

‘Paint Your Wagon’ to be filmed in the area

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO

Jan. 31, 1918

Enterprise and Wallowa were the winners of the first round between the four high schools of the valley in the state debating league. Conclusions between Enterprise and Wallowa will be reached Friday night of this week. Each school will send its negative team to the other town. The winner will meet a team from Union County and the victor in that contest will compete for the championship of eastern Oregon.

On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Daggett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Joseph. Their sons and daughters to the fourth generation gathered for the occasion, numbering more than 50.

The thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero in Enterprise this morning, bringing the first touch of winter this season. Many locals welcomed the sharp, cold weather, which ensures hard ground for logging timber.

70 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1948

Several hundred acres of the lower end of Wallowa Lake were frozen over this week. School was dismissed in Joseph on Tuesday morning to allow the students an opportunity to go skating.

B. Bohna has sold a registered Brown Swiss bull to Evergreen Breeders Association of Chehalis, Wash. The animal weighed 2,200 pounds. Mr. Bohna also recently purchased three registered Brown Swiss heifers. One of the heifers is a daughter, another a granddaughter and the third a great-granddaughter of a grand champion at the Pacific International Livestock Show.

Wallowa County 4-H clubbers grossed \$18,413.46 in their 1947 4-H club year. Dairy club members made the greatest profit with \$2,239.97, while beef club members came second with a total of \$2,083.14. Members in clothing projects made 28 dresses and 184 other handmade articles, while cooking club members prepared and served 760 meals for their families and friends.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 1, 1968

Gov. Tom McCall and the



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This undated photo shows the former Enterprise Hotel Motel (yes, the signs indicated it had two names) on the corner of River and Main in downtown Enterprise. The facility remains in use today, home of the Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness “Annex.”

Baker County Chamber of Commerce announced today that Paramount Pictures will film the \$10 million budget motion picture “Paint Your Wagon” in the Wallowa Mountains. Location is a mountain meadow area in East Eagle Valley northeast of Baker.

The Wallowa County dinner for former residents and those who have interests in the area but who are now in the vicinity of Los Angeles was held as scheduled Jan. 21. The committee first estimated a

possible attendance of 35, but a total of 98 showed up.

A sportsman can lose hunting or fishing privileges for up to 90 days if convicted of littering any of the shorelines or waters of the state. According to the Oregon State Game Commission, this is on of the provisions of the new anti-pollution law now in effect. The law provides that it is unlawful to discard any glass, cans or other trash, rubbish, debris or litter on land within 100 yards of the ocean or any other water area except in recepta-

cles provided for holding such material.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1993

The Burnaugh building in Enterprise will be among proposed sites to be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at a meeting of the State Advisory Committee of Historic Preservation Feb. 11-12 in Salem. The Bowlby-stone structure, commonly referred to as the old Masonic building, was purchased in 1990 by Doug

and Carol Terry and currently houses their canvas goods and art gallery business.

After a long hearing last week, the Wallowa County Planning Commission approved, with many conditions, the preliminary plat of the proposed Elk Trout Subdivision south of Joseph and north of the Chief Joseph monument property and the foot of Wallowa Lake. Among the conditions were the requirements that the applicants, WGK Development Inc. and Gary and Ramon Parmenter, settle their differences with Joseph and the Nez Perce and the National Historic Nez Perce Park representatives, who have unsuccessfully negotiated for the eight acres adjacent to the Chief Joseph monument.

The growth in amateur dramatic production in Wallowa County, both community theater and in the schools, has created a need for a registry of persons who enjoy designing, sewing or collecting costumes. A new “costume guild,” calling itself SeamAntics, is proposing to provide opportunities for individuals to volunteer to be in charge of creating costumes for specific school and adult productions.

Theatre group plans ‘Belle of Bisbee’

Auditions will be held on Feb. 4-6

Looking to give the county an early taste of summer, Mid-Valley Theatre Company is holding auditions for “Belle of Bisbee,” a Fourth of July melodrama set in the wooly west in the late 1800s.

The action of the rollicking two-act centers on Belle Walaby, an Arizona teacher who is about to lose both her school and her home. Tom Good is an ordinary miner turned hero, intending to rescue Belle as well as the local children, who desperately need the school. Naturally, a dark secret and a dastardly villain stand in the way.

“It’s a great follow-up to the full-length very structured classic murder mystery we did in the fall,” said director Kate Loftus. “This is going to be fun, short and playful; it includes more young people and it invites audience participation.”

The Tim Kelly play

BELLE OF BISBEE

OR ... EXPEL ALL WICKED WAYS

includes parts for four men, five women and two teen girls, plus extras for townspeople and ensemble parts. Loftus plans to augment the action with music and dance numbers, and include an intermission that evokes a festive outdoor picnic mood central to the plot. The play will also feature period costumes.

“Exaggerated ‘good versus evil’ and ‘black hats versus white hats’ plays have been around for a long time,” Loftus said. “Guilds did this style of play even back in the middle ages. It’s very cathartic and definitely all about entertainment.”

MidValley Theatre also recently received a grant from

IF YOU GO

Open auditions for “Belle of Bisbee” will be 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 4-6 at the Lostine Presbyterian Church in Lostine.

Info: Kate Loftus, 541-569-2302

the Wallowa County Cultural Trust Coalition. Continuing with the warm-weather theme, the group plans to use those funds to stage an original adaptation of Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” later this year.

The nonprofit is in the process of forming an advisory board with plans to explore the possibility of establishing a dedicated performing arts facility that will act as MidValley Theatre’s home and provide a venue for other groups.

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WEDDING ENGAGEMENTS

Stein-Childers
Juan (John) Stein of Imnaha announces his engagement to Emily Childers of Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Stein is the son of Mike and Katia Stein of Enterprise. Graduated from Joseph High School in 2015, he now attends Eastern Oregon University and is planning to become a nurse.

Childers is the daughter of Terry and Laurie Childers of Milton-Freewater. Graduated from McLoughlin High School in 2011, she now attends George Fox University in Newberg and will graduate with a doctorate of



physical therapy.

The wedding is planned December 2018 in Hawaii. A local reception will follow in the summer of 2019.

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