

Prairie Creek lightning



Ellen Morris Bishop

Last week, thunderstorms rolled into Wallowa County, bringing wind and hail and cooler days. In Grant and Baker County, they were forecast as severe. They reached Wallowa County around 6 p.m. initially striking on the snowy summit of Chief Joseph Mountain and along Hurwall Divide. This strike occurred around 8:10 p.m., reaching the ground east of the Prairie Creek cemetery. It was one of the last vestiges of the storms.

M.Crow burglar snatches \$20,000 in goods, later caught

One man arrested in Enterprise

By Bill Bradshaw
Wallowa County Chieftain

One man has been arrested as a suspect in the after-hours burglary of M. Crow in Lostine that occurred the night of April 29-30, according to a press release from the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office.

Evan Allen Mock, 25, was arrested Friday, May 1, under the residence at 500 Depot St. in Enter-

prise and is being held on charges of second-degree burglary, first-degree aggravated theft, third-degree criminal mischief and probation violation.

Much of the more than \$20,000 in merchandise that was stolen was found at a separate location in Enterprise.

Michael Junkins, manager of M.Crow, said the suspect must have entered the store after 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, and took cash, many groceries, ammunition, tobacco, knives "and a lot of other high-value stuff."

The burglary was discovered the following morning by M. Crow employees, according to the release.

"The community was a big help recovering the stolen goods," Junkins said, and had high praise for the sheriff's office and the Enterprise Police Department, which assisted.

"The sheriff's department really worked fast," he said.

He said that although the store is short on some items, for the most part M.Crow will be able to continue in operation.

Wallowa Mountain Cruise moved to August 28-29 after permit was revoked

By Bill Bradshaw
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The date for Joseph's Wallowa Mountain Cruise is being moved to Aug. 28 and 29 from its original June date because the state was forced to rescind the city's permit to close Main Street for the event, according to Chairwoman Jude Graham.

"We'd considered doing

it on the side streets, but that was not practical," she said.

The car show for old and classic automobiles was originally scheduled for June 12 and 13. Graham said it was the first time the event's date was changed in its 30-year history.

In addition to the car show, there will be plenty of food, a Friday night dance with the Senders

playing again this year and on Saturday.

She said entrants do not have to change their registration forms, but should change their reservations for lodging.

Most of all, she's excited the event has not been canceled.

"We have a ton of businesses counting on the event because they're hurting so badly," Graham said.

Wallowa 5th-grader wins statewide essay contest

By Ellen Morris Bishop
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Jacob Journigan, a fifth grader in teacher Jennifer Gibbs' class at Wallowa Elementary, not only won the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) essay contest at the local level (DAR Lone Pine Tree chapter) but went on to win at the very challenging state level.

The contest topic was to imagine if you were a pilgrim sailing on the Mayflower.

For his winning essay, titled "The Voyage of the Mayflower: The Journey," Journigan received \$50

and a medal. He would have been invited to attend the state conference but COVID-19 intervened.

Jacob's essay starts dramatically with a "first person" account of an actual incident that occurred aboard the Mayflower:

"Snap!" A massive storm had struck the main beam. It had broken and we desperately needed to find something to fix it with or else we would all die. One of the men had the idea to use an iron screw that we were going to use for house building, everyone was scared but it didn't start that way...."

It concludes with the

story of building the settlement and the first Thanksgiving:

"The men built the houses along with the older boys, basically anyone helped that would not hurt themselves by doing so. I led a hunting crew out into the woods.

No women helped build houses though. The women were faced with some different jobs, cleaning, washing clothes, and during meal-times, they cooked. When we got planting fields ready the Indians taught us how to fish. They also taught us how to plant very successful corn crops.

I will tell you about the first Thanksgiving now. Thanksgiving, the first, was actually in October. After a well and plentiful harvest, we had a feast. We invited our friends, the Indians. The men built long tables that could seat a lot of people. The feast lasted three days. There were games, food, and dancing. The Indians played their drums for us and danced more. We sang our English songs for them, and danced too. We had foods like stuffed venison, fish, and smaller animals. You guessed it, we had turkey! It was all very delicious."



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Jacob Journigan won the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest at the local and state levels.

FOR THE RECORD

APRIL 27

3:52 a.m. – 911 call reporting suspicious noise rural Joseph.

9:28 a.m. – Report of violation of Stalking Order in Joseph.

2:28 p.m. – James Robert Matthews, 45, of Wallowa was arrested on accusations of Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Judith Denise Clark, 39, of Wallowa was arrested on accusations of Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Probation Violation – original charge weapons offense. Both were transported to

Umatilla County Jail.

3:10 p.m. – Power line reported down in rural Enterprise.

4:49 p.m. – Vandalism reported in Wallowa.

5:24 p.m. – Burglary rural Enterprise.

5:51 p.m. – Cow in roadway rural Joseph.

6:54 p.m. – Driving complaint rural Wallowa.

10:11 p.m. – Report of disturbance in Enterprise.

APRIL 28

9:01 a.m. – Report of abandoned vehicle in rural Enterprise.

2:03 p.m. – Possible grass fire reported in rural Wallowa.

4:16 p.m. – Burglary

reported in Wallowa.

6:20 p.m. – Cows in roadway rural Joseph.

APRIL 29

12:36 a.m. – Report of assault in Joseph.

8:30 a.m. – Theft reported in Joseph.

10:53 p.m. – Non-emergency 911 report of loose animals in rural Joseph.

APRIL 30

4:05 a.m. – Gregory Rex Stephens, 73, of Enterprise was arrested by Umatilla PD for an order of arrest and detention by Wallowa County Community Corrections. Subject was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

8:52 a.m. – Silent alarm at business in Enterprise.

10:04 a.m. – Stolen license plate reported from rural Enterprise.

10:14 a.m. – 911 burglary reported from Lostine.

12:05 p.m. – Civil dispute reported in Joseph.

5:39 p.m. – Suspicious person reported in rural Joseph.

MAY 1

7:50 a.m. – Hit and run property damage reported in rural Wallowa.

11:14 a.m. – Wallowa County Sheriff's Office arrested Evan Allen Mock, 25, of Enterprise on charges of Burglary II, Theft I Aggravated, Criminal Mischief III,

and Probation Violation. He was transported to Umatilla County Jail.

4:40 p.m. – Harassment reported in Enterprise.

5:22 p.m. – Possible animal abuse reported in Wallowa.

6:18 p.m. – Disturbance reported in Joseph.

7:05 p.m. – Report of overturned excavator on Rail Canyon Road in rural Joseph.

7:16 p.m. – Theft reported in Wallowa.

MAY 2

Hurry!
Call me to get your tickets for the 75th Chief Joseph Days Rodeo TODAY!

Also ask me how you can win a \$250 SHOPPING SPREE from Sports Corral!



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CASIDEE HARROD
Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Queen Candidate

Hey Rodeo Fans!
Let's get ready to FEEL THE THUNDER!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

Because so many events have been or will be canceled in the next few weeks, we are temporarily suspending the weekly calendar of events (rather than publishing a column of what's NOT happening).

We encourage you to verify the status of an event with the host/organizer before attending.

A.A. online meetings: oregonaadistrict29.org

Building Healthy Families 541-426-9411

Community Connection 541-426-3840

Enterprise Public Library 541-426-3906

Fishtrap 541-426-3623

Hurricane Creek Grange 541-605-8233

Joseph Center 541-432-0505

Wallowa Public Library 541-886-4265

Wallowology 541-263-1663

THURSDAY, MAY 7

WALLOWA VALLEY PHOTO CLUB 3rd COMPETITION: 7 p.m. ZOOM.

The public is invited to participate. Send two photos to wallowaphoto@gmail.com by May 2 and ask to be sent a ZOOM invite. Mary Edwards will be the May judge

HAPPY Mother's Day
HALIE HILLOCK
Thank you for sharing your beautiful son, John Daniel with me.
I love you both!
~ Kathleen

Happy Mother's Day Kim Norton
Thank you for all the of the amazing memories we create together and being the foundation of every great Norton family adventure!
You're the BEST MOM!
We love you so much!
~ Krag, Kurt and Klint

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