

Georgian quick to love county

Wallowa County VOICES

By Bill Bradshaw



Love

People come from all over the country to settle in Wallowa County, and Amber Love moved here from Ringgold, Ga., last summer.

Asked what brought her to Enterprise, she says in her true southern drawl, "A gentleman." She and Wup Winn will soon be married, though no date has been set.

Together, they own and operate three businesses — Video Buffs Pizza & More, Birddog Signs and Back Country Connection, an airplane broker that provides bush airplanes popular with outfitters and guides at the Joseph Airport. She also just retired from FedEx after working for them for 20 years.

She called living here "a big change coming here" from Georgia. She said people often notice her drawl and say, "You're not from here; where you from?" When she tells them, they often say, "That's a little different," in a friendly curious sort of way.

Love may be a newcomer, but Wallowa County has already made an impression on her.

What's the best thing or place in Wallowa County?

Probably have to say the lake. It's just peaceful, beautiful and it brings a lot of attention here for a lot of people. Having tried it last summer, it's a little colder than Georgia water.

What is the greatest challenge facing Wallowa County?

Being new here, I really haven't seen anything. Everything's been so pleasant here, I really haven't seen any challenges. I'm just getting used to the cold weather.

What can people do to make Wallowa County a better place for all of us?

Keep wavin', keep smilin', keep openin' doors for people. Just be kind.

What have you learned from living in Wallowa County?

Your vehicle always stays dirty. Living outside of town, it definitely stays dirty all the time.

What's your advice for people who are thinking about moving here?

Make sure you have a four-wheel-drive vehicle. Make sure you have a bumper on the front for the deer because they run across the road like rabbits. And just enjoy the beautiful scenery because you get to wake up to the mountains every morning.

Facilities Committee gets set to make recommendations to Enterprise School Board

By Ellen Morris Bishop
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In a long, contemplative meeting Monday evening, the Enterprise School District's Facilities Committee decided on its final recommendations to the school board for needed repairs and improvements to school buildings and grounds.

"I thought we made some good, but difficult decisions," committee member Tim Melville said. "They are all things that need to happen."

Those decisions included providing the school with a much-needed new roof, doing a thorough removal of asbestos throughout the buildings, replacing the single-pane windows with gas-filled double-panes throughout the high school and junior high school buildings and providing a covered play area on the elementary school grounds. Security measures would include adding entry vestibules in the junior and senior high schools and the addition of a buzz-in door at the elementary school.

The budget-conscious committee rejected the ideas of adding cooling capacity to an upgraded and repaired HVAC system, reaching a consensus that if the school buildings had a new insulated roof and new double pane windows, they would remain in a comfortable temperature range without the additional cost of installing AC.

"I've put three kids through the school system here," Kannon Miller said,



Ellen Morris Bishop

Dean Himes (right), Joel Fish, Mike Wiedeman, Patrick Patterson and Katheryn Stangel check some numbers as Wenaha consultant Scott Rogers (far left) discusses the budget options for needed repairs to the Enterprise schools.

and I don't remember room temperature being a conversation or a complaint out of any of them."

The committee also balked at the Wenaha consultant's estimate of \$250,000 for an upgraded irrigation system for the football field.

"On my farm, I could install a state-of-the art irrigation system that would cover 200 acres, not just 2 acres," Tim Melville said.

He noted that the failing irrigation pump could be replaced with a much more economical model at a cost of around \$30,000.

Handicapped accessibility to all floors of the junior and senior high school remained among the top priorities. They include an elevator in the high school, improved ramp access in

the junior high school and ADA-compliant restrooms and entries to all buildings.

"If you don't fix everything now, you are setting yourself up for a lawsuit," Wenaha consultant Scott Rogers said.

The committee will present its recommendations, along with what will be an updated estimate of repairs and renovations to the school board at the April 6 board meeting.

The tally of the committee's choices, most of which were middle-of-the-road-level repairs was about \$9.74 million, including \$1.3 million for the roof and \$1 million for new windows in the high school and junior high. But the total estimate will likely be somewhat lower when the final

figures are presented to the board. The costs of repairs and upgrades should also be offset by a \$4 million dollar Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program (OSCIM) grant.

The decision on which repairs and improvements to make, and what the final cost estimate will be is up to the school board. The Facilities Committee and Wenaha will present their recommendations to the board at the April 6 meeting. The board will be looking for community input in May and June. It will likely be July before the board makes a final decision on the specific extent and costs of the work. Then the board will make a resolution for a bond measure that would appear on the November ballot.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. End of many family business names
4. Phony
9. Farmer's caw-se of concern
13. "Taking care of that"
15. Big name in steaks
16. One committing perjury
17. Banjoist Fleck
18. Declare invalid
19. Not pro
20. The perfect guy possibly will?
23. Hauled (off)
26. Address for some generals
27. "Get ___ of this!"
28. DOJ VIPs
31. Martial arts centers
35. What to wear at the mountaintop?
38. Trellis piece
39. Thurman of film
40. Back-to-back dance moves
42. Cow call
43. "Noelle" actress Kendrick
45. Sound from a laid-back cat?
47. Item collections
49. You may turn one into a tank top
50. Bridal path
51. Rescuer of endangered species?
53. Harder to see, perhaps
54. Gambler?
60. Berry in a healthy bowl
61. Upper crust
62. Chantilly fabric
66. Hat part
67. Like a moon landing
68. Reverberate
69. Christmas season
70. Some are standardized
71. Perfect number?

CLUES DOWN

1. Audibly grieve
2. With 44-Down, "Wait your turn"
3. Zero, to Alex Morgan
4. Get on, like a plane
5. Hilton competitor
6. Group of buddies
7. "Nope"
8. Makes less bland
9. Nice 'n Easy maker
10. Key holder
11. Swear word
12. Court order
14. Orchestral gong
21. Updated, as a kitchen
22. Starter for "week" or "wife"
23. Informal
24. Many college donors
25. Octavia and Claudius
28. Liability's opposite
29. Cunning
30. Advance furtively
32. Authorizer of the 1611 English Bible
33. Peter who voiced Anton Ego in "Ratatouille"
34. Shampoo site
36. Jerry's frenemy
37. In addition
41. Old-fashioned lover?
44. See 2-Down
46. Circulate among the guests
48. ___ Lanka
52. Showed deference to a queen
53. Levels
54. Treat with kid gloves
55. Earth tone
56. Place for a scorpion's stinger
57. Stuff in sticky sticks
58. Storage containers
59. Louisiana, e.g., in Lyon
63. Do something
64. Michael on "SNL"
65. Indefinitely long time

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Ichthyosaur fossils found in Wallowa Mountains

Ben Moon
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Ichthyosaurs are among the few fossils that Wallowa Mountains has from the Age of Dinosaurs. They were fish-like reptiles that first appeared about 250 million years ago and quickly diversified into highly capable swimmers, filling a broad range of sizes and ecologies early in the age of dinosaurs.

"Ichthyosaurs evolved a fish-like body and tail fin, giving birth to live young rather than laying eggs, and lots of different feeding styles," said Dr. Ben Moon of the University of Bristol in Britain.

There are over 100 known species of ichthyosaur from between 250-90 million years ago in the Mesozoic Era, when the infamous dinosaurs ruled the land. Marine reptiles were top predators that filled comparable roles to dolphins, orcas, and sharks in modern seas.

"Ichthyosaurs really dominated early in the Triassic (252-201 million years ago), (Our ichthyosaur is a middle Triassic, about 230 million years old.) However, the seas quickly became more crowded and competitive, and ichthyosaurs lost their top position in the Jurassic (201-145 million years ago) to other marine reptiles like plesiosaurs and pliosaurs.

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