

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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SUNDAY, OCT. 25
FERGI WORK DAY: Noon to 5 p.m. Fergi Ski Run. Help is needed in stacking and burning brush.

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.

CORRECTION

A letter to the editor in the Oct. 14 edition of the *Chieftain* listed the incorrect year that Enterprise City Council candidate Rob Taylor moved to Enterprise. Taylor made the move in 2002.

OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins

100 YEARS AGO

Oct. 21, 1920
 Erasmus H. Tulley, one of the four first settlers in the lower part of the county, died Oct. 19, 1920, at his home in Wallowa. With his brother, James Tulley, and W.W. White of Enterprise and James Masterson of Elgin, Mr. Tulley came from Union county in 1873 and the four settled in the middle valley.

One of the most "cited" spots in Enterprise is the auto gas and oil service station of W.C. Taylor, at Greenwood and West Second streets. It is in the paved district and Greenwood Street will be on the valley highway, which is to be built next year.

Mrs. Lulu Johnson, county nurse, has examined 115 pupils and has found 243 defects of all kinds. Defects of vision, 22; of hearing, 18; of breathing, 35; of teeth, 66. Diseases of ears, 5; of throat, 82; of glands, 13.

Mrs. Lulu Johnson, county nurse, went to Joseph to take charge of the children of A.W. Landers, four little girls, and prepare them for removal to Salem where they will be placed in the state tuberculosis hospital.



Wallowa County Chieftain, File

The Paradise Hotel. Year unknown.

75 YEARS AGO

Oct. 18, 1945
 Capt. Keith Wilson arrived home Wednesday night. He went into the service in January of 1942 and was in the D-Day invasion forces and was in combat both in France and Germany until the close of the war. He received two bronze stars, a silver star, the purple heart and a number of other decorations.

Word has been received that Pvt. John Hayes Trump, of Wallowa, died in a Japanese prison camp on July 17, 1942, of dysentery. All this time he has been listed as missing in action.

There are 41 organized schools in the county, 15 of which are suspended and send their pupils (if any) to other districts. The 26 dis-

tricts employ 71 teachers. 1,600-acre stock ranch, 275 acres farmland, on a good road and mail route. Fair improvements, water piped in house. Price: \$10 per acre.

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 22, 1970
 One of the most disastrous fires in the downtown section of Enterprise destroyed three business firms and sent one fireman to the hospital. Wiped out in the blaze were the 88 Store, the Petrolane shop and the Headquarters tavern on West Main. Fireman Irv Nuss received a broken ankle and bruised shoulder when a brick wall collapsed.

David Trice, 17, a star football player on the La Grande High School team,

was seriously wounded in the back by a high-powered rifle slug, when a bullet was fired through the back of a car in which he was riding. Authorities have arrested Robert Simpson, 21, and Stephen Williams, 17, both of Wallowa.

Bill Cool had the best pen of Hereford calves at the Wallowa County Stock-growers Association special calf sale. The calves, raised on the Divide on dry grass, averaged 503 pounds.

25 YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 1995
 Reid and Marilyn Johnson, Wallowa ranchers and now tree farmers, were named by the Wallowa County Small Woodlands Association as the organization's "Tree farmers of the year."

The first-ever Big Buck Contest, sponsored by D.J.'s Corner in Enterprise, was won by Michelle Devore of Joseph, who harvested a huge six-point buck on opening day of deer season in the Sled Springs unit.

Jason Parks, the EHS rushing ace, surpassed the 1,000 yard mark last Friday night during a Wapiti League game against Nyssa. Parks is a two-sport athlete who won the state 400-meter track championship last spring.

Thank You.

The family of Jennine Samples would like to thank Winding Waters Clinic and Wallowa Memorial Hospital for the tender, loving care she received during her brief battle with cancer.

Thank you too to our loving friends and church family for the meals, cards, flowers, prayers, and words of encouragement during this time of illness and loss.

Tom & Nancy Samples
 Travis & Lindsay Loumena
 Derek & Tracy Loumena



The family of Sarah Catherine (Sally) Seymour would like to thank everyone for the thoughtful cards and beautiful flowers. We would also like to thank Ardis Klages for her gift, Richelle Chitwood (Central Copy) for her amazing work on the celebration of life flyers and pictures, Angela Bombaci and the Wallowa Homeland Project for the use of the grounds, Norm and Melissa Hayes of Blue Mountain Care Home for the wonderful care that Sally received and the kind and professional staff at Wallowa Memorial Hospital and Grande Ronde Hospital for her excellent care. Thank you to all.

- Richard Seymour, Darcy Nenow and Daarla Klages.

Thank you

Opal Lively Pruitt

May 31, 1921 – October 16, 2020

Opal Pruitt passed away on October 16, 2020 in Hood River, OR at the age of 99. Opal was born in Wallowa, OR on May 31, 1921 to E.W. "Fisher" and Etta Pearl (Sannar) Lively. She was the fifth born of eight children. The Lively family lived in Maxville, OR where she attended first through third grades. At the end of her third grade her family moved from Maxville to Wallowa, OR where she started the fourth grade. In 1939 she graduated from Wallowa High School. Opal met the love of her life, Wallace Pruitt while in high school. On June 22, 1940 she and Wallace were married. From this marriage date until Wallace's death in March 2009, they were pretty much inseparable.

In the late 1940's she and her husband started a hardware store in Wallowa which eventually became the Wallowa Western Auto. In 1955 their daughter Susan entered into their life and later, in 1957 their son Tim. The closing of the lumber mill in Wallowa created some hardships for many people in the community. Because of this, in 1964 the Pruitt family decided to move to Portland, OR. It was difficult for Opal to leave, being a fourth generation of Wallowa County, her roots ran deep. Opal began working at Columbia Christian College as a cook in the kitchen. She soon became the head cook and dietician. After retirement, she and her husband enjoyed traveling and spending more time with friends and family.

Opal became a member of the Church of Christ while in high school. She was a strong dedicated Christian woman who loved the Lord with all her heart. Her positive attitude would always shine bright in tough times. She was a great inspiration and example for so many others in her life. She loved being with people, visiting with others and always saw the good in everyone. Opal enjoyed hosting all types of events in her home from dinner, birthday, anniversary parties, holiday meals to devotionals and Bible studies. She always helped and gave to others as much as she possibly could.

Opal is survived by her son Tim (Tina) Pruitt of Hood River, OR; Grandchildren, Caleb Pruitt of Hood River, Major (USAF) Jake (Lindsay) Pruitt of Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, Ryan Pruitt of Colville, WA; Great grandchildren, Cohen, Olivia and Cessly Opal. Numerous nephews, nieces, great-nephews, nieces and great-great-nephews, nieces.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, E.W. and Pearl Lively; husband Wallace Pruitt, daughter Susan Pruitt; siblings, Iris Lively Nuxall, Agnes Lively Fuller, Leonard (Perk) Lively, Elyvn Lively, Jack Lively, Gene Lively and Bob Lively. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Wallowa Cemetery.



FOR THE RECORD

OCT. 12

5:30 a.m. – Road hazard reported in rural Joseph. Referred to Oregon Department of Transportation.

9:33 a.m. – Lost pistol in rural Joseph.

11:42 a.m. – Complaint of dogs running at large in rural Joseph.

11:51 a.m. – Welfare check requested in rural Joseph.

12:28 p.m. – Wallowa County Community Corrections issued an order of arrest and detention for Christina Elaine Wenke, 42, of Wallowa, for probation violation. Original charge was possession of methamphetamine.

12:58 p.m. – Found bike in Joseph.

2:21 p.m. – Agency assist in Enterprise.

2:27 p.m. – Collin Frank

Lawrence Howell, 21, of Enterprise was arrested and released on a warrant for probation violation. Original charge possession of a controlled substance-LSL.

5:49 p.m. – Wallowa County Community Corrections issued an Order of Arrest and Detention for Nicholle Marie Coles, 47, of Wallowa for probation violation. Original charge animal neglect.

9:56 p.m. – Vehicle vs. deer crash in Joseph.

OCT. 13

10:38 a.m. – Fraud reported in Wallowa.

11:05 p.m. – Escaped large, black steer with orange ear tag (J19) in rural Wallowa. On Monday, Oct. 19, the sheriff's office said the steer had been found.

2:58 p.m. – Wallowa County Sheriff's Office arrested Rayford Glenn Guillory, 66, of Wallowa for DUII and open container. Guillory

was cited and released.

3:25 p.m. – Harassment report in Enterprise.

4:12 p.m. – Telephone line down rural Enterprise.

5:45 p.m. – 911 call requesting welfare check in Joseph.

6:37 p.m. – Disorderly person in Enterprise.

6:38 p.m. – Restraining order violation in Wallowa.

OCT. 14

1:57 p.m. – Public assist in Enterprise.

4:17 p.m. – Cows in roadway rural Enterprise.

5:20 p.m. – A statewide felony warrant has been issued for Errol Glenn Sherod, 58, of Joseph for parole violation. Original charge assault on an officer. Sherod was apprehended Monday, Oct. 19.

7:01 p.m. – 911 call reporting a dispute in Enterprise.

7:28 p.m. – Animal complaint in Joseph.

7:48 p.m. – Cow in roadway Highway 82 MP 32-33.

10:01 p.m. – Theft reported in rural Enterprise.

OCT. 15

8:43 a.m. – Complaint of offensive littering in Joseph.

2:44 p.m. – 911 report of partial blocking disabled vehicle on Imnaha Highway in rural Joseph. Referred to Oregon State Police.

3:29 p.m. – Theft reported in Enterprise.

4:26 p.m. – SOS activation from Spot device in rural Imnaha. Activation canceled.

5:40 p.m. – Overdue hiker reported in rural Joseph. Hiker was fine.

6:18 p.m. – 911 report of assault in rural Joseph.

8:16 p.m. – Wallowa County Community Corrections issued an order of arrest and detention for Kenyon C. Davidson, 18, of Wallowa for probation violation. Original charge criminal mischief II.

OCT. 16

7:37 a.m. – Attempt to locate for welfare check requested in Enterprise.

12:59 p.m. – 911 noise complaint call in Joseph.

6:23 p.m. – 911 public assist with lockout in Enterprise.

8:54 p.m. – Wallowa County Sheriff's Office arrested Joel A. Waters, 42, of Wallowa, for violation of a restraining order. He was transported to the Umatilla County Jail.

OCT. 17

9:56 a.m. – Complaint of reckless endangering in rural Lostine.

12:53 p.m. – Theft complaint in Enterprise.

3:48 p.m. – 911 report single motorcycle crash on Highway 3 in rural Enterprise.

OCT. 18

7:47 a.m. – Loose cow in rural Lostine.

12:10 p.m. – Public assist in Enterprise.

1:18 p.m. – Abandoned vehicle on Highway 82 in rural Wallowa. Referred to OSP.

4:22 p.m. – Hit-and-run property damage reported in Joseph.

4:42 p.m. – Theft reported in Wallowa.

5:01 p.m. – 911 disturbance reported in rural Joseph.

6:59 p.m. – 911 call reporting smoke in Lostine.

Verle A. Bechtel

October 6, 1934 – May 19, 2020

Verle A. Bechtel died May 19, 2020, at his home in Salem, Oregon, where he lived with Judy, his beloved wife of 61 years.

Verle was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was born on October 6, 1934, in Wallowa, Oregon, to Mary Schaeffer and Audas E. Bechtel. He grew up on their small family farm and attended local schools. He continued his education at Eastern Oregon College, interrupting it to serve in the U.S. Army. Upon returning to Oregon, he continued his education at EOU.

On June 27, 1958, he married Judith Carman in Wallowa. They moved to Corvallis, and he transferred to Oregon State University where he received a B.S. degree in Agriculture in 1960. The following year he received his teaching credentials from the University of Oregon, and they relocated to Vale where he taught chemistry and math at Vale Union High School for 12 years. In the meantime he earned an M.S. in Education and an Externship in Educational Administration from EOU. Verle was an Oregon educator for 39 years and served as superintendent of the Elgin, Echo, and Athena-Weston School Districts. He retired as superintendent of the Columbia ESD.

He was predeceased by his parents and brother Jack and is survived by his sister Beth Mosher, wife Judith, daughter Debra Grant, son Bruce Bechtel, son-in-law Larry Grant, daughter-in-law Lorenza Chavarria, granddaughters Katrin Grant and Ana Bechtel, and grandsons Nelson Grant and Ian Bechtel.

We cherish his memory: his selflessness, caring, warmth, generosity, and love will remain with us for the rest of our lives.



Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Oct. 22	51	36	sunny
Oct. 23	53	31	sunny
Oct. 24	58	39	partly cloudy
Oct. 25	61	40	sunny
Oct. 26	68	38	sunny
Oct. 27	67	43	partly cloudy
Oct. 28	68	40	sunny

Phases of the moon

Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET OCT. 22-28 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
7:17	7:18	7:20	7:21	7:22	7:24	7:25
5:50	5:48	5:47	5:45	5:44	5:42	5:40

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

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