

OBITUARIES

**Bruce Dunn**  
Nov. 6, 1943 — Aug. 21, 2018

Wallowa County Commissioner-elect Bruce Henry Dunn was born in Detroit, Mich., to Earle George and Helen Lorraine Lindhurst Dunn.

The family later moved west. Bruce had lived in Ashton, St. Anthony, Idaho City, New Meadows and McCall in Idaho before coming to Enterprise 32 years ago.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in forest management from Michigan Technological University and certification as a logging system specialist with Oregon State University.

He also had earned a silvacultural certification from Utah State University and had completed studies at the graduate level.

He spent 32 years as a forester for R-Y Timber and had worked for the U.S. Forest Service and spent a number of years in private industry.

Bruce was actively involved in the community and earned the "Unsung Hero" Award from the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, which also honored him for his civic leadership and his work in agricultural timber. He also received the President's Award twice. He also received the Oregon State University Extension Cooperator Award.

He served on the Wallowa County Planning Commission, Wallowa County Economic Development Committee, Wallowa County Winter Recreation Committee, Wallowa County Small Woodland Committee, U.S. Forest Service Fire Overhead and Citizens Group, Wallowa County Natural Resources Advisory Committee, Wallowa County Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Habitat Recovery Plan TMDL Committee and the Agriculture Water Quality Committee.

He had been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for almost 50 years.

He enjoyed leather braiding and other leatherwork, but his favorite pastime was being out in the woods. He enjoyed bowling, target shooting, Detroit Lions football and Detroit Red Wings hockey. He loved to play solitaire and read. He was involved in ROTC during his college years.

Bruce married Jane Elizabeth Robinson April 15, 1978, in Medford, Ore., who survives him. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Annella Robinson, of Enterprise.

His mother and father preceded him in death.

An Irish wake and celebration of life is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31 at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Barbecue pork and libations will be provided and side dishes are welcome, along with stories to share.

A scholarship fund has been established in Bruce's name for students studying natural resources. Donations can be made to Wallowa Resources, 401 NE 1st St. Suite A, Enterprise, OR 97828.

Bollman Funeral Home of Enterprise was entrusted with arrangements.



Dunn

**Lucy Wood**  
Sept. 23, 1940 — July 3, 2018

Devoted wife, mom, grandma, great grandma, loyal friend and prayer warrior Lucy Helen Wood went home to be with her Lord and Savior, and join her husband of 59 years, Roger Wood Sr.

She was born in Morgantown, Ind. Her parents lived in the Tigard, Ore., area, and she graduated Tigard High School in 1958. She married in 1959 to Roger Wood from Lake Oswego, and the family lived mostly in Sherwood, Ore., for many years until moving to Joseph in 1980.

They moved to Bend in 1991, then on to Prineville in 2004. In late 2017, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She left peacefully in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Heather Wood, who provided warm, loving and comforting care for her in Boring, Ore.

She is very much missed and will always be remembered with all the wonderful memories. Her heart was always at the Oregon Coast.

She loved the beach and would spend many days at one of her favorite places close to Lincoln City, Ore. She was a very thoughtful, giving, humble and very private person.

She requested no service or ceremony, but the family is planning a very small gathering among close friends and family in early spring. She leaves behind three sons and their wives, 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, three siblings and many friends and family members.

One of her favorite verses from the bible was Philippians 4:13: "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

She fought a good fight, now she is truly at peace.



Wood

**Bonnie Larson**  
Dec. 28, 1919 — Aug. 12, 2018

Bonnie Jean Laird Larson died in Portland. She was born in Enterprise and considered Enterprise their hometown. It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of our beloved mom, grandma, great grandma, mother-in-law, sister, aunt and friend.

Bonnie was born on The Slope in Enterprise to William Laird and Ada Burge Laird, the third of six children. On July 5, 1941, she married the love of her life, John Oliver Larson of La Grande and gained another large loving family.

They were devoted to each other and were the true paragons of a loving marriage. They soon moved to Portland and remained there for the rest of their lives.

Mom was "lunch lady" at Sylvan and West Sylvan schools for more than a decade and made all our food from scratch, including soup, bread and ketchup. The irony is that she really didn't like to cook.

After retirement, she volunteered at St. Vincent's Hospital on the oncology ward, giving comfort to patient family members. She also designed and sewed more than 1,000 Christmas stockings for December newborns to be wrapped in for their going-home, for which she was featured in an Oregonian article.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband John "Bud," son Jeffry John, her parents, sisters Winfred and Margery and brothers Lynden and Ray, as well as all of daddy's family.

She is survived by her daughter JoJean "Jody" Peters (Lewis "Pete"), brother John Willard Laird (Francis), grandsons J. Evan Madden (Yumiko) and Scott Madden, great-grandsons Paolo Madden Zeffirelli, Kenzo Bryan Madden and Seiji Oliver Madden and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was the kindest and gentlest person who ever walked this earth. While we will miss her terribly, we know she is now at peace with daddy and Jeff. A celebration of her Life will be announced later.

Finleys Sunset Hills of Portland is in charge of arrangements.

**John van Belle Jr.**  
June 6, 1933 — Aug. 17, 2018

John Paul van Belle Jr. had lived in Enterprise since 1955. He was born in Sunnyside, Wash., to parents John Paul Sr. and Alta van Belle. Many people called him Johnny, but to his large circle of relatives, he was known as "Junior."

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Betty, brother Jimmy and daughter-in-law Julie (Glen). He graduated from Sunnyside High School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army March 1953 to April 1955, and was stationed in Germany the entire time.

He was married three times: Joanne Wallace, Janice Pratt and Joann. He is survived by his wife Joann in Enterprise, his daughter Ellen Jones (Doug) of Hermiston, a granddaughter Nelle, son Tom of Joseph, granddaughter Lisa and her two children, grandsons Cody, Joe and Jimmy, brother Charles (Buster) van Belle of Everett, Wash., sister Charlotte (Frank) Beard of Ellensburg, Wash., and sister Ellen Pederson of Prosser, Wash.

He grew up in Outlook, Wash., in a rodeo family and was cowboy to the core. An injury to his back stopped him from competing, but he worked for van Belle Rodeo as a pickup man and behind the chutes.

After his discharge from the Army, he and Joanne came to Enterprise for a visit with relatives. They really liked the area and moved here in 1955.

He was a rancher for many years, running cows in the Elk Mountain, Joseph Creek, Shamrock Ridge and Flora areas.

He was well-known for telling stories. He liked to go to Davis's Café for coffee and spin stories and tell jokes with others. He later migrated to the Cheyenne Café in Joseph for coffee and to tell stories and lies (his words) with the folks there.

There will be no service. A memorial will be held at a later date.

IN BRIEF

Enterprise artist wins career grant

Elizabeth Enslin of Enterprise was one of 24 artists who received a Career Opportunity Grant from the Oregon Arts Commission, The Ford Family Foundation and The Oregon Community Foundation.

Enslin received \$1,500 to help pay for participation in a workshop at the Postgraduate Writers' Conference at Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier, Vermont.

Foundation funds are available only to established Oregon artists who are over 30 years of age and actively

producing new work. The trio of nonprofits collectively awarded \$53,419 in the 2017 round of grants.

Wallowa speller off to state fair

Gavin Russell of Wallowa will represent Wallowa County this year at the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship at the Oregon State Fair in Salem Saturday, Sept. 1.

This year, the event has 61 spellers coming from 27 counties in Oregon. Students competing have won their school, district and county written spelling contests. This is the tenth year Oregon Spellers has sponsored the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship.

**Eagle Cap Excursion Train**  
Saturday, September 1, History Train  
Guest speaker, Gwen Trice, Maxville Heritage Center  
September 8, Mystery Tour Train  
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CORRECTION

The Probert-Boucher Scholarship given by the Wallowa County Stockgrowers went to Kacie Melville. She is studying agronomy at Eastern Oregon University and supports her schooling through farming 100 acres.

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Weather Forecast wu

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	High	Low	Conditions
Aug 30	72	46	Partly Cloudy
Aug 31	72	43	Sunny
Sept 01	78	46	Sunny
Sept 02	79	46	Sunny
Sept 03	76	45	Sunny
Sept 04	74	45	Sunny
Sept 05	75	46	Mostly Sunny

Phases of the moon

Sept 2	Sept 9	Sept 16	Sept 24
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET AUG. 29-SEPT. 5 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:08	6:09	6:11	6:12	6:13	6:14	6:16
7:30	7:28	7:26	7:25	7:23	7:21	7:19

Ortop's  
DITW Rowers  
This week's athlete of the week honor goes to the local Dragons in the Wallows rowing team in the Seven Wonders Cup Dragon Boat Races. Competing against 10 other teams, the DITW rowers came away with five silver medals and a gold in the 2018 competition. The gold medal was awarded for the Grand Masters Team's running of the 250-meter Slalom race.  
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Meet George  
George is a long haired male orange and white harlequin, born approx. June 11, 2018. This kitten has the softest fur and sweetest face. A tabby cat at heart, this little guy sports the harlequin orange spots and personality! With a very playful and fun spirit, George just loves to get into mischief. Litter box trained and has had his first shots and worming. He is very comfortable with people and other animals.  
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