

OBITUARIES



George Ballard
March 1, 1943 — March 7, 2019



George Ballard left the Pub at the Boise V.A. Medical Ctr., for the last time March 7, 2019, after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma & End Stage Renal disease. Many thanks to the V.A. and the local medical community that lovingly participated in prolonging his life.

George was born in Helena, Montana March 1, 1943. He attended Helena High School, graduating with the Class of 1961. He & his dad, "Bud" Ballard, built the Circle C Ranch, at the foot of McDonald Pass, for the Carson family. Later he and his dad built the grand stand and managed the horse track at the Helena Fairgrounds. The on-site pond would later be named "The Bud Ballard Memorial Duck Pond."

George served in the United States Army beginning in August of 1961 and attended the Engineering School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He was awarded The Good Conduct medal and won Expert (Rifle) & Sharpshooter (Carbine) ribbons prior to his Honorable discharge August of 1964.

His Army engineering knowledge served him well in helping/perfecting New Holland Tractor in the development of the first Round Baler. During his storied career saving the butts of local ranchers, in the agricultural business, George met and married the love of his life, Jennifer Harrington, on May 30, 1993.

Always active in the community, George served unselfishly as Joseph City Councilman for nearly 10 years, Wallowa County Republican Central Committee Precinct Person, was a Joseph volunteer firefighter, member Wallowa County Kiwanis, VFW, American Legion, Enterprise Lions & Enterprise Elks. He was also a member of the NRA, Wallowa County Trail Riders, an original volunteer member of the Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race, started the annual Joseph Chili Cookoff and served as an Eagle Cap Excursion Train Conductor, as well as the Official Santa for the annual Santa Train.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Meredith J. Ballard, of Duck Creek, Montana and Francis Nash, of Butte, Montana.

George is survived by his wife, Jenny Ballard, daughters Julie and Jeanine Moats, step-sons and daughter Ken Lander, Atom Cannizzaro and Cheryl Hutcheson, as well as his brother, Jim Ballard and sister Rosalie Dedmore and multitudes of friends whose lives he touched and enriched.

A Celebration of George's life will be held this summer, so that friends & family may attend at the VFW in Enterprise Oregon. Date and time to be announced.



George Ballard

Karen Frentress
March 3, 1943 — March 13, 2019

Karen Frentress died March 13, 2019, 10 days after celebrating her 76th birthday. She was surrounded by the thoughtful caring members of the Wallowa County Medical Profession and her family and friends.

She was born Karen Rae Porter in Portland, OR, March 3, 1943 to Kathryn McConnell and Comer Charles Porter. Her family moved to Clackamas where she graduated from Clackamas Elementary School and continued with the same classmates to Clackamas High School being in the first class to go 4 years and graduate. In 1960, she married Darrel Frentress and had 3 children. Her marriage ended in 1964, but the two ran a successful Interstate Trucking business that fulfilled Karen's dream of sending her children to college.

In addition to her career in bookkeeping and dispatching, Karen coached her daughter's All-Star Softball team and served as a Boy Scout Den mother and Girl Scout leader.

After caring for her parents until their deaths, Karen was able to add a chapter to her own life. A lover of the outdoors, nature and family, she moved to Wallowa County to run a small farm, be near her daughters, and be a part of grandchildren's lives. In Enterprise, Karen enjoyed being a caretaker of and spending time with her beloved grandchildren; she also became involved in 4-H. Always a champion of animals, Karen filled her hours with horses, goats, dogs, and other small animals. She was also an avid gardener with a beautiful yard full of flowers, trees and plants.

Beema, as she was known to her family and friends, loved books and birds, little children and living creatures, music, red licorice and popcorn.

Karen is survived by her 3 children, Julie Gomes (spouse-Ed Gomes), Jim Frentress, and Jennifer Frentress (spouse- Guillaume Gendre), her cousin Kathy Mendenhall (a sister to her from the time they summered together as young children), grandchildren — Casey, Charles, Christina, Michael, and Cole, great grandchildren — Phoenix, Paxton, Chase and Piper (coming April 2019). At her request, there will be no funeral or service. Those wishing to make a donation in honor of Karen may do so to Wallowa County Humane Society.



Karen Frentress

ABOUT OBITUARIES

News obituaries are a free service of the Wallowa County Chieftain. Obituaries are accepted from family members or a funeral home. No handwritten obituaries will be accepted. Information submitted is subject to editing. Obituaries that exceed 400 words will be referred to the advertising department for paid memorials. Send obituaries by email to editor@wallowa.com; fax to 541-426-3921 or mail to P.O. Box 338, Enterprise, OR 97828. Deadline to submit an obituary is 10 a.m. Monday for publication the same week. Obituaries submitted after deadline will be queued for publication in the next edition. Info: 541-426-4567.

City of Enterprise employee earns statewide recognition

Dave Wilkie, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator for the City of Enterprise, has received the 2018 Oregon Association of Water Utilities Wastewater Operator of the Year recognition. Wilkie has been with the City of Enterprise since 2001 and is an incredible asset to the City. Dave's hard work and dedication, as well as confidence in his position are just a few reasons why Ronnie Neil, Director of Public Works, recommended Dave for this award.



Courtesy photo
Dave Wilkie named the 2018 Wastewater Operator of the Year.

Circle 100 Club to hold ninth annual meeting

It's been nine years since the Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation launched the Circle 100 Club, a giving circle of women from Wallowa County whose only requirement for membership is to attend the "One & Only" annual meeting and give a check for \$100. This year is the ninth annual meeting, which will be held Thurs. March 21 from 4:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.

"The Circle 100 Club's annual financial investment has greatly enhanced patient care and services in our community and is very much appreciated," said

Larry Davy, CEO of Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

This year, the group will hold its "One & Only" Annual meeting on March 21 in the conference room and cafeteria at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. All are invited to attend. "We want everyone to know you do not need a formal invitation to join," said Foundation board Vice President Diana Collins. "And if \$100 is too steep, you can split the membership with a friend, and together you make one member."

For more information, contact the Foundation at 541-426-1913.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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

Pilates in Wallowa: 9 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center. Sponsored by Community Connection.

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

Kodi Painting Thursday: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 11"x14" canvas painting or wine glass painting. Josephy Center, Joseph.

Library Story Times: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Enterprise City Library. Parents and children 0-5. Circle time, story-time and activity at the Library.

Tai Chi: 11 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

Wallowa County Chess Club: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Free. Tourists and players of all levels are welcome.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Tax Preparation Appoint-

ments: For seniors and low income individuals. Community Connection. No fee, donations welcome. To schedule an appointment call 541-426-3840.

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

Parent/Child Playgroups: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Building Healthy Families. Targeting parents and children 0-5. Songs, stories, snacks and activities focusing on developing kindergarten readiness skills.

Restorative Yoga: 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Above the Lostine Tavern in Lostine. A gentle style of yoga. Instructor: Esther Petrocine. salutationsstudio.com

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.

Intro to Drawing, Painting & Fabrics: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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.

Abstract Painting with Mellica: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Create two large abstract paintings together. Beginners welcome. Class size is limited; pre-registration requested. www.josephy.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Bingo: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. VFW Hall, Enterprise.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

Adult Clay: 9 a.m. to noon. Josephy Center, Joseph. \$65 for first class, \$20 each class after. classes@josephy.org or

971-303-2987.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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

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.

Living Well - Diabetes Self-Management Program: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enterprise Senior Center. Free. Sponsored by Community Connection. Every Tuesday through April 2nd. Registration required. 541-426-3840 or 541-963-3186.

Gentle Yoga: 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Ideal for beginners, people with injuries, pregnant women, new mothers or any-

one seeking a calming, therapeutic practice. The Place, Joseph. Esther Petrocine.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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.

EHS 1963/1964 Class Reunion Planning Meeting: 11:30 a.m. Cloud Nine Bakery, Enterprise. All classmates are invited to attend and bring ideas and their contact info and that of other known classmates. Contact Nancy Haworth at 541-426-3017 or Connie Stein at 541-263-0778.

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.

Taco Night: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. VFW Hall, Enterprise. All you can eat for \$7.

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

Wallowa Resources is hosting another Pub Talk Wednesday, March 27th from 5:30 to 7:00 at Range Rider Saloon in Enterprise. Topic is on Biochar: From forests to farms. Open to the public, free appetizers.

SAVE THE DATE

March 23 is the last day to submit your photos in the Wallowa Valley Photo Club's Photo Contest! March 24 is the start and April 7 is the end of the People's Choice voting. Go to wallowaphotocontest.org for info.

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	High	Low	Conditions
March 21	54	32	Partly cloudy
March 22	53	33	Mostly sunny
March 23	40	28	Rain/Snow
March 24	43	25	AM Snow showers
March 25	50	32	Mostly sunny
March 26	51	33	PM Showers
March 27	48	30	Showers

Phases of the moon

Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 8	Apr. 12
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET MAR. 21-27
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:51	6:49	6:47	6:45	6:43	6:41	6:39
7:03	7:04	7:05	7:07	7:08	7:09	7:11

STUDENT of the WEEK

Gwenllian is a 9th grade student at Enterprise SDA Christian School. She is an avid reader and writer and a talented artist. She completed her Pre-Algebra class in less than three quarters. Her consistent perseverance has enabled her to be on Honor Roll each quarter. This is a positive example to the other students and has earned her the honor of being Student of the Week.

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