

OBITUARIES

Leonard Denzel Ferguson
June 21, 1960 — April 17, 2019

Leonard Denzel Ferguson, 58, of Enterprise, Oregon passed away on April 17, 2019 of cancer.

Leonard was born on June 21, 1960 in Starkville, Mississippi to Denzel Ferguson and Virginia Louise Ferguson (Thomas). Leonard started logging during the summers at age 15, and immediately fell in love with the profession. He became a full-time logger after he graduated from Wallowa High School in 1978. During his career he worked for most of the local logging companies as well as a few outside of Oregon, but Wallowa County was always his home and where he preferred to live and work. Logging was truly in Leonard's blood, and he became a well-known and respected logger.

Leonard loved being outdoors even when not working. He would often join his family on trips into the Wallowa Mountains. He enjoyed hiking, camping, fishing, and sitting by the fire each night after exploring the various lakes and peaks in the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

Leonard would also spend time in his local community helping others, whether it be mowing lawns, getting firewood, or shoveling snow. Though some might not know it, in Leonard's own quiet way, he was a thoughtful and giving person — the type of person who wouldn't hesitate to give you the shirt off his back, regardless of if he knew you or not.

Leonard is preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Louise, and his father, Denzel.

Leonard is survived by his daughter Christina Ross-Carper, son Ryan Lowe, sister Amanda Ferguson, brother-in-law James Van Cleef, step-mother Nancy Ferguson, and grandchildren Dylan Carper, Emma Carper, and Avah Carper.

From the family of Leonard Denzel Ferguson — words can never express the depth of our gratitude to everyone who looked after and helped care for Leonard. Our most sincere and heartfelt Thank You to all involved.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Leonard's birthday on June 21, 2019. Details to follow.



Leonard Ferguson

Mary Lou Lathrop Huffman
June 24, 1927 — April 15, 2019

Mary Lou Lathrop Huffman, 91, of La Grande, died Monday, April 15, 2019, at her home surrounded by family. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the Summerville Cemetery in Summerville, OR. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held following the service at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Summerville, Oregon.

Mary Lou was born June 24, 1927, in Wallowa, OR to parents Louis and Hazel Lathrop. She was the 10th of 13 siblings. Mary Lou went to Leap School and later attended Enterprise High School.

In August of 1945, Mary Lou married William Huffman. Together they had 4 children. They later divorced.

Mary Lou lived in Hermiston, OR for 40 years. Over the past 5 years she has lived in La Grande, OR.

Mary Lou enjoyed gardening, quilting, working in her flower beds, and attending the sports events of her grandkids and great grands. She also loved cooking, baking, and especially family gatherings.

Family was most important to her. She was very proud of her kids, grandkids and great grands. She had a very sharp memory and loved keeping up on what everyone had going on. Mary Lou was kind, thoughtful, generous and full of life.

She was a hard-working, tough little lady! In her later years she was happiest when surrounded by her little great grandkids.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by all 12 of her siblings; brothers Quentin, Ollis "Jiggs", Leo "Tuff", Harold "Shorty", Emra "Duke", Melvin and Robert "Wayne" Lathrop; sisters Muriel Lathrop, Marian Bowen, Marcel Walker, Gladys Yost, and Alice "Sally" Allen Akin; and one grandchild.

She is survived by her daughters Delta (Roger) Phelps of Summerville, OR, Billie Lou Huffman of Echo, OR; sons Craig (Kylene) Huffman of LaGrande, OR, Steve (Karen) Huffman of Sutherlin, OR and 19 great grandchildren.

For those who would like to make a donation in honor of Mary Lou the family suggests St. Jude Children's Hospital through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Mary Lou Huffman

Lostine's South Fork Grange #605 holds fundraiser

By Ellen Morris Bishop
Wallowa County Chieftain

If you are looking for a great meal, enticing bargains, good friends, and a worthy cause, the South Fork Grange #605 in Lostine is the place to be on May 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

When the historic South Fork Grange building in Lostine burned to the ground on February 8, 2014, the grange lost more than a building. Historical documents and photographs went up in smoke, along with an irreplaceable mural. But its members never lost their spirit. Within a year, they acquired a new home — an elderly house on Rosewell Street.

With hard work, grants and donations, the Grange converted the old house into a meeting place. A new roof, new kitchen, a new meeting room, a new furnace, the Lostine Library area, and a handicapped access bathroom blossomed. With the help of additional grants from the

State grange, there's a new porch and a wheelchair ramp.

On May 18, the South Fork Grange will celebrate their newly rejuvenated digs with an open house and fundraiser. Lunch will feature a sumptuous, juicy barbeque pork sandwich prepared by Cathy Nelson of the Wallowa Barbeque Pit fame, served from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. And while you are there you can hunt for treasures amid the indoor garage sale. Hint: the garage sale actually starts on Friday the 17 and runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. So for the best treasure hunting, come a day early.

The funds raised will help the South Fork Grange keep the hall — and its Lostine Library--open for community use. "Our bank accounts are drained," said Grange member June Colony. "We are in real need of funds to keep our hall running so the community can enjoy it for all its various family and community gatherings."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT
EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

THURSDAY, MAY 2

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

Muffins for Moms: 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Enterprise Elementary School, at the welcoming station outside the elementary school office. All moms, grandmoms and aunts are welcomed to join students. Free muffins and literacy games to play and take home.

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

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.

Wallowa County Chess Club: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Free. Tourists and players of all levels are welcome.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

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.

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.

Lower Valley Farmers Market: Noon to 6 p.m. Held indoors, on Main Street, across from Wallowa Food City in Wallowa. Produce, eggs, grass fed beef, handcrafted items.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

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.

Norwegian Carving Workshop: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Josephy Center. Carve in the Scandinavian style with longtime wood carving instructor Steve Arment. Class limited to 3-6 students, must pre-register. \$175.

2nd Annual Clean-up Day at Joseph City Park Playground: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to stain signs and benches, put sealant on retaining walls, tighten screws and bolts on the structure, hang sun shades, etc. Supplies will be provided, but volunteers are asked to bring gloves, shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows if possible.

W.C. Grain Growers Open House: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hurricane Creek Rd., Enterprise. Free lunch, live music, door & grand prizes, 4-H pie sale.

Lower Valley Farmers Market: Noon to 6 p.m. Held indoors, on Main Street, across from Wallowa Food City in

Wallowa. Produce, eggs, grass fed beef, handcrafted items.

For the Love of Mother Dinner: Reserved seating at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Enterprise Senior Center. Annual fundraising dinner; all proceeds benefit the Meals on Wheels program in Wallowa County. Choice of prime rib and twice baked potatoes, or salmon fillet and wild rice, along with sides and dessert. \$25 per ticket. Call 541-426-3840 for reservations.

Josephy Center opening: Dream Oregon: 7 p.m. Josephy Center. Show features six local artists.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Lower Valley Farmers Market: Noon to 6 p.m. Held indoors, on Main Street, across from Wallowa Food City in Wallowa. Produce, eggs, grass fed beef, handcrafted items.

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

MONDAY, MAY 6

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. [HYPERLINK "mailto:classes@josephy.org" classes@josephy.org](mailto: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, MAY 7

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.

Wallowa County Humane Society Regular Meeting: 1:30 p.m. WCHS Information Center, 104 N. River St., Enterprise. 541-263-0336 for more info.

WeCARE Caregivers' Support Meeting: 3 p.m. Wallowa Memorial Hospital, radiology conference room. Call Kathy Taylor at 805-798-4530 for info.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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.

Foot Clinic: Noon to 3 p.m. Community Connection, Enterprise.

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. [HYPERLINK "mailto:classes@josephy.org" classes@josephy.org](mailto: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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mother's Day Bake Sale: Thursday, May 9, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wallowa Memorial Hospital lobby. Hospital Auxiliary fundraiser. See's candy!

Mothers Day Buffet

Baked Salmon w/Lemon Dill Cream Sauce
Mushroom Risotto • Asian Shrimp Salad
Thai Lime Steak Salad • Waldorf Salad Lettuce Wraps
Kalamata Olive Feta Paté & Artichoke Cheese Dip
w/Crostini and Pita Bread • Chicken Salad on Croissant
Carmel Apple Bread Pudding w/whipped cream
and Bourbon Cream Peach Pie
Strawberry Lemonade • Lemon Ginger Iced Tea
Fresh Brewed Coffee of Tea

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STUDENT of the WEEK

ZANE MALLORY
Wallowa High School

Zane is a junior at Wallowa High School. He always shows great initiative and diligence; he is able to develop intelligent plans and implement them successfully. He takes responsibilities seriously and is a hard worker. Zane is now a certified welder through AWS. He is extremely respectful, helpful and courteous and shows concern for other students. Zane received his state FFA degree in 2019 and is currently a shop manager.

The Student of the Week is chosen for academic achievement and community involvement. Students are selected by the administrators of their respective schools.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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DOUBLE ARROW VETERINARY CLINIC PC

Meet Darth

Darth is still needing a forever home. He is a neutered, nine year old with a sleek black coat. He has become an alpha male and is no longer allowed to roam free at his foster home. Darth has become a great shop cat with his own fenced in outdoor space. He is clean, uses his litter box, and is very affectionate and lovable. Darth needs his own yard or space to roam in, plus an indoor heated space in the winter.

Available for Adoption
Contact Karen in Joseph at 541-432-7310

\$45 adoption fee

<http://www.wallowacountyhumaneociety.org/>

WALLOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
May 2	53	28	Mostly sunny
May 3	61	33	Mostly sunny
May 4	65	37	Sunny
May 5	66	38	Mostly sunny
May 6	62	37	Partly cloudy
May 7	58	36	Cloudy
May 8	57	37	Mostly sunny

Phases of the moon

May 4	May 11	May 18	May 26
New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET MAY 2 – 8
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
5:36 7:57	5:35 7:58	5:33 7:59	5:32 8:01	5:30 8:02	5:29 8:03	5:28 8:04