

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 ENTERPRISE LIBRARY: Open for appointment visits. Call 541-426-3906, email enterpl@eoni.com, or message us through Facebook for your appointment. Masks covering mouth and nose are required.

WINE GLASS PAINTING CLASS: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Wednesday through Aug. 11. Josephy Center for Arts & Culture in Joseph. Instructor Pamela Beach will lead the free, in-person class to teach artistic friends and neighbors to help paint wine glasses. The glasses are then given to those who purchase opening-night tickets for the Wallowa Valley Festival of the Arts. Wine glasses, glass paints and brushes are all provided. No experience is necessary. Masks are required. A maximum of six people is allowed in each class. Walk-ins are welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 D.A.R. MEETING: Daughters of the American Revolution will have an in-person meeting at noon at Denny's Restaurant in La Grande. Health safety precautions will be followed, including face masks.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 TUNESMITH NIGHT: Music begins at 7 p.m. A live

stream showcase of original music presented by Wallowa Valley Music Alliance and features songwriters Belinda Bowler, Bill Davie and Larry Murante. <https://www.wallowavalley.com>.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10-17 WALLOWA VALLEY YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL: Noon to 5 p.m. Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph. Youths in grades K-12 are invited to show one piece of personal artwork in this annual exhibit. The event features a display of artwork, many awards ribbons, hands-on activities and musical performances by area youths. An online entry form can be downloaded from the Josephy Center website at josephy.org. For more information, contact Megan at the Josephy Center by email at coordinator@josephy.org or by phone at 541-432-0505.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP AT WALLOWA ELEMENTARY: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kindergarten room, Wallowa Elementary School. Parents need to bring birth certificate, Social Security number (voluntary) and immunization records. Child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021.

Dam constructed at foot of Wallowa Lake

100 YEARS AGO
April 7, 1921

In their efforts to get greater use from the water falls in the form of snow and rain in the high mountains, associated ditch companies have constructed a dam at the foot of Wallowa lake. This will raise the level of the lake nearly 18 feet, and hence will submerge some of the low lands at the head, including part of that owned by Prof. Anderson of Walla Walla. The ditch companies started condemnation proceedings before erecting the new dam, and the case is now on trial in the federal court.

H.D. "Doc" Tallman has disposed of his interest in the Pioneer barber shop to T.H. Branshaw of La Grande. "Doc" is one of the popular barbers of the town and has many good friends and customers who are sorry to see him leave.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hogan, who have gone to housekeeping on West Greenwood street, were given an aluminum shower by their friends. Some nice aluminum ware was presented to the couple.

75 YEARS AGO
April 4, 1946

Early homesteader Harvey Ernest Whitmore was



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The stage team of Wm. Childers is shown 4 miles above Troy in the middle of several feet of snow in this photo from 1920.

born February 1872 in Iowa and came to Union County with his parents in 1879. The family moved to what was later to become Wallowa County, in 1881. He later took a homestead in the Leap country where he raised fine Clydesdale horses for many years. He passed away in Enterprise on March 30, 1946.

As an especially virulent type of small pox has been brought to this country ships from foreign countries, the Oregon state board of health has ordered mass vaccinations. Free vaccine has been sent to Dr. Kettle, county health officer, and is available to adults at his office any day. School children will be vaccinated at their

schools and pre-school children are to go to their family physicians.

50 YEARS AGO
April 8, 1971

Twenty Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep have found a new home in Wallowa county. They were released at the mouth of Short Creek, above Hells Canyon dam. Large bands of bighorns roamed the county at one time. However, none have been seen here for many years. The specie which was transplanted here from Canada is the same specie which is native to the county.

Several organizations in the county are collecting Betty Crocker coupons toward the acquisition of a

portable kidney machine. There is a collection box at M. Crow store and everyone is urged to cooperate in this very worthwhile project.

Kenneth, Roberta and Max Moffit went to Portland on Friday to pick up a forty passenger General Motors Co. coach.

25 YEARS AGO
April 4, 1996

A 44-year-old woman, Faith Shob, died in a fire that broke out at the Alpine Village apartments located on Residence Street in Enterprise. It was the first fire related fatality in Enterprise in more than 30 years. The cause of the fire was a can of cigarette butts which ignited the carpet in Shob's second story apartment.

Developer Arnold J. Frederick still intends to break ground this spring on a \$15 million motel-condominium-convention center-retirement home complex on view property east of the USFS buildings overlooking Enterprise.

Aneliese Johnson and Diane McFetridge, both juniors at EHS, were among the top placers in the 4th Annual Top Gun Challenge Individual Shooting Tournament and 3-Point Contest held last weekend at Enterprise High.

FOR THE RECORD

MARCH 29

- 5:26 a.m. — Trees reported down and across Highway 3.
- 9:55 a.m. — Information of suspicious person.
- 10:09 a.m. — Traffic complaint in Troy.
- 10:49 a.m. — Traffic complaint in rural Lostine.
- 11:35 a.m. — La Grande Police Department arrested Lee Michael Fox, 29, of Enterprise, on a Wallowa County warrant for failure to comply with the terms of release. Original charge: offensive littering.
- 1:25 p.m. — Theft of diesel reported in Enterprise.
- 3:02 p.m. — Telephonic harassment reported in rural Joseph.
- 6:43 p.m. — Traffic complaint in rural Wallowa.
- 10:43 p.m. — 911 for domestic dispute in Enterprise.

MARCH 30

- 9:27 a.m. — Road hazard in Enterprise.
- 9:34 a.m. — Public assist in Enterprise.
- 11:08 a.m. — Theft report in rural Joseph.
- 11:14 a.m. — Wallowa County Community Corrections issued an order of arrest and detention for Zachery Ryan Chase Smith, 25, of Enterprise, for probation vio-

lation. Original charge: second-degree theft.

11:46 a.m. — 911 call with suspicious circumstances in Enterprise.

12:14 p.m. — Wallowa County Community Corrections issued an order of arrest and detention for Patrick Angelo Maroney, 62, of Enterprise, for probation violation. Original charge was weapons use.

3:38 p.m. — Dog running at large reported in Wallowa.

6:47 p.m. — Lost wallet reported in Enterprise.

10:13 p.m. — 911 call for public assist in Enterprise.

MARCH 31

- 10:53 a.m. — Report of vandalism in Wallowa.
- 11:47 a.m. — Restraining order violation in Enterprise.
- 12:06 p.m. — Scam reported in Enterprise.
- 2:23 p.m. — Traffic complaint in Joseph.
- 4:32 p.m. — 911 report of grass fire in rural Enterprise.
- 5:46 p.m. — Suspicious person reported in Enterprise. Unfounded.
- 5:52 p.m. — Theft reported in Joseph.
- 6:07 p.m. — 911 disturbance reported in Joseph.
- 6:26 p.m. — Wallowa County Sheriff's Office arrested Michael Anthony Alexis, 52, of Wallowa, for a nationwide fel-

ony warrant issued by Washington County, Utah, for four counts aggravated sex abuse of a child. He was transported to the Umatilla County Jail.

7:38 p.m. — 911 call reporting a single motor vehicle crash on Highway 82 in rural Lostine. Referred to the Oregon State Police.

7:50 p.m. — Report of injured deer in Enterprise.

7:52 p.m. — Hit and run reported in Troy.

9:01 p.m. — 911 welfare check requested on male subject walking on Highway 3 in rural Enterprise.

10:04 p.m. — Report of disabled vehicle on Highway 82 in rural Enterprise.

APRIL 1

- 8:29 a.m. — Traffic complaint in Enterprise.
- 9:31 a.m. — Report of a dog bite in Enterprise.
- 10:30 a.m. — 911 report of scam/fraud call in Joseph.
- 10:34 a.m. — Public assist in Enterprise.
- 10:37 a.m. — Extra patrol request in rural Joseph.
- 10:52 a.m. — 911 report of grass fire in rural Enterprise.
- 11:47 a.m. — Report of lost cell phone in rural Enterprise.
- 11:49 a.m. — 911 reporting a vehicle fire in Joseph.
- 12:39 p.m. — Report of hit and run in Enterprise.
- 1:14 p.m. — Request for welfare check in Joseph.
- 1:47 p.m. — 911 report of fire in rural Joseph.
- 4:43 p.m. — Scam call reported in Imnaha.
- 5:10 p.m. — 911 reporting a fire in Joseph.
- 6:21 p.m. — Injured deer

in Wallowa.

7:07 p.m. — Report of theft in rural Enterprise.

9:36 p.m. — Suspicious person reported in rural Wallowa.

APRIL 2

- 1:11 a.m. — 911 report of traffic complaint in Joseph.
- 11:31 a.m. — Suspicious person in Joseph.
- 12:35 p.m. — The Wallowa County Sheriff's Office arrested Patrick Angelo Maroney, 62, of Enterprise, on a Wallowa County Community Corrections order of arrest and detention for probation violation. Original charge weapons use. Maroney was transported to the Umatilla County Jail and lodged.
- 12:40 p.m. — The Wallowa County Sheriff's Office arrested Stephen Henry Slingluff, 34, of Imnaha, for third-degree theft and probation violation with an original charge of coercion. Slingluff was transported to the Umatilla County Jail and lodged.
- 2:16 p.m. — Agency assist in the Troy area.
- 2:50 p.m. — 911 for a grass fire in rural Lostine.
- 3:56 p.m. — Animal complaint in Wallowa.
- 7:11 p.m. — Report of possible restraining order violation in Enterprise.
- 8:01 p.m. — Driving complaint in rural Wallowa.
- 8:18 p.m. — Noise complaint in rural Enterprise.
- 8:33 p.m. — Noise complaint in rural Enterprise.
- 10:26 p.m. — Noise complaint in Wallowa.
- 11:53 p.m. — Animal complaint in Lostine.

Norman Nathan Werst

December 20, 1923 – March 28, 2021

With heavy hearts, the family of Norman Nathan Werst learned their beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather had passed away on Sunday, March 28th, 2021 in Enterprise, Oregon. He was 97 years old.

Norman was born on December 20th, 1923 at the home ranch in Wallowa, Oregon. He was the youngest of four children born to George F. Werst and Elma Greenwood. He was a brother to Vern Werst, Juanita Silver, and Raymond Werst.

Norman graduated from Wallowa High School in 1942. After graduation, he started working with his father on the home ranch. He was deferred from the army to stay on the farm as the Wersts already had a son in the service. On June 20, 1943 he married the love of his life, Amy Lou Bratt. Together, they led a life of milking cows, raising hogs, running a dairy, and raising beef. When they retired in 1993, Norman and Amy Lou traveled in the United States, Australia, and Europe.

During his life, Norman belonged to the Elks, the Eagles, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was on the Planning Commission, Production Credit Association, Wallowa Cemetery Board, and was recognized as Cattleman of the Year.

Norman is survived by his wife of 77 years; son Mark and wife Connie, grandsons Ray and Ty; son Kevin and wife Kim, granddaughter Haley; sister-in-law LaVerne Werst; two great-grandsons, one great-granddaughter, and many more nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Norman is preceded in death by his siblings, his baby son Timothy Patrick and grandson Jason Werst.

The Werst family may hold a memorial at a later date.



Gene K. Boyd

Gene K. Boyd, 91 passed away on February 19, 2021. He was born in Wallowa, Oregon to Lora and Frank Boyd. His early years he worked on the family dairy farm in Enterprise, Oregon. He was a member of the high school band and played the drums at local musical events. Gene attended Washington State College after graduating from Enterprise High School in 1951. He met his future wife, Charlene at college. They married in 1953 and were married for 67 years. He served in Washington State College's ROTC program and was commissioned a Lieutenant after graduation. Gene was stationed state side during the Korean War at Camp Desert Rock in Nevada.

After the war Gene went to work for Phillips Petroleum Company in sales and marketing for fifteen years. In 1971 Gene and Charlene purchased Coeur d'Alene Service Station Equipment. The business continues today, run by a second generation of Boyd's.

Gene enjoyed watching his grand children in sports, musicals and 4-H. He was especially proud to see his children grow up to be successful adults.

Gene and Charlene traveled extensively in an RV across the United States and Canada during their retirement. He could strike up a conversation with anyone and enjoyed learning where people came from, their families, and careers. He especially enjoyed visiting with WWII veterans and his "coffee buddies".

He was a member of Panhandle Kiwanis for 30 years and was involved with the planning and construction of the wooden play structure in CDA city park, plus many other Kiwanis projects. Railroad history, geology of the northwest and photography were passions of his. We are grateful to have had a father with a sense of humor, integrity, and purpose that carried him throughout his life. We will miss you.

The family would like to thank the staff at Advance Healthcare in Coeur d'Alene and Garden Plaza in Post Falls for their care of Gene. A special thank you to Keri McMahon Reynolds and Shannon Reynolds for their support and love to Gene and Charlene. Gene was preceded in death by his sisters, Pauline, Frances and Roberta. Gene is survived by his wife Charlene, children Lori (Larry) Holstein, Don (Connie) Boyd, Linda (Dave) Robinson, Jon (Maree) Boyd, Paul (Sandra) Boyd and Phil (Shelly) Boyd. Grandchildren, Andrea, Wylie, Chet, Erich, Rachael, Kelsy, Emily, Hannah. Nephew, John Beardsley and niece DruAnn White.

Services will be held at Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph, Oregon this summer. Luncheon to follow.



Bret David Bridges

November 22, 1973 – March 2, 2021

Bret was perceptive and compassionate, devoted to his three nieces and one nephew, and protective of his parents during this pandemic. He regularly participated in Sunday evening basketball and was a prominent member of at least two online gaming communities.

He was born in Joliet with mixed ethnicity, being Latino on his father's side and Caucasian on his mother's. Upon birth, his biological mother offered her baby for adoption. The adoption agency, upon learning of the Hispanic ancestry in our family, suggested he would be a good match for us, and so it was that Bret joined our family at the age of two months - the eldest of what would later become three children.

Bret grew up in Central New York, graduating from Fayetteville-Manlius High School and then enrolling in Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, from which he graduated Cum Laude. After college, he left his New York family to join a high school friend in California. Several years later, he moved to Colorado to be close to his sister's family. In Colorado, he worked for IBM in their call center help desk. When a job transfer took his sister and her family to California, his parents extended an offer to Bret to join them in Wallowa County, which he accepted. Soon after arriving, he obtained his position in the Sheriff's department as a 911 dispatcher, a good fit for him, given his previous experience with IBM in Colorado. Early in his training as a 911 dispatcher, he was sent to the Police Academy in Salem, Oregon for a two-week course from which, upon graduation, he received the Carol Fagan Award for the best class performance.

Bret died from infection by the corona virus at age 47. The raw corona virus statistics for the United States (now 30 million cases and 550 thousand deaths) are too large to be comprehended, but dividing the number of cases by the number of deaths shows that for every 55 cases there has been a death. This makes obvious the fact that the spread of the virus has enormous devastating consequences. Though none of the available defenses against spread of the virus (hand washing, social distancing, wearing masks, not even vaccination) are perfect, they remain our only options for saving families from the loss of their loved ones.

Bret is survived by his sister and brother, his nieces and nephew, and his parents, who will miss him dearly. Donations in his honor may be made to Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation or Wallowa County Humane Society. At some future time there will be a private family gathering to disperse Bret's ashes.



Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Apr. 8	47	26	partly cloudy
Apr. 9	59	31	sunny
Apr. 10	48	27	partly cloudy
Apr. 11	55	27	sunny
Apr. 12	59	32	sunny
Apr. 13	60	34	partly cloudy
Apr. 14	61	35	partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Apr. 11	Apr. 19	Apr. 28	May 3
New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter

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

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:14	6:12	6:10	6:08	6:06	6:05	6:03
7:28	7:29	7:30	7:31	7:33	7:34	7:35