

Falls Creek



Photo courtesy Gregory Dallas

Falls Creek, off Hurricane Creek, was a mix of ice and water on Jan. 3, as winter increased its hold on the valley.

El Niño, a no-show so far, losing steam

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The weather has yet to be influenced this winter by a warmer Pacific Ocean and likely won't be impacted in a major way, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports.

Federal climatologists reduced the chances that an El Niño will form in January or February to 82 percent, down from 96 percent a month ago. If an El Niño does occur, it will be weak, according to NOAA.

"Significant global impacts are not anticipated during the remainder of the winter, even if conditions were to form," the agency stated, in its monthly outlook on sea-surface temperatures along the equator.

The temperatures guide seasonal forecasts. For months, a warmer-than-average ocean between Ecuador and Indonesia has led climatologists to predict odds are

high the Northwest will have a mild winter. In some past El Niño winters, snowpacks that supply summer irrigation have been smaller than normal. Washington's "snow drought" in 2015 was during a strong El Niño.

This year, the warm ocean has not yet triggered the atmospheric conditions that eventually warm the northern tier of the U.S., according to NOAA. As a result, the sea-atmosphere system has remained neutral.

The sea and atmosphere are most likely to act together in late winter and early spring, according to NOAA, but by then the ocean may not be warm.

After months of warming, ocean-surface temperatures are cooling down toward neutral conditions.

By March, the chances an El Niño will prevail are 66 percent, down from 70 percent in last month's outlook, NOAA forecasts.

What's Happening

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EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

Zumba: 6:30 a.m. The Place, Joseph. No experience needed. Instructor: Tammi Chapman.

Food Giveaway: 11:30 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center in Wallowa, 11 a.m. Enterprise Senior Center and noon at The Place in Joseph. Sponsored by Wallowa Fresh Food Alliance. Perishable food available.

Rotary Club of Wallowa County: Noon, St. Katherine Catholic Church, 301 E. Garfield St., Enterprise. Public is invited.

Adult Clay: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.. Josephy Center, Joseph. \$65 for first class, \$20 each class after. classes@josephy.org or 971-303-2987.

Core Yoga: 5:30 p.m. above Lostine Tavern in Lostine. All levels, focusing on strength, flexibility, clarity and focus.

Kickboxing Fitness Class: 6:15 p.m. Oddfellows Hall in Enterprise. Hurricane Point Fitness. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.

Yoga Rotation: 6:30 p.m. The Place in Joseph. Classes vary from week to week. salutationsstudio.com

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Kickboxing Fitness Class: 5:15 a.m. The Vault in Enterprise. Hurricane Point Fitness. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.

Pilates: 9 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center, 204 E Second, Wallowa. Sponsored by Community Connection.

Tai Chi: 9 a.m. Enterprise Senior Center.

Tai Chi: 10 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

Wallowa County Chess Club: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Free. Tourists and players of all levels are welcome.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Zumba: 6:30 a.m. The Place, Joseph. No experience needed. Instructor: Tammi Chapman.

Purely Restorative: 9:45 a.m. above the Lostine Tavern in Lostine. A gentle style of yoga. Instructor: Esther Petrocine. salutationsstudio.com

Youth Art Friday: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Mornings with Ms. Dawn: 5-8 year olds, all media explored. \$7 each class.

Ceramics & Drawing with Mellica: Josephy Center, Joseph. 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 7-11 year olds. Hand building with clay for beginners. \$10 each class. 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. 10-16 year olds. Intermediate clay hand building and wheel work. \$10 each class. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. 7-12 year olds. Drawing from the fundamentals in the studio. \$10 each class.

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Youth Art Friday: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Draw & Paint with Dawn: Teens & adults. \$10 each class.

Free Movie Showing of "Audrie & Daisy": 6 p.m. The "Open Space", formerly the county Health Department, 758 NW 1st St., Enterprise. EHS juniors Tishrei Movich-Fields and Deedee Duncan invite the community to join them at a showing of the film as part of their FCCLA project. Their goal is to raise awareness about the effect of sexual assault on victims and communities. Free pizza, drinks and door prizes provided by Winding Waters Health Center.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

Printmaking Open Studio with Nancy Clark: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Josephy Center. \$15 + cost of materials.

Zumba Gold: 9 a.m. 30 minute seated class; 9:30 a.m. standing class. Enterprise Senior Center. A fitness class

for seniors that combines Latin dance music with fitness moves. A doctor's note releasing you to participate in Zumba Gold is required. Call Becky McAuliffe for info at 541-263-0224.

Wallowa County Gamblers Snowmobile Club Annual Poker Run: A 30 mile loop on groomed trails, held at Salt Creek Summit. Call Outlaw Motor Sports, 541-426-3491 for info.

MONDAY, JAN. 21

Zumba: 6:30 a.m. The Place, Joseph. No experience needed. Instructor: Tammi Chapman.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 22

Pilates in Wallowa: 9 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

Printmaking Open Studio with Nancy Clark: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Josephy Center. \$15 + cost of materials.

Sewing Group: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center, 204 E. 2nd St., Wallowa. Sponsored by Community Connection.

Tai Chi: 9 a.m. Enterprise Senior Center.

Diabetes Clinic: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

Town Hall Meeting with Rep. Greg Walden: 1 p.m. Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.

Gentle Yoga: 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Ideal for beginners, people with injuries, pregnant women, new mothers or anyone seeking a calming, therapeutic practice. The Place, Joseph. Esther Petrocine.

Joyful Yoga Flow: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. An all level, warming workshop to get you moving

through the winter. The Place, Joseph.

Business Foundations Workshop Series: Free hands-on workshop covers the basics of running a successful business and brings it all together in a business plan. Sponsored by NEOEDD, held at Building Healthy Families 207 E. Park St., Enterprise.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

Zumba: 6:30 a.m. The Place, Joseph. No experience needed. Instructor: Tammi Chapman.

Eagle Cap Extreme: Oregon's only Iditarod and Yukon Quest qualifier. 9 a.m. Vet checks on Main Street in Joseph; 1 p.m. Vet checks in Enterprise. Meet the mushers and interact with the dogs! Free and open to the public.

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Enterprise Cemetery Maintenance District Board Meet-

ing: 6 p.m. Community Connection building, 702 NW 1st St., Enterprise.

Memoir Writing Workshop: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fish-trap, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. 4-week workshop, led by Pamela Royes. \$48, limited to 12.

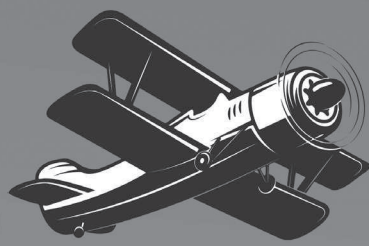
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SAVE THE DATE

Old-Time Community Dance: Saturday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall, Enterprise.

The public is invited to attend this event!



The Wallowa County Pilots Association 2019 Wallowa County Winter Aviation Banquet

Sunday, January 20th at the Wallowa Lake Lodge

A no host social hour will begin at 4:30 pm,
with dinner being served at 5:30pm.

- The Chief Joseph Flyers will give an update on what their group has been doing during 2018 and what's up for 2019.
- The NE Oregon Aviation Foundation will give a report on what took place during 2018 and give a sneak preview at their 2019 activities.
- Pat Vulkenburg, a long time Alaska Wildlife Biologist and Pilot, will give a presentation about his career in Alaska.



You will have your choice
of three dinners:

- ~ Smoked Dill Salmon ~
- ~ Prime Rib ~
- ~ Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms ~

The cost is \$30 per person which includes appetizers, soup or salad, potatoes, vegetables and dessert.

Gratuity is included in the price of your dinner.

To place your entree order or if you have any questions please call:
Hailie Hillock, 541-389-1989 or **Bill Ables**, 541-263-1327

A silent auction will be taking place at this event to benefit the Wallowa County Aviation Education Program

No tickets are needed, you will pay at the lodge after your dinner.

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