

CORRECTIONS

In the A1 story "Wallowa coach resigns amid official complaint" in the March 17 edition of the *Chieftain*, the senior students were specifically protesting them being the enforcers of the school mask mandate instead of administrators, not the

wearing of the masks. In the same story, the first-grade teacher quoted on A7 is Kelsey Layton, and the Title I teacher is Melissa Lowe. In the A8 story on the Eagle Cap Shooters building a new facility, the septic system has not yet been installed. The project is still in the site-evaluation stage.

Bernice "Bee" Bartmess Milligan

March 3, 1922 - November 24, 2020

Bernice "Bee" Milligan 98, of Enterprise, passed away on Tuesday, November 24th, 2020.

Bernice was born on March 3, 1922 in Deeth, Nevada, to Paul Bartmess and Evelyn (Hyde) Bartmess. Bernice was baptized to the Mormon Church in the Hot Springs at Metropolis, Nevada when she was six years old. The Bartmess family moved from Nevada to Wallowa, Oregon in 1933.

Bernice graduated from Wallowa High School in 1940. The day after high school graduation Bernice married Ray Milligan on May 28th, 1940 in Caldwell, Idaho. Ray and Bernice were married for 79 years. They lived in Wallowa until 1955 when along with their 3 daughters they moved to Enterprise.

Bee played golf and was active in the ladies golf club. She was an excellent and accomplished seamstress. She baked wonderful pies, cakes, cobblers and candy. Bernice played bridge and enjoyed hosting ladies bridge club at their home. She enjoyed fishing at Wallowa Lake & crabbing and fishing at the Oregon Coast. These activities were enjoyed with her husband Ray, daughters, son-in-laws, grandchildren and friends.

Bee and Ray enjoyed their retirement winters in Desert Center, California. Bee is survived by daughters Pat Patterson of Walla Walla, Jean Lenington (husband Ed) of Shelton, Joyce Decker (husband Terry) of Enterprise, 5 grandchildren, Mike Patterson, Mark Patterson (wife Shelly), Steve Bennett (wife Trish), Stacy Brotherton (husband Neil) and John Decker (wife Mandy), 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband Ray Milligan, parents Paul & Evelyn Bartmess, 1 brother, Arthur (Bart) Bartmess, 3 sisters, Mildred (Mick) Lively, Wanda Evans, Vernie Southwick, son-in-law Jim Patterson and son-in-law Bob Bennett.

Private family services were held with burial of the remains at the Enterprise Cemetery.



Verla Jean Martin

March 30, 1935 - March 11, 2021

Verla Jean Martin was born March 30, 1935 to Earnest and Eva (Prince) Gibson in the old hospital up on airport hill in Enterprise Oregon.

She grew up in and around the wild lands of Wallowa where she enjoyed the mountains, rivers and streams and became quite an accomplished horseback rider.

Verla attended school in Wallowa where she was an exceptional student, very active and a popular cheerleader all through high school. She also enjoyed representing Chief Joseph Days as a princess showcasing her riding skills.

After high school Verla attended one year of college in La Grande which was then Eastern Oregon College.

On Feb 28th, 1954 she became the bride of Don Martin and they moved to Portland Oregon where Don attended barber school and Verla worked as a secretary for "Wal Clippers."

After Don became a barber they moved down to the Snake River where Don became very busy as a barber for the men building the Brownlee Dam.

They much enjoyed the river life and in 1955 they had a son Daniel, followed by another son Kelly in 1958.

After moving back into the valley where Don began his lifelong business as a barber, Verla went to work as a dental assistant for Dr. Moffit in Enterprise. In 1966 another son Cory was born.

Verla was a ferocious protector of her family and any other kids who needed a place to be and at times took in other children into her own family.

After several years with the dentist Verla tested for and was hired in heavy competition by the State of Oregon Department of Human Services. Shortly after starting this job, her boss was killed and several co-workers were injured when a train hit their car on way to a training. With the office in total disarray as a result of this crisis Verla rose to the challenge, attended many out of area trainings and was quickly promoted up the ranks where she continued to work for the state until her retirement.

As a Caseworker for the state Verla was mostly known by her clients as a very fair, hard working helpful and kind person; and by her supervisors as a strong leader who could always implement whatever policies the state mandated even if they were hard to make sense of in this small rural community.

Verla was a staunch supporter of her children, and others in sports activities with three extremely athletic and active boys. It is said you did not want to sit beneath her in a wrestling match as she might have you in a half Nelson while egging on her boys or their teammates! In fact Don and Verla Martin were among the first parents to be inducted into the Enterprise High School Wrestling Hall of Fame Booster Club, along with their son Kelly who wrestled to a Gold Medal at State in 1973. Verla continued this love of sports with her grandchildren when she faithfully followed them around the state in their camper and motor home to area games and matches in All Stars, District, and State playoffs for many years. She was extremely proud to have had grand children who participated at state in Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Dance Team, and Golf.

As a child Verla had contacted polio, and although she survived this illness to be incredibly strong child and woman, it did leave her with complications that caused much back pain in her later years.

Verla was also known as a stealth hunter and fisher, camp cook and caretaker; and has a six point bull elk to her credit that used to hang in the old Range rider. She was also incredibly active in bowling and had championship trophies to show for her efforts.

After losing Don in 2012 and finding it hard to keep up with the needs of their rural farmhouse; Verla moved to Milton Freewater to be with her youngest son Cory, his wife Janie, and the Sandlin family who were lifelong friends of the family. She was very grateful for this, and for them, and often talked of the excellent care Janie gave her in her ending times.

She is survived by her sister Janice (Don Arnhart) sons Daniel, daughter-in-law Peggy, Cory and his wife Janie. Grandsons Josh, Justin, Keldon, Tyler, Mitchell and Trenton; granddaughters Erica, Jessica, Kasey and Joslyn, and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earnest, her stepfather Kenneth Dern, her mother Eva, her son Kelly, and a granddaughter Sarah Jean Martin.

Per Verla's request there will be no services, but it is her wish that you all raise your glasses in cheer for the love and laughter of family and friends and toast to the continued strength in the struggles which are life!

She was interred in the family plot in the Wallowa Cemetery where she joined many of her ancestors and her husband and life's mate Don in eternal rest.



FOR THE RECORD

MARCH 16

- 8:35 a.m.** — Traffic complaint in Enterprise.
- 1:33 p.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.
- 1:48 p.m.** — Theft reported in Enterprise.
- 3:29 p.m.** — Follow up investigation in Wallowa.
- 2:18 p.m.** — Criminal mischief reported in rural Enterprise.
- 3:56 p.m.** — Scam/fraud call reported in rural Enterprise.
- 6:11 p.m.** — Assault reported in Enterprise.
- 8:11 p.m.** — 911 Two-vehicle, noninjury crash reported in Enterprise. Enterprise Police Department issued citation for no insurance.

MARCH 17

- 11:45 a.m.** — Suspicious person in Joseph.
- 12:35 p.m.** — Agency assist in Wallowa.
- 3:15 p.m.** — Motorist

- assist in rural Enterprise.
- 5:05 p.m.** — Traffic complaint in rural Wallowa.
- 6:09 p.m.** — Suspicious vehicle reported in rural Joseph.
- 8:27 p.m.** — 911 report of injured hiker in rural Wallowa.
- MARCH 18**
- 10:09 a.m.** — Disturbance reported in Wallowa.
- 1:07 p.m.** — Theft reported in Joseph.
- 1:49 p.m.** — Agency assist in Wallowa.
- 2:07 p.m.** — Dog complaint in Wallowa.
- 2:28 p.m.** — Report of child abuse in Joseph.
- 3:50 p.m.** — Lost credit card reported in rural Enterprise.
- 5:31 p.m.** — Traffic stop in Joseph — Wallowa County Sheriff's Office issued a citation for driving while suspended.
- 6:22 p.m.** — Civil dispute reported in Enterprise.
- 11:46 p.m.** — 911 report of criminal mischief in rural Wallowa.

Death Notice

James (Jim) N Rounsavell passed away on March 4, 2021 in Sacramento, California. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Amy E Stubblefield

August 2, 1977 - March 8, 2021

Amy E Stubblefield, age 43 passed away on March 8, 2021 in Enterprise, Oregon. She was born August 2, 1977 in Salem, Oregon to Calvin Bathke and Laura Ann Jambura. She married Gary Stubblefield in August of 2011.

Amy was a dedicated mother and wife first and foremost. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her recent role as Mema. She had a vivacious personality and always made people around her smile. She made friends everywhere she went and always went out of her way to help others. She loved her work with Safe Harbors and the people she was able to touch through her work.

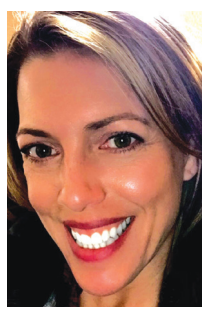
Amy was strong, loving, caring and simply a beautiful soul to be around. She gave everyone around her this incredible unexplainable strength to reach for anything they could dream.

Amy is survived by her husband, Gary Stubblefield; her children, Chris Bathke and Zari Bathke; her step-children, Kylie Campbell (Cody), Andrew Stubblefield, Adam Stubblefield (Erica); her grandchildren, Evelyn Stubblefield, Emma Stubblefield and Ayden Stubblefield; her parents, Calvin Bathke (Susan) and Laura Ann Jambura; her siblings, Chris Bathke (Erin), Cory Bathke (Cissy), Amanda Tullock (Lance), Nathan Tullock (Lauren) and Miranda Burks (Joel). She will be forever remembered by her many grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and so many friends.

Heaven has gained another angel and Amy as you dance in the sky, please know how much we all love you and miss you.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held this summer.

Donations can be made at Community Bank to an account established for Zari's college or in "Memory Of" to Safe Harbors, PO Box C, Enterprise, OR 97828.



Max Vernon Moffit

October 19, 1928 - March 11, 2021

Max Vernon Moffit passed away March 11, 2021 at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wa. He was born on October 19, 1928 to Mike R. Moffit & Velma Latimer Moffit in Lostine, Oregon. He was one of five children. He grew up on the small Moffit Farm on the Lostine River a 1/2 mile outside Lostine. He attended the Lostine School for 12 years graduating in 1946. He worked hard and played hard. He liked hunting, fishing & horseback riding. Portions of several summers were spent camping and fishing in the High Wallowa Mountains.



After Max's brother Kenneth returned from military service in 1947; they attended a refrigeration repair school and returned to Lostine to open their own refrigeration business and sell Crosley appliances. Along with this business they started Moffit Bros Transportation in 1948 transporting school children. In the summer of 1950 Max along with other family members drove the Alcan Highway to Alaska and back.

On his return he received his induction papers into the U.S. Army, and came a veteran of the Korean War. He served as a radio operator with HQ CO 279 th Infantry APO 86, as part of the 45 th Infantry Division. He was drafted into the army on October 17, 1950 and was honorably discharged September 13, 1952. He received an Army Occupation Medal (Japan), Korean Service Medal W/1 BSS, Combat Infantryman Badge, United Nation Service Medal, One Overseas Bar. On June 25, 2000 he received a thank-you letter for his noble sacrifice for the Republic of Korea signed by Kim Dae-jung President of the Republic of Korea.

After returning from the service he again joined Kenneth with Moffit Bros Transportation providing service for Lostine, Wallowa, and Enterprise Schools. They started new businesses of Wallowa Valley Stage Line, Moffit Tire Service, Moffit Bros Construction, Moffit Ford, Western Fleetlease, and part owners of Aneroid Lake Resort. The bus transportation business grew to chartering numerous colleges and schools. Moffit Tours began in 1995 providing charters, gambling tours, and sightseeing tours throughout the U.S. and Canada. Max became highly professional as a bus driver, truck driver, cat skinner, grader operator, backhoe operator and other types of construction equipment and received numerous awards for his dedication to excellence.

He is survived by 2 brothers — Kenneth (Roberta) Moffit, Milo Moffit, nephews & nieces Gary (Terri) Moffit, Mary (Kim) Werst, Tom (Sherry) Frazier, Patty Moffit, Stephen (Toni) Moffit, Tina (Chris) Borgerding, Frank (Francis) LaChance, great-nephews and nieces Jeremiah (Christina) Moffit, Cody (Analyn) Moffit, Cassie Moffit, great-great-nieces Tina Moffit, Alyse Moffit, and numerous other family members. He was preceded in death by sister Letha (Charles) Frazier, brother Keith (Bonnie) Moffit, sister-in-law Bette Moffit, nephew Jerry Moffit. He was loved very much by everyone and will be greatly remembered and missed.



- MARCH 19**
- 9:39 a.m.** — Theft reported in Wallowa.
- 11:22 a.m.** — Dog as a public nuisance complaint in Enterprise.
- 11:40 a.m.** — Follow up investigation in Wallowa.
- 12:24 p.m.** — Follow up investigation in Wallowa.
- 1:55 p.m.** — Report of road hazard in rural Wallowa. Referred to the Oregon Department of Transportation.
- 1:57 p.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.
- 2:13 p.m.** — Possible animal neglect in rural Enterprise.
- 2:23 p.m.** — Welfare request in Enterprise.
- 4:09 p.m.** — 911 for public assist in Wallowa.
- 5:32 p.m.** — Welfare check in rural Joseph.
- 5:46 p.m.** — 911 for public assist in Wallowa.
- 6:51 p.m.** — Theft reported in Wallowa.

MARCH 20

- 12:36 a.m.** — Suspicious circumstances reported in Enterprise. WCSO performed a traffic stop. A warning was issued for lighting.
- 1:58 p.m.** — 911 welfare check in Wallowa.
- 3:50 p.m.** — Criminal mischief in Wallowa.
- 9:58 p.m.** — Agency assist

- in Joseph.
- 10:34 p.m.** — Public assist in Joseph.
- MARCH 21**
- 12:15 a.m.** — Public assist in Joseph.
- 8:53 a.m.** — Agency assist with the hospital.
- 11:10 a.m.** — Theft reported in Enterprise.
- 2:41 p.m.** — Noise complaint in Enterprise.
- 4:13 p.m.** — 911 traffic complaint in Enterprise. EPD arrested Jon William Hagan, 48, of Enterprise, for hit and run, failure to perform duties of a driver and reckless driving. He was transported to the Umatilla County Jail.
- 5:03 p.m.** — EPD arrested Kody Allen McManus, 25, of Richland, Washington, on a warrant issued out of Union County for failure to appear, on an original charge of theft II. The subject also was arrested on an order of arrest and detention issued by Wallowa County Community Corrections for probation violation on an original charge of driving while suspended or revoked. He was transported to the Umatilla County Jail.
- 10:08 p.m.** — 911 for public assist in Joseph.

Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Mar. 25	44	28	snow
Mar. 26	49	27	partly cloudy
Mar. 27	53	30	partly cloudy
Mar. 28	54	31	partly cloudy
Mar. 29	51	29	partly cloudy
Mar. 30	51	28	partly cloudy
Mar. 31	53	31	partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Mar. 28	Apr. 04	Apr. 11	Apr. 19
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET MARCH 25-31 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:40	6:38	6:36	6:34	6:32	6:30	6:28
7:17	7:16	7:15	7:13	7:12	7:11	7:09

Death Notice

95-year-old Melvin Davis of Enterprise died at his home March 9, 2021. A funeral was held Saturday March 13, 2021, 11:00am at the Bollman Funeral Home with a private interment at the Enterprise Cemetery.

Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements

Katherine Gwen Lyman

May 14, 1946 - January 8, 2021

Katherine Gwen Lyman, 74, a resident of Keizer, Oregon, died peacefully at home on January 8, 2021. Born in Bozeman, Montana on May 14, 1946, to Katie and John Lyman, Gwen grew up in Wallowa, Oregon. She attended Whitman College, earned a Bachelor in Social Welfare from the University of Washington, a Masters in Special Education from the University of Idaho, an Administrative Certificate from the University of Oregon and an M.S. School Counseling from Oregon State University. She enjoyed her career in education, teaching students with a broad range of handicaps. She designed a life skills program in Coos County and taught a program for post-graduate autistic students in Corvallis, Oregon; was a family consultant in Eugene, Oregon; and counseled at high schools in Chiloquin, Oregon and Lincoln City, Oregon, ending her teaching career in the Salem-Keizer school district. Until COVID, she still dedicated time to read with children at Highland Elementary.



Gwen's life was highlighted by music. She sang and played piano, flute, autoharp and hand drums. She revered birds, particularly in the Lower Klamath National Refuge. She also studied wild flowers and loved flowers and plants all her life. She had a deep affection for animals and was never without a companion cat. Her last cat, Tilly now lives with a dear friend in Eugene. Gwen also supported primates, Koko and Michael through the Gorilla Foundation; an Alaskan wolf named Romeo; and her favorite organization, Best Friends. As a teacher, Gwen included a class on endangered animals, passing her passion on to others. Her devotion to all living creatures played an important role in her decision to be a lifetime vegetarian. Gwen's fingers were quick and nimble. As an accomplished typist, she could get a job anytime through "Kelly Girls." And for pleasure, she enjoyed the leisure of sewing as she was a highly capable seamstress.

Gwen lived in diverse locations throughout her life: Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; Washington DC; Germany; Tucson, Arizona; Moscow, Idaho; Hilo, Hawaii; and several other towns in the Northwest. Finally retiring in Keizer, Oregon. She deeply loved her family and is survived by her sister Doris "Dee" Njuguna, nieces Lisa Kent, Heidi Pullen, Randee McClure, and Sarah Jones, and nephew Stephen Pullen. She is loved and missed by many, including close friends: Maridee, Christine, Alisha, Harry, Kathy, Greg, Norma, Helen, Jan, the Fabby family, and all the others whose lives Gwen touched.

