

Lewis backs bill to honor POW, MIA troops

SALEM — Today, the Oregon House of Representatives voted unanimously to support legislation allowing for roadside memorial signs for individuals killed in the line of duty who were formerly designated as either Missing in Action or a Prisoner of War and whose remains have been positively identified and returned home.

“In 2019 the Oregon Legislature passed a bill dedicating Highway 26 as the POW/MIA Memorial Highway, and this bill is a logical continuation in our effort to recognize and honor those who were listed as MIA or POW,

whose remains have been positively identified and returned home to Oregon,” said Representative Rick Lewis, R-Silverton, who is a chief sponsor of the bill. “Our men and women who gave their lives for our country deserve to be honored and remembered for their sacrifices.”

HB 4083 allows for surviving family members to go directly to ODOT, pay the fee and obtain the roadside sign. There is no cost to the state for these signs, but assistance will likely be provided to the families by veterans’ service organizations.

Merkley to host Town Hall Friday

By Ellen Morris Bishop
Wallowa County Chieftain

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley is hosting a Town Hall in Wallowa County on Friday, February 21st, 8:30am at the Southfork Grange, 307 Rosewell, Lostine.

The Lostine Town Hall will be one of Merkley’s ten town hall or community forum meetings next week. Other nearby town hall include:

Baker County Town Hall, Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, 4:30 p.m., Community Connection-Baker, Main Hall, 2810 Cedar St., Baker City, OR, and Union County Town Hall, Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 11:30 a.m. at the Elgin Community Center, 260 N. 10th St. Elgin, OR.

Merkley will update constituents on his work in Washington, D.C., answer their questions and invite their suggestions about

how to tackle the challenges facing Oregon and America.

“Hearing from Oregonians across the state is critical to doing my job,” Merkley said. “Whether it’s helping communities recover from flooding, or supporting fuels reduction in wildfire-prone counties, or getting disaster aid for winegrowers and hazelnut orchards in the Willamette Valley, the ideas and priorities I hear about in town halls inform the solutions that I fight to get into federal law. I look forward to these discussions about how we can strengthen our state and our nation.”

Since joining the Senate in 2009, Merkley has held a town hall in each of Oregon’s 36 counties every year. These town halls will be his 409th, 410th, 411th, 412th, 413th, 414th, 415th, 416th, and 417th as a U.S. Senator.

Three in race so far for sheriff

EPD’s Fish, Kohlhepp challenge Rogers

By Bill Bradshaw
Wallowa County Chieftain

Three local law enforcement officers have thrown their hat in the ring to compete for the post of Wal-

lowa County sheriff. The incumbent Sheriff Steve Rogers filed for re-election in September. On Friday, Feb. 14, Enterprise Police Chief Joel Fish and Enterprise Officer George Kohlhepp also entered the race, Wallowa County Clerk Sandy Lathrop said Tuesday, Feb. 18.

The three – and any one else who chooses to file before the March 10 deadline – will face off in a primary race May 19. If no candidate earns 51% of the vote in May, the top two vote-getters will compete in the Nov. 3 general election. If one candidate wins 51% of the votes,

that person also must run in November, according to the Oregon Constitution, Lathrop said.

April 28 is the last day to register to vote in the May primary election, Lathrop said. Oct. 13 is the registration deadline for the November general election.

Three public meetings this week on new Wallowa Whitman Forest plan

By Ellen Morris Bishop
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County Commissioner Susan Roberts will lead presentations and discussions about the development of the new Wallowa Whitman Forest Plan in three meetings in the county this week. Roberts asked the US Forest Service to set up

and participate in the meetings so Wallowa County residents can better understand and participate in the long Forest planning process. “We’ve been working on this plan for the past year and three months,” Roberts said. “I want to discuss and tell about the process we’ve been going through and what we are working on.”

The Chieftain received notice of the meetings from the USFS late on Monday. They are:

Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Wallowa Senior Center, located at 204 2nd St. in Wallowa, 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at The Place, adjacent to the United Methodist Church at 301 South Lake St. in

Joseph, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Cloverleaf Hall at 668 NW 1st St. in Enterprise, 5-7 p.m.

The format and content of the meetings will all be essentially the same, Roberts said. So if you miss the meeting in your community, you may attend one of the other two.

FOR THE RECORD

FEBRUARY 10

- 9:58 a.m. – Public assist in Enterprise.
- 12:40 p.m. – Fraud reported in Enterprise.
- 12:52 p.m. – Phone service in Imnaha.
- 2:31 p.m. – Fraud reported in Joseph.
- 6:24 p.m. – Disturbance in Joseph.
- 6:36 p.m. – State-wide Felony Order of Arrest and Detention warrant entered for Christina E. Wenke, 41, of Wallowa for an original charge of Possession of Meth.
- 7:26 p.m. – Disturbance in Enterprise.
- 8:45 p.m. – Verizon cell service outage.

FEBRUARY 11

- 7:47 a.m. – Public assist in rural Lostine.
- 10:09 a.m. – Disturbance in Enterprise.

1:43 p.m. – Theft of gas in Wallowa.

- 1:46 p.m. – Possible domestic in Enterprise. Unfounded.
- 3:07 p.m. – Theft of gas in Wallowa.
- 4:44 p.m. – 911 call for a dog attacked in Wallowa by another dog.
- 8:03 p.m. – Agency Assist for OSP with an Overdue Motorist.
- 8:27 p.m. – Road hazard in rural Wallowa.

FEBRUARY 12

- 7:18 a.m. – Horse tangled in a fence in rural Joseph.
- 2:00 p.m. – Civil dispute in Imnaha.
- 2:02 p.m. – Suspicious circumstances in rural Enterprise.
- 2:20 p.m. – Alan James Griffin, 40, of Joseph arrested on a Probation Warrant for Probation Violation, original charge of Criminal Mischief III. Released by Parole and Probation.

FEBRUARY 13

- 7:01 a.m. – 911 possible

house fire in Enterprise. Controlled burn in a backyard.

12:12 p.m. – Criminal mischief reported in Enterprise.

2:37 p.m. – 911 traffic complaint in Joseph.

FEBRUARY 14

- 9:34 a.m. – Hit and run vehicle damage reported in Joseph.
- 12:30 p.m. – Dog bite incident and dog as a public nuisance complaint in Lostine.
- 2:19 p.m. – 911 traffic complaint in rural Joseph.
- 4:33 p.m. – Harassment reported in Enterprise.
- 8:08 p.m. – Disturbance reported in Enterprise.

FEBRUARY 15

- 1:08 a.m. – Report of car that hit deer in rural Enterprise.
- 5:59 a.m. – Wallowa County Sheriff’s Office arrested Dustin Ray Quittschreiber, 31, of Wallowa County, on a Wallowa County Circuit Court SW Misdemeanor warrant for FTA, original charge of Theft II x 3;

and on two Umatilla County Circuit Court NW Felony warrants for FTA, original charge of Theft I and FTA, original charge of Attempting to Elude a Police Officer. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

7:56 a.m. – Complaint of dogs not on a leash in Joseph.

1:28 a.m. – 911 report of suspicious person at Wallowa Lake.

3:35 p.m. – 911 report of a suspicious person in Enterprise.

4:50 p.m. – Enterprise Police Department arrested Phillip M. Evans, 42, of Enterprise for Parole Violation. Original charge of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. He was transported to Umatilla County Jail.

6:16 p.m. – Report of shotgun shots fired in Enterprise.

FEBRUARY 16

- 9:00 a.m. – Civil dispute in Lostine.
- 11:32 p.m. – Lost wallet reported in Enterprise.

WHAT’S HAPPENING | SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
National Love Your Pet Day
KICKBOXING FITNESS
CLASS: 5:15 a.m. The Vault in Enterprise. Hurricane Point Fitness. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.

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.

BABA-O'REILLY AFRO-CELTIC BAND: 7 p.m. Josephy Center. Free with suggested donation to the Josephy Center.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
National Tortilla Chip Day
ZUMBA: 6:30 a.m. The Place, Joseph. No experience needed. Instructor: Tammi Chapman.
KICKBOXING FITNESS CLASS: 6:15 p.m. Oddfellows Hall in Enterprise. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.

people with injuries, pregnant women, new mothers or anyone seeking a calming, therapeutic practice. The Place, Joseph. Esther Petrocine.

Enterprise Senior Center and noon at The Place in Joseph. Sponsored by Wallowa Fresh Food Alliance. Perishable food available.

Hall in Enterprise. Hurricane Point Fitness. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.

PILATES IN WALLOWA: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center. Sponsored by Community Connection.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
National Cook A Sweet Potato Day

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
National Spay Day USA

TELECONFERENCE WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES: 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. OSU Extension Office, 668 NW 1st St., Enterprise. Get updates and ask questions of your legislators. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP 541-426-4622 to make sure you have an opportunity to present your questions and concerns. Hosted by Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, Third & Main Streets, Enterprise. Admission by donation. All proceeds go to Community Connection’s Food Bank.

VFW TACO NIGHT: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. VFW Hall, Enterprise. \$8. KICKBOXING FITNESS CLASS: 6:15 p.m. Oddfellows

OK THEATRE PRESENTS: THE STONE FOXES W/ FELLOW PYNINS: Doors open at 5 p.m. OK Theatre, Enterprise. www.theoldok.com

LIBRARY STORY TIMES: 10:30 a.m. Enterprise City Library. Parents and children 0-5. Circle time, story-time and activity at the Library.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
National Banana Bread Day

BIG READ EVENT: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY: 2 p.m. Josephy Center. Presented by Kiyomi Oliver. Free.

PILATES IN WALLOWA: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

BIG READ EVENT: OPB DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: 6 p.m. Fishtrap, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. Screening & discussion of “Oregon’s Japanese Americans”. Free.

THIS WEEK at the
JOSEPHY CENTER
for Arts and Culture

Figure Drawing w. Live Models
Wednesdays 6-8pm

Ceramics for Adults w. Pam
Every Tue & Thur 4-7pm

Open Mic – Live Music + Potluck + Free!
Thur, Feb 20, 6-8pm; all ages & skill levels

Youth Classes in Lostine @ South Fork Grange
Fri, Feb 21, 11-11:45; ages 5-9
1-2pm; ages 10-14

Baba O’Reilly Drum Night: Afro-Celtic ‘Wallowa Style’
Fri, Feb 21, 7pm; free, donations welcome

Seeing the Forest for The Trees
Oil Painting w. Anna
Sat & Sun, Feb 22-23, 12-4pm

Wine Glass Painting w. Kodi
Mondays 5-7pm

Brown Bag –
“Future of the Arts: Merging with Josephy”
Wallowa Valley Arts Council
Tue, Feb 25 Noon

‘4 Little Girls’ - Documentary Film Viewing
Tue, Feb 25, 7pm; Celebrate Black History Month

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
National Caregivers Day

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

PARENT/CHILD PLAY-GROUP: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Building Healthy Families, Enterprise. Songs, stories, snacks and activities focusing on developing kindergarten readiness skills. For parents and children 0-5.

WALLOWA COUNTY CHAMBER CITIZEN AWARDS BANQUET: Doors open at 4 p.m. Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise. Annual banquet to recognize individuals that gave of themselves to make Wallowa County the greatest place to live. Dinner catered by Butch Tucker. Live music, raffles, games, table prizes, trashshow tables. Tickets are \$39.50 and available in advance at the Chamber office. 541-426-4622.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
National Tell A Fairy Tale Day

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

LIBRARY STORY TIME: 10:30 a.m. Wallowa Public Library. Circle time, story-time and activity for parents and children 0-5.

FOOD GIVEAWAY: 11:30 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center in Wallowa, 11 a.m.

The Wallowa County Ducks Unlimited Committee wishes to thank all the patrons, businesses and donors who helped make our 2020 DU event successful.

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	John L. Sullivan	Rocky’s Place in Wallowa	

Thanks to Diana of Chuckwagon Sisters, Leo of El Bajio, the FFA assistants, Community Bank volunteers, Auctioneer Chuck Berrier for all they did, and June Newburn for the beautiful table decorations. All of us on the DU committee appreciate everyone’s support.

A special thanks to the many children we call Greenwings who attended and brightened our event, 46 of you. You got to paint decoys and blow a duck call, some for the first time. You are the future of our great outdoors!

~ Gene Bieraugel, Chairman

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church at 3rd and Main, Enterprise
Feb. 25 • 5 - 7pm

By donation. Proceeds go to Community Connection’s food bank

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