a 41 percent increase in need for food-box distribution statewide.

In October, Wallowa County's food bank served 76 families with 156 family members.

Although the Oregon Food Bank provides many of the food products offered by the local food bank, area residents are generous as well. Fresh garden vegetables and ground beef are occasionally donated.

"We've had several local ranchers donate a cow," said Community Connection County Manager Connie Guentert, "Many other local groups donate. The 'Fill the Fire Truck' event is our biggest food drive of the year. It gets us through the rough months of November, December and January."

The "Fill the Fire Truck"

event was this past weekend. In 2016, it raised \$8,000 for the food bank.

Every October both Les Schwab Tire Center and Oregon FFA also sponsor the "Drive Away Hunger" food drive to help stock the Food Bank. Approximately 1,500 pounds of food is donated.

A friendly competition between the Rotary Club of Wallowa County and the Soroptimists each year generates several thousand dollars for the program. Rotarians have been filling red plastic cups with spare change, as well as writing checks in a bid to outdo the competition.

Community Bank matches the donations 50 cents on the dollar up to \$500 per branch.

The Wallowa Resources Free Thanksgiving Dinner is also hosted at the Community Connection kitchen and dining room in Enterprise each year. Private sponsors associated with Wallowa Resources anonymously arrange the feast. This year the dinner will be served 1-3 p.m. Nov. 23.

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## IN BRIEF

### Sheehy stars in Elgin production

Hannah Kate Sheehy of Enterprise will play the lead role in the latest production at the Elgin Opera House in Elgin, "A Little Princess."

The play opens Nov. 24 and runs through Dec. 16. "A Little Princess" is the story of a little girl, Sara Crewe and her struggle to survive in a London boarding school during World War II. After her father, Captain Crewe, is off to war, Sara is left to face the fact that she may never see her father again. The conniving Miss Minchin schemes to steal Captain Crewe's fortune and leave Little Sara alone and destitute. Tickets are on sale online or by calling 541-663-6324

### Free fishing dates scheduled

ODFW is waiving all fishing licensing requirements on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving to encourage people to explore the outdoors with friends and family during the long holiday weekend. All fishing, crabbing and clamming in Oregon will be free for both Oregon residents and nonresidents Nov. 24-25. That means, no licenses, tags or endorsements are needed. All other fishing regulations apply. Info: myodfw.com

### DeVore honored by state group

Polly DeVore, a Wallowa School Board member, was among 15 locally elected board members recently recognized with a gold award for completing course work through the Oregon School Boards Association's Leadership Institute. The awards, presented Nov. 11 at OSBA's 71st Annual Convention in Portland, recognize board members for significant levels of achievement in leadership and development. OSBA is a member services agency for more than 200 locally elected boards serving school districts, education service districts and community colleges. It also provides services to charter schools and their boards.

### Emerick to read from new book

Author Mary Ellen Emerick will read and sign her latest book, "Fire in the Heart," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at The Bookloft in downtown Enterprise. Her second book describes life on the fire lines, but also explores the challenges of women breaking into the field in the '90s. The public is invited.

### Chorale concert coming Dec. 7

Months of rehearsal will culminate with a performance of the Wallowa Valley Chorale's Christmas Concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Enterprise Christian Church. The program includes renditions of traditional Christmas carols, including "Joy to the World," "Good King Wenceslas" and "Huron Carol," as well as "Hallelujah" from Shrek and a new song, "Remembering Decembers." The chorale will also be performing "Little Saint Nick" by the Beach Boys and a collection of Alfred Burt carols, including "Some Children See Him." The Chorale is conducted by Randy Morgan, former Enterprise High School music instructor, and is accompanied by Jan Casey.

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Student of the Week  
**Ellyse Tingelstad**  
JOSEPH CHARTER SCHOOL

Ellyse Tingelstad is a sophomore at Joseph Charter School and is the daughter of Kim and Kaare Tingelstad. She maintains a 4.0 gpa, is the Vice President of our FCCLA chapter, The Vice President of her class, and active FFA member. Ellyse is an avid runner and recently placed in the top 10 at the State meet. One of Ellyse's favorite classes in Aeronautical Science where she serves as one of the PR representatives. The staff and administration would like to congratulate Ellyse for a job well done!

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