

OBITUARIES

Nicholi Fisher
May 16, 1963 — Feb. 26, 2019

Nicholi and her dog, Shuga moved to Wallowa County in 2016. She lived in many different locations in the county until she found an apartment in the M&M building in 2017. She loved her apartment, especially the large rooms and her large bathroom.

She attended the Summit Church and they helped her a lot with moving into her different homes.

She was diagnosed with MS in 2017 and had a few caregivers until Barbara Roberts started working for her April 15, 2017, and they did a lot together — driving to different spots in the county for picnics. She especially liked going to the Minam State Park, Joseph Creek Look-out, Innaha, Wallowa Lake picnic areas, and the Joseph park. Nicholi took many pictures wherever they went and posted them on Facebook. She wanted her family to see the beautiful place she lived.

She had surgery on a tumor on her spine in August 2017 and was left with numbness and pain in her legs. She got an electric wheelchair in 2018 and could go all over with it.

In March 2018, she moved into an apartment at the Park Street Apartments and had a beautiful view of the mountains. She said Wallowa County was a soothing place to live and was able to recover from her past.

She loved to write poetry and read her poems at the Summit Church each month. She changed to the Abundant Life Assembly of God church for a short time and started going to the Nazarene Church and became a member in January 2019. She really enjoyed the church and said everyone welcomed her and had a lot of friends. She was able to read her poems again at the church too.

Barbara worked for her until October 31, 2018, but had to retire for health reasons, but she still was a friend and they did a lot together.

She had a good friend and neighbor, Roland Uppiano, who took her to church and took her shopping and for evening drives. He helped her a lot.

Her last caregiver was Annette Lewis, who only worked a few months, but they had some good times, too.

She had a lot of support and considered everyone friends, especially Amy — her case manager, Tyler — Her Physical Therapist, Her neighbor Katherine, Joan Gray, the people from the Soroptomists, and especially Roland.

Services were held on March 16 at the Nazarene Church.



Jeri Lynn Gilliland
March 12, 2019 — June 16, 1956



Jeri Lynn Gilliland, 62 of La Grande, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A Memorial Service will be held in Enterprise sometime in June. A notice will be sent later.

Jeri was born on June 16, 1956, in Terre Haute, Indiana to Gareld and Mary Ellen (Schwab) Dersch. She resided in Terre Haute, Indiana; Hermiston, Oregon; Portland, Oregon; Enterprise, Oregon and La Grande, Oregon. She graduated from Terre Haute North Vigo High School. She served our country while in the United States Air Force serving as a Military Policeman. She married Jon Gilliland and they were married for 32 years.



Jeri Lynn Gilliland

Jeri was employed at Pendleton Woolen Mills, Terry Trailers, and Department of Human Services counseling disabled couples. She enjoyed photography, and horseback riding. Her greatest achievement was finding her husband, Jon, and having two children after breaking her neck and becoming paralyzed and doctors telling her she would never have children.

Jeri is survived by her husband, Jon; children, Erik Gilliland (Taylor) of Athena, Oregon, Kirstin Gilliland (Jan Buzbee) of La Grande, Oregon, and Jillian Tye, of La Grande, Oregon; sisters, Beth DeFrance (John) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Sue Weger of Terre Haute, Indiana; brothers, Gary Dersch and Jack Dersch of Terre Haute, Indiana and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gareld and Mary Ellen; sisters, Bonnie England and Kay Jones and brother, Wayne Compton.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Randy Black
Aug. 17, 1947 — March 15, 2019



It was December of 1946. Randall and Agnes Black were headed to Baker, Oregon for Randall to run errands and for Agnes to see the doctor. On the way home Randall asked her what the doctor had said and she responded with "I'm pregnant!" He drove the car through the bar pit! Mind you, they were in their 40s and both had grown children with children. On August 17, 1947 little Randy Dean Black was born in Baker, Oregon. He had an idyllic childhood roaming the hills and valleys, riding horses, making mischief in Thief Valley, Oregon.



Randy Black

Randy graduated from North Powder High School in 1965. Randy joined the Marines and went to Vietnam for his service and was honorably discharged on August of 1969. He went to the University of Idaho and graduated with a Bachelor in Agriculture in 1972. Randy enjoyed working in that field until his retirement. He would often go for drives for many years, checking out the farm fields.

Randy was married to Connie Provost. They had three children: Jodi Black-Snook,

Brent Black (m.Tami), and Erika Patton (m.Damien). Connie and Randy later parted ways.

Lo and behold, he came to a family gathering with Leonie on his arm. She brought Charity Kates (m. Marv), April Hughes (m. Jack), Chris Smith (m.Paula) and Ben Smith (m.Brandee) to join the family too.

Randy is survived by his sister, Jewell Gates and numerous grandkids, nieces and nephews. He loved them all.

He never met a stranger and enjoyed visiting, playing cards, reading. His favorite card playing buddies were the YMCA ladies and Steve Combes at home.

We appreciate all the folks who helped him especially Dr. Matt Stroemel, Dr. Holly Isenhouer and Walla Walla Community Hospice.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019 at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, Oregon 97862. In lieu of flowers, donations to the MS Society or the VFW will be appreciated also. Friends are invited to sign the on-line guest book at www.munsellerhodes.com

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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 29

Tax Preparation Appointments: For seniors and low income individuals. Community Connection. No fee, donations welcome. To sched-

ule 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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1

ODFW Hunters Ed Class: Go to odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login for details or to sign up. If you still have questions call Stephen Bartlow at 541-432-0519.

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, APRIL 2

Diabetes Prevention Class: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Enterprise Senior Center. Free to anyone 18 years and older who has been to the doctor and has a diagnosis of PRE-Diabetes. Sponsored by Community Connection.

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

The Wallowa County Humane Society will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday April 2, at 1:30 pm. at their Information Center located at 104 N. River Street, Enterprise. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Contact 541-263-0336 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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

Science Playtime at Wallowology: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wallowology, Joseph. Program runs twice a month and will alternate between guided science activi-

ties and explorative play. Adult supervision is required. Free!

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Introduction to Dressage Clinic: Four week class offered by the local chapter of Oregon Dressage Society, starts April 6. Contact Gail Murphey at 541-263-1685.

Dawna NaDeane (Skillings) Miller passed away with great dignity on March 19 th , 2019 at her home in Wallowa, Oregon at the age of 60. Dawna was born December 17 th , 1958 to Neal and Joyce (Hough) Skillings in La Grande, Oregon. She joined a brother Benny, followed by a sister Ava JoAnne a few years later.

She graduated from La Grande High School in 1977. She attended Treasure Valley Beauty College in Ontario and came back to open her own shop, Dawna's Country Style'N, upstairs in Conrad's, later moving to Main Street in Wallowa having the beauty shop for 21 years. She also had other businesses The Creative Corner and Odd Ball Junction and worked for the Wallowa Cemetery District maintaining both Bramlett & Wallowa Cemeteries.

Dawna married Cody Miller on February 9 th , 1980 they just celebrated their 39 th Anniversary. They enjoyed packing horses into the high mountains and floating the Wallowa and Grande Ronde Rivers with family and friends. Dawna and Cody began Long Haul Truck Driving in 1998, hauling freight to all the lower 48 states and every Canadian Province bordering the US. from Vancouver Island to Burnt Church, New Brunswick. Then they came off the road in 2006 to be home with the family and friends they missed and enjoyed.

Dawna, following her mother's example was an avid volunteer, she enjoyed being a part of the Wallowa Senior Center and their Advisory Committee, acting as Vice Chairman and Chairman for several years. One of her favorite events was the Pancake Breakfast put on every Memorial Day Weekend. She helped start the Wallowa City Clean Up as well as the rebirth of the old time 4 th of July. She was the Easter Bunny at several Easter egg hunts, and always loved the 4 th of July Parades. At the parades she would begin at Goebel's corner passing out candy to bystanders and the traffic held up by the parade and thank them for coming and invite them back again. She also voluntarily cleaned the sidewalks and gutters every spring on Main Street, as well as Victors Pond and the Promise Road. Dawna was known for her big smiles, contagious laughter, hugs and kisses to everyone, as well as a great attitude.

She is survived by her husband Cody Miller, Brother Benny (Karen) Skillings of Summerville, Sister Ava JoAnne Skillings (Carl Swisher) of Wallowa, Step-son Lonnie (Heather and daughter Elishia) Miller of Groton, Connecticut, Step-daughter Darcy (Greg, children Brandy and Gt) Blackman of La Grande, Nephews Doug (Sarah, children Brylie and Dylan) Skillings of Gillette, WY, Steven (Lacie and daughter Kendall) Skillings of Elgin, Niece Megan (Aaron and daughter Nala) Speegle of Wallowa, Auntie Carolyn Pfeaster and Uncle Johnny (Eunice) Skillings of Wallowa, Mother in law Claudine Gilkinson of Joseph, and very close friends Karen (Goebel) Tanzey, Butch and Sandy Tanzey and Great Aunt Helen Sasser of Klamath Falls. Numerous cousins and friends that she loved like siblings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grandparents Amos (Bennie) and Cora Skillings, Don Hough and Cora Sasser.

A celebration of life will be held at the Wallowa Senior Center on April 13 th , 2019, at 1:00 P.M. with a potluck to follow.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution in Dawna's name to the Wallowa Senior Center Endowment Fund would be appreciated.

Dawna Miller Wallowa Senior Center Endowment, PO Box 112, Wallowa, OR 97885

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground • wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
March 28	42	28	Rain/snow showers
March 29	43	26	PM showers
March 30	50	28	Mostly sunny
March 31	51	33	PM Showers
April 1	47	33	Mostly sunny
April 2	45	31	Showers
April 3	48	31	Showers

Phases of the moon

Mar. 27	Apr. 5	Apr. 12	Apr. 19
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET MARCH 28 – APRIL 3 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:37	6:35	6:33	6:32	6:30	6:28	6:26
7:12	7:13	7:14	7:16	7:17	7:18	7:20