

Ag council focuses on weed control, potatoes

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1917

Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president of the state federation of women's clubs, who was in Enterprise recently, has appointed Mrs. W. C. Hinterman chairperson for Wallowa County to care for disabled or tubercular children without proper nourishment.

The new agricultural council was organized at a meeting of farmers that took place at the courthouse yesterday. The council's program will focus on weed control and potato improvement, among other things.

Numerous complaints have been received this month of cattle losses caused by black-leg. The disease seems to be more common than it has been in past years.

70 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1947

The first radio program sponsored by the Joseph

Chamber of Commerce will be broadcast on station KHQ in Spokane Saturday and will continue every Saturday night throughout the coming year. The purpose of the broadcasts will be to advertise the opportunities for recreation and business in Wallowa County.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller returned Friday night from a two-month tour through 21 states and into British Columbia and Mexico. They drove 9,600 miles in their car without car trouble or a flat tire.

Hundreds of shoppers have stopped to look at the display in the window of the Orren Foster plumbing store. A miniature replica of the city of Enterprise has been laid out, showing the mill, filling stations, churches and numerous cars, trucks and tractors.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1967

About seventy-five people gathered last Thursday evening in the courtroom of the county courthouse to hear an explanation of the latest proposal for the construction of a gondola lift from Wallowa



Chieftain file photo

Construction of Wallowa Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home took place in the '60s. Gwen Coffin, then publisher of the Chieftain, led the campaign to build the facilities, at the corner of Park and NE First in Enterprise.

Lake to the top of Mt. Howard.

Dr. Edward Press, Oregon State Health Officer, urged immediate immunization of all children who have not been immunized for measles. The Oregon State Board

of Health's Immunization Program estimates that thousands of Oregon children have yet to be immunized for the disease.

Sheriff Mark Marks announced that the search for

Harold Noregaard of Baker has been called off. Noregaard disappeared in the Promise area north of Wallowa about two weeks ago after his car became stuck on a road in the area.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 10, 1992

Two proposed housing developments — one from Mick and Sharon Courtney, Bill Hammack, Tim and Audrey Melville, and William R. Kirby and the other from Bill and Sharon Forster — will be unveiled before members of the Enterprise City Council on Monday. Councilors will hear from the proponents of the requests for subdivisions in "view property" in the hills west and north of the city.

Weather over the weekend was in the teens, causing the Imnaha River to freeze in the lower moving areas. A rapid thaw on Monday created an ice jam that picked up debris along the river's banks.

Battling sub-zero temperatures, an enthusiastic band of late-night shoppers gathered in Enterprise on Friday for the first of three merchant Christmas giveaways at Warde Park. Thirty-two local businesses donated more than \$400 cash, prizes and services as their way of saying "thank you" for shopping locally.

OBITUARY

Robert Eugene Matthews
Nov. 12, 1951 — Nov. 22, 2017

Robert (Bob) Eugene Matthews was born to Bernita and Dee Matthews in La Grande and passed away at St Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wash., after a lengthy battle with COPD and heart complications.

Bob lived most of his life in Wallowa. He graduated from Wallowa High School in 1971 where he played football and baseball. He attended flight school in Kansas City where he earned his flight certificate. Bob returned home and went into logging where he acquired his life-long CB handle of "Red Dog."

He married Lorraine English and together they had one son, James, who joined an older brother Tim English. They later divorced. Bob moved to Portland where he was a long-haul

driver and sleeper teamed across the U.S. with his best friend Roc Nordquist.

In 1990 he returned to Wallowa County to help take care of his ailing father and also returned to log truck driving.

In 1992, Bob married the love of his life, Sherrie Storoe Salmon, with whom he spent the rest of his life in Wallowa County. Bob loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and collecting mushrooms and huckleberries.

In later years he loved telling his life stories with all of his friends and family. His later years were filled with the love of his grandchildren.

He was a past member of the Eagles Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his mother Bernita and father Dee Matthews.

Surviving family is his wife, Sherrie Matthews of Wallowa, children James (Melissa) Matthews of Pilot Rock, Leah Salmon-Conroy (Jayson) Spokane Valley, Stacey Campbell of Wallowa, Patrick Salmon of Wallowa, Joseph Salmon of Spokane Valley and Tim (Denise) English of Baker City. Siblings: Patsy Tillery of Wallowa, Jerry (Julie) Matthews of Gillette, Wyoming, Doug Matthews of Wallowa and Sarah (Steve) Parker of La Grande.

Bob's family also included 19 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life was Dec. 2 at the Wallowa Cemetery followed by a potluck gathering at the Assembly of God Church in Wallowa. Memorial donations can be made through Bollman Funeral Home.

What's Happening

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

Healthy Baking Class: 4:30 p.m. The Place, 301 S. Lake St., Joseph. Explore recipes using almond and coconut flour. Bake treats to take home and share. RSVP: 541-426-4502.

Enterprise Schools Concert: 7 p.m. Enterprise High School. Enterprise fifth- and sixth-grade band will perform, as well as junior high and high school band and high school choir.

THURSDAY, Dec. 14

Chess Club: 4 p.m. Josephy Center, 403 Main St., Joseph.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15

Gingerbread Mania Party: 1 p.m. Building Healthy Families, 207 NE Park St., Enterprise. Stories, crafts, games and snacks, decorating gingerbread cookies. For children 2-10 years. RSVP: 541-426-9411.

Live Music by Columbia Jones: 7 p.m. Terminal Gravity, 803 School St., Enterprise

Fishtrap Holiday Open House: 5 p.m. Fishtrap House, 400 E. Grant St. Enterprise. Stop in and share refreshments.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16

Public Relations and Advertising: 9 a.m. Building Healthy Families, 401 NE First St., Enterprise How do you attract community attention for your business? Learn the difference between public relations and advertising, when each is appropriate and receive tools to excel at both. Preregistration requested 541-278-5833.

Live Music by Dead Cat Blues Society: 8 p.m. Range Rider Tavern, 107 NW First St., Enterprise.

Old-Time Community Dance: 7 p.m. Hurricane Creek Grange Hall outside of Joseph. Live string band and caller. No partner needed. Beginners welcome. Admission \$5 or \$10 for family.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17

Wallowa County Parkinson's Support Group: 2 p.m. at Wallowa Memorial Hospital Conference Room.

Christmas Concert: 4 p.m. Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, Joseph. Performers include Janis Carper, Bruce Coutant, Rebecca Lenahan and students, Harmony Rising, Bob Webb, Nick Porter and Gail Swart. Holiday treats served. Suggested donation \$10.

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This year our office and garbage routes will **NOT** be operating Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2017. This will mean all Monday schedules will be picked up on Tuesday. There will be no other changes to the rest of the week.

Our office and garbage routes **WILL** operate our normal collection routes on New Years Day and the remainder of the week.

We are again, offering a one month discount if you pay for the entire 2018 calendar year. This offer is for can service accounts only. Payments must be made by the end of January

Just a couple reminders for the upcoming year:

- * If you know you will be missing a pick-up, you must call in ahead to receive credit. *
- * For those who dispose of kitty litter, please bag it up. *
- * Our trucks leave the office a 5am, have cans out the night before or by 5am. *
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