

FOR THE RECORD

SEPT. 28
 9:20 a.m. – Public assist via phone.
 2:56 p.m. – 911 call road hazard complaint rural Wallowa.

SEPT. 29
 7:17 a.m. – 911 call of suspicious circumstances in Enterprise.
 9:51 a.m. – Fire drill at Enterprise Elementary School.
 10:27 a.m. – Animal complaint in rural Enterprise.
 11:31 a.m. – Welfare check requested in Wallowa.
 11:36 a.m. – Dog bite in Joseph.
 6:03 p.m. – Barking dog in Enterprise.

SEPT. 30
 9:03 a.m. – Noninjury traffic crash in Enterprise.
 9:13 a.m. – Agency assist in Wallowa.
 9:50 a.m. – Dog barking complaint in Enterprise.
 12:45 p.m. – Female was taken into custody in the courtroom, transported to Justice Center. No further information at this time.
 2:09 p.m. – Trespass in rural Joseph.
 4:08 p.m. – Found sheep in Enterprise.
 5:13 p.m. – Lost ID in Wallowa County.
 6:42 p.m. – Agency assist Joseph.
 6:56 p.m. – Theft in Wallowa.

7:21 p.m. – Possible structure fire in rural Enterprise. Per Enterprise Fire Department; this was a bonfire.

OCT. 1
 7:37 a.m. – 911 report of a cow out of Highway 82 in rural Wallowa.
 8:33 a.m. – 911 complaint of a loose dog in Enterprise.
 8:40 a.m. – Civil dispute in rural Enterprise.
 10:24 a.m. – Civil dispute in Imnaha.
 10:35 a.m. – Public assist with keys locked in a vehicle in Enterprise.
 1:02 p.m. – 911 report of cows loose on Highway 3 in rural Enterprise.
 2:24 p.m. – Public assist in Enterprise.
 2:29 p.m. – Found credit card reported on side of highway between Joseph and Enterprise.
 2:32 p.m. – Report of smoke visible from road in rural Joseph.
 2:36 p.m. – Report of loose horse in rural Enterprise.
 2:50 p.m. – Report of suspicious material in Enterprise.
 3:28 p.m. – Report of possible animal neglect in rural Wallowa.
 4:30 p.m. – Possible probation violation reported in rural Enterprise.
 5:05 p.m. – Single-vehicle motor-vehicle accident reported in rural Wallowa on Highway 82.
 6:45 p.m. – Trespass complaint in rural Enterprise.
 10:32 p.m. – Wallowa

County Community Corrections issued an order of arrest and detainer for Christopher J. Lestenkof, 39, of Joseph for probation violation. Original charge strangulation domestic violence.

OCT. 2
 6:33 a.m. – Report of a dead deer in the middle of the road in rural Enterprise.
 7:14 a.m. – Report of injured fawn in Enterprise.
 8:21 a.m. – Report of disturbance by dog in Wallowa.
 8:37 a.m. – Report of dog as a public nuisance in rural Joseph.
 9:19 a.m. – Public assist in rural Wallowa County.
 12:29 p.m. – Public assist request in Wallowa.
 1:37 p.m. – Public assist in Enterprise.
 1:49 p.m. – 911 call requesting assistance in Enterprise.
 3:38 p.m. – Welfare check request in Wallowa.
 6:47 p.m. – 911 report of deceased deer blocking lane of travel on Highway 82 in rural Enterprise.
 8:20 p.m. – Road hazard of deceased deer blocking lane of travel on Highway 82 in rural Enterprise.

OCT. 3
 5:17 a.m. – Public assist for locked vehicle in Lostine.
 6:54 a.m. – Search and Rescue Harl Butte Road/Grouse Creek area.
 10:03 a.m. – Civil dispute in rural Lostine.
 10:20 a.m. – Parking complaint in Enterprise.
 12:34 p.m. – Report of injured deer in Joseph.
 6:01 p.m. – Hunting violation reported in rural Wallowa.
 11:36 p.m. – 911 report of a bear attempting entry into cabin at Wallowa Lake.

OCT. 4
 9:44 a.m. – Public assist in Enterprise.
 11:32 a.m. – Found horses in rural Enterprise.
 11:55 a.m. – Public assist at Joseph Rodeo Grounds.
 2:02 p.m. – Public assist with public works for broken water main in Enterprise.
 5:39 p.m. – 911 report of electrical fire at residence in Joseph.
 6:01 p.m. – Report of lost hunter in the Chesnimnus Unit. Hunter found.
 8:54 p.m. – Traffic complaint in rural Enterprise.

War ‘clean-up’ work to start



Chieftain File Photo

A car is parked along the Wallowa Lake Highway where its passengers can enjoy a view of the lake.

OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins

100 YEARS AGO
 Oct. 7, 1920

The “war clean-up” work of the new Wallowa County Red Cross chapter will start at once. Mrs. Charles Mathiot will learn the physical condition, and possible need of help, of every former service man, and will ascertain whether all have received everything due them from the War Department.

Pears and tomatoes are now ready — a fine lot just right for hauling. Tomatoes 3 cents and pears 4 cents a pound. Katherine Fiske, Imnaha.

The gates at Billy Meadows pasture have been opened and the elk have been invited to wander out and gain their liberty. But they refuse to leave, and to add to the complications, the big deer previously outside have been drifting into the pasture. It is believed there are close to 100 elk in the park.

75 YEARS AGO
 Oct. 4, 1945

Donald B. Maxwell, seaman first class USNR, of Enterprise, has reported in at the U.S. Naval Armed Guard Center after spending 12½

months as a member of a gun crew aboard a merchant ship. Promotion to the rank of captain recently was awarded Robert Bruce Wilson, son of Hugh Wilson of Joseph, now on duty in Italy with the Air Service Command.

Gordon D. Lovell, 20, fireman first class USNR, of Enterprise, is serving on the USS Sheridan attack transport, which climaxed her career of landing assault troops on Tarawa, Roi-Namur, Saipan, Guam, Leyte, Lingayen and Okinawa by landing occupation forces in Japan.

The gift of an all-tuition \$74 scholarship for an entering freshman at Eastern Oregon College of Education was given by Mr. and Mrs. Harley J. Richardson of La Grande.

50 YEARS AGO
 Oct. 8, 1970

Two Portland hunters in Wallowa County for the opening of deer season died as a result of heart attacks.

Cathy Gentle, of Wallowa, was crowned Worthy Adviser of Carroll Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls at a ceremony Sept. 20.

Linda Lathrop, of the Joseph Nez Perce Riders 4-H Horse Club, is to receive the

Senior Horsemanship award. This is the most advanced step in the 4-H horsemanship program.

25 YEARS AGO
 Oct. 5, 1995

Standout rushing performances by Deven Moore and Harly Naughton added up to a 35-13 victory for Joseph over Enterprise in a football matchup at Joseph High School last Friday night. The crowd on hand to watch the game is believed to be the largest ever at a Wallowa County sporting event. Gate receipts totaled a record \$1,500.

Enterprise High School volleyball got revenge at Joseph, ringing up a 13-15, 15-1, 15-0 victory over the hosting Eagles. Shannon Ables led the Savages with 11 kills and 5 blocks, while Amber Locke had 4 kills and 4 blocks.

Members of the Wallowa County Stockgrowers honored one of their own during the Oregon Cattlemen’s convention in Pendleton. Local ranchers surprised Mack Birkmaier by presenting him with a custom-made saddle in appreciation for his years of service as president of the statewide organization.

Douglas Orian Mitchell

April 11, 1956 – August 29, 2020

Douglas Orian Mitchell of Wallowa County passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, August 29, 2020. Born in Enterprise, April 11, 1956 and raised mostly in the Wallowa Valley, Doug spent his life in the woods and mountains. He loved being outdoors, whether camping, hunting, fishing, or just cutting a load of firewood.

He worked for many years at RY Timber Sawmill in Joseph. He prided himself on being the best Resaw Operator to ever work at the mill, though friends have mentioned there wasn’t any equipment at the sawmill he couldn’t run better than almost anyone else. His last working years were spent at Joseph Hardware. He enjoyed the hardware business and loved the customers he helped every day.

Doug married Dianne, on June 4, 1977 and they had two daughters, Jacinda and Rayanna. Nothing mattered more to him than spending time with his family and friends. He was always known for going out of his way to help those around him. Doug was both open minded and ornery, creating deep friendships with others. Everyone will miss his happy smile and friendly hugs.

Doug will be remembered not by great deeds and monuments, but by the threads of his life that were interwoven with the lives of the people he knew. And our lives are all richer for the weaving.

No public ceremony is planned at this time however, a celebration of life will be held in the future. An announcement will be made when a date is set. The family would like to create a memory album of his life. Any stories, pictures, or memories can be emailed to dougmitchellmemorybook@gmail.com or mailed to Rayanna Mitchell, PO Box 521, Wallowa. There is no time limit for this request. Thank you to all who have reached out with kind thoughts, he will be greatly missed.



William “Bill” Wells

May 1, 1955 – September 25, 2020

William “Bill” Wells died peacefully on 25 September 2020 in Enterprise, OR at the age of 65. He’d fought a four year battle with a lung disease and received a double lung transplant in 2018.

Bill is survived by his wife, Christy Wells; children, Benson Wells of Milton Freewater, OR, Marcus (Amber) Wells of Springfield, VA, and grandsons Mason, Waylon and Braxton; siblings, Tom Wells of Lebanon, OR, Janet Williams of Hermiston, OR, Tim Wells of Grants Pass, OR and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father Lester Wells, Jr. and mother Shirley Wells.

Bill was born on 1 May 1955 in La Grande, OR to Lester and Shirley Wells. He graduated from Enterprise High School in 1973 and later from Linn Benton Community College. He married his high school sweetheart, Christy Kiser, in 1975. Bill began a career in the window industry in 1980 with Viking Windows in Portland and later Philips Products based in Elkhart, Indiana. He worked as the western regional sales manager for Philips Products and traveled extensively, but always set his schedule to be home for family activities. Over the years, the couple welcomed 2 children into their home and Bill set about teaching them the love of community service and being an outdoorsman with hunting and fishing. His children remember him as a hero and best friend who encouraged them to pursue their goals.

Bill was an accomplished craftsman and showcased his talents by remodeling his own and his son’s homes, producing beautiful wildlife mounts, and landscaping his yard to perfection. He was always willing to lend a hand in solving projects brought to him by family and friends. He was a generous individual who loved the outdoors and who was passionate about ensuring that those he cared about were able to experience the true outdoors. He volunteered for many years as a dedicated member of the Chief Joseph Days Board of Directors and was recently honored as the 2019 Grand Marshal. He also volunteered as a basketball coach at Joseph Charter School for 10 years.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 1:00 on 11 October 2020 at the Joseph Rodeo Grounds. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Bill’s life but the family requests everyone wear a mask and maintain social distance. In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the Creating Memories organization at creating-memories.com/donations/. The family would like to thank the University of Utah Hospital Transplant Team and the local medical team for their care and dedication.



WHAT’S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

SATURDAY, OCT. 10
WALLOWA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET:

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 604 N. Main Street, Joseph, by Stein Distillery. Lots of vegetable, herb and flower starts, as well as crafts and produce from our vendors.

VIRTUAL TUNESMITH NIGHT: 7 p.m. Featuring the music of Toney Rocks, An American Forrest and Margo

Cilker streamed live from the historic OK Theatre via Wallowa Valley Music Alliance’s website, wvmusicalliance.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
OCTOBER NRL22 EVENT:

10 a.m. Eagle Cap Shooters Range. 50 rounds 22 LR only. Any rifle, scopes are encouraged. www.eaglecapshooters.com.

FRIENDS OF NRA BAN-

QUET: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise. Limited to 100 tickets. Contact Ken Hauxwell 503-970-8899 for info.www.friendsofnra.org/eventtickets/Events/Details/38?eventId=57817.

ONGOING
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 for Arts and Culture 541-432-0505.

Wallowa Public Library 541-886-4265.

Wallowology 541-263-1663.

DEATH NOTICE

65-year-old William “Bill” Wells of Joseph died at Wallowa Memorial Hospital Friday, Sept 25th. A memorial gathering is planned in the near future with a full obit also to follow.

Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements

DEATH NOTICE

58-year-old Jennine Samples of Wallowa died at Wallowa Memorial Hospital October 4, 2020, arrangements are pending.

Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements

CORRECTION

In the Page A1 story “Passing the Torch,” pub-

lished Wednesday, Sept. 30, the story misstated Scott McClaran’s title. McClaran is a Wallowa County Museum board member.

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground • wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
Oct. 8	79	50	sunny
Oct. 9	71	51	partly cloudy
Oct. 10	66	54	rain
Oct. 11	60	48	rain
Oct. 12	55	44	showers
Oct. 13	56	45	cloudy
Oct. 14	58	43	partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET OCT. 8-14 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:58	7:00	7:01	7:02	7:03	7:05	7:06
6:14	6:12	6:11	6:09	6:07	6:05	6:03

WALLOWA COUNTY
Health Line

Wallowa Valley Eye Care
 519 W. North Street, Enterprise
 541.426.3413
 Mon-Thurs 9 to Noon/1-5pm; Fri. 9-1

