

# Fire breaks out with explosive suddenness and proportions

## OUT OF THE PAST

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### 100 YEARS AGO June 19, 1919

The work of remodeling the old county high school into a hospital is nearly finished. Partitions have been placed dividing the interior into 25 private rooms with dining room, operating room and accommodations for other hospital activities.

The Standard Oil company is preparing to enlarge its delivery facilities in the county, from the Enterprise station. The plant has become a very valuable factor in the town's business, with several well-paid employees.

All details have been arranged for the Salvation army home service fund campaign which opens Sunday and continues for a week. Wallowa county is asked to contribute \$2,500.

Wallowa county's wool crop, one of the most valuable clips ever turned off, is now finding its way to market. The total clip is estimated at 841,000 pounds, making the total about \$420,000. The industry continues to hold its place in the front rank of all wealth producers of the county.

Spend your week end at Wallowa Lake park. Special dinner Sunday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. First excursion Sunday on the big new boat, Marie.

### 70 YEARS AGO June 16, 1949

A fire, breaking out with almost explosive suddenness and proportions, swept through the Joseph sawmill of the Pondsosa Pine Lum-



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Pondsosa Pine Lumber Mill burned to the ground on June 16, 1949.

ber Co. Saturday, leveling the entire structure and office buildings in about 30 minutes.

Miss Beverly Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Oliver of Wallowa, is the queen of the 1949 Chief Joseph Days celebration at Joseph on July 29-30-31. Queen Beverly was selected by one of the largest crowds ever to attend a queen's dance at Edelweiss inn last Saturday night.

Damage estimated between \$1500 and \$2000 was caused sometime over the past weekend by vandals who broke 64 windows and six large electric lights in the Joseph high school.

Construction work was started this week on a new service station. The building is being erected on the corner of River and North streets. It will be 45 x 32 feet and finished in metal lath and stucco.

### 50 YEARS AGO June 19, 1969

Dwight Wolfe of Wallowa FFA chapter was the Grand Champion FFA Beef Showman at the 23rd annual Oregon Wheat Growers League Junior Livestock Show held in The Dalles.

A massive community project was undertaken and completed over the weekend at the Enterprise airport

when a small army of volunteers pooled their labor and equipment to widen the runway of the 2800 foot facility. Purpose of the project was to widen the runway to 50 feet or more so that it would be acceptable for the installation of runway lights.

Dick Quinn and Gary Marr, the best Wallowa county has to offer in golfers, traveled to Baker last weekend for the Elks Golf Tourney. The end result of the tourney had the local duo at the top of the heap when the awards were passed out with a two-day score of 132. This was better by four strokes over their nearest opponents.

### 25 YEARS AGO June 16, 1994

A painful budget reduction of almost \$400,000, approved by the Joseph School District Monday, coupled with the resignations of four key district personnel, including principal Bud Sanders, will undoubtedly mean a lot more changes for the school district next year.

Kara Samples, 15, of Joseph out-fiddled her father, Leonard Samples, and six other competitors to win the Wallowa County Old-Time Fiddlers Contest championship.

The city of Joseph, known for its thriving arts

community, was honored this week by Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts as an outstanding example of how communities with a clear vision of the future can survive and even prosper in the face of adversity such as mill closures with the presentation of the "Outstanding Community Development Success Award."

Sports Corral played undefeated to win the junior boys championship in the first-ever Joseph Junior Athletic Club 3-on-3 Hoopfest. The team was comprised of Jeff Fisher, Donnie Rynearson, Jesse Miller, Ryan Strohm and Ryan Wulff.

## FOR THE RECORD

### JUNE 10

7:52 a.m. - Driving complaint from rural Enterprise.  
10:07 a.m. - Delayed traffic crash reported in rural Joseph 2 days ago.  
10:46 p.m. - Noise complaint in Enterprise.

### JUNE 11

10:42 a.m. - Fire alarm at business in Joseph.  
11:20 a.m. - Report of an assault in Enterprise.  
3:40 p.m. - Report of a hit and run in Enterprise.  
6:58 p.m. - No Contact order entered for Charlton Strutz, 74, of Enterprise.  
7:08 p.m. - No Contact order entered for Christopher Hoppel, 26, transient in Wallowa County.

### JUNE 12

7:54 a.m. - 911 reporting a cub bear on Lake Shore Drive.  
6:24 p.m. - Report of a traffic crash in rural Joseph.  
8:44 p.m. - Warrant entered for Michael Sheffield, 24, of Joseph for probation violation with an original charge of ID Theft.  
9:03 p.m. - Traffic complaint in Enterprise.

### JUNE 13

1:13 a.m. - 911 call for lift assist in Enterprise.  
10:27 a.m. - Violation of restraining order reported.  
2:38 p.m. - Dog bite incident reported in Wallowa.  
4:04 p.m. - Lost cane reported at the Wallowa County Park.  
4:23 p.m. - 911 reporting a scam call in Joseph.  
7:58 p.m. - Trespass

reported in Lostine.

### JUNE 14

4:57 a.m. - 911 call for lift assist in rural Joseph.  
7:05 a.m. - Report of a controlled burn in the city of Joseph.  
12:39 p.m. - Hit and run reported at Wallowa Lake.  
3:06 p.m. - Hit and run reported in Enterprise.  
5:37 p.m. - Traffic complaint in Lostine with property damage.  
7:31 p.m. - Residential fire alarm in rural Joseph.  
10:00 p.m. - 911 reporting a tree on fire at a Joseph residence.

### JUNE 15

9:30 a.m. - 911 with a traffic complaint in Joseph.  
1:11 p.m. - Theft of a wallet, Wallowa Lake.  
6:33 p.m. - 911 report-

ing violation of a No Contact order. Enterprise Police Dept. arrested Danielle L. McGovern, 49, of Enterprise for Telephonic Harassment. She was cited and released.

10:32 p.m. - Disturbance reported in Enterprise.

### JUNE 16

1:17 a.m. - Deputy requested to investigate a burn victim.  
2:48 a.m. - 911 report of a suspicious vehicle in rural Enterprise.  
10:01 a.m. - Report of a burglary alarm in Joseph.  
12:41 p.m. - Traffic com-

plaint rural Enterprise.

12:48 p.m. - 911 to advise ER that female is being brought in by private vehicle for possible broken leg.

4:02 p.m. - Disturbance, rural Joseph.

4:24 p.m. - 911 reporting loose cattle in Joseph.

5:33 p.m. - Traffic complaint Hwy 82 in rural Lostine.

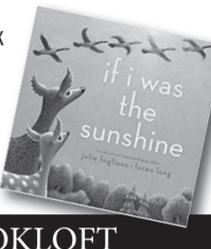
10:05 p.m. - Report of a domestic in Enterprise.

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at the Asotin Lions Club in  
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**Births**  
Ason, Dylan Lee Quittschreiber was born June 6, 2019 in Enterprise to Dustin Quittschreiber and Samantha Johnston of Wallowa. Grandparents are Greg Johnston and Melissa Zollman, and Barry Quittschreiber and Kathy Bohms.  
  
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