

CORRECTION

A cutline on Page A16 of the July 7 edition of the Wallowa County Chieftain identified the correct winner at the Wallowa Fourth of July Parade, but the photo was not of the winning entrant.

The Chieftain regrets the error.

FOR THE RECORD

JULY 5

1:59 a.m. — Suspicious circumstances in Joseph.
2:07 a.m. — Public assist in Joseph.
6:09 a.m. — Two loose cows in rural Enterprise.
6:51 a.m. — Road hazard in rural Wallowa. Referred to OSP.
8:02 a.m. — Report of a

dog bite in Enterprise.

10:14 a.m. — Report of a dog left in a vehicle in Joseph.
11:42 a.m. — Request for public assist in Lostine.
1:08 p.m. — Motorist assist in rural Imnaha.
1:57 p.m. — Two loose horses on Dorrance Lane in rural Joseph.
2:06 p.m. — Welfare check request in Lostine.
9:40 p.m. — Noise complaint in Wallowa.
11:36 p.m. — 911 report of a non injury traffic crash in rural Enterprise.
11:44 p.m. — Motorist assist in Enterprise.

JULY 6

9:11 a.m. — Traffic complaint in Enterprise.
9:31 a.m. — Report of a dog bite in Enterprise.
4:21 p.m. — 911 welfare

10:14 a.m. — 911 non-emergency animal complaint in Joseph.
11:27 a.m. — Welfare check request in Enterprise.
11:40 a.m. — Traffic complaint in Enterprise.
11:46 a.m. — 911 call of traffic complaint in rural Enterprise.
12:42 p.m. — Traffic complaint in Enterprise.
1:31 p.m. — Male juvenile in Wallowa cited for unauthorized use of motor vehicle and reckless driving.
3:05 p.m. — 911 public assist in Joseph.
4:21 p.m. — Traffic stop in rural Joseph. Wallowa County Sheriff's Office issued a citation for passing in a no passing zone.
4:21 p.m. — 911 welfare

check at Wallowa Lake.
6:59 p.m. — Found horses in Joseph.
7:29 p.m. — Possible fire reported in rural Joseph.
8:55 p.m. — 911 smoke-sighting reported from Enterprise.
9:23 p.m. — 911 for non-emergency in rural Joseph.
10:31 p.m. — 911 report of domestic in Enterprise.

JULY 7

9:01 a.m. — Report of loose cows in Joseph.
10:14 a.m. — Report of stolen bike in Joseph.
10:17 a.m. — Report of loose cows in rural Joseph.
11:55 a.m. — Possible trespassing in Joseph.
4:04 p.m. — 911 possible fire in rural Enterprise.
5:29 p.m. — Welfare check requested on Hwy 82 in rural Lostine.
6:44 p.m. — Public assist in Enterprise.
8:26 p.m. — 911 for non-emergency in Enterprise.
8:55 p.m. — Two lost horses reported in Joseph.
9:03 p.m. — Lost keys reported at Wallowa Lake.
9:30 p.m. — Report of overdue boaters — Troy.
10:05 p.m. — 911 report of fire in rural Enterprise.
10:54 p.m. — 911 report of suspicious person in rural Wallowa.

JULY 8

7:20 a.m. — Non-emergency 911 in Enterprise.

8:22 a.m. — Non-emergency 911 at Wallowa Lake.
8:34 a.m. — Commercial fire alarm activation in Enterprise, false alarm.
1:09 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle in Enterprise.
4:02 p.m. — Follow-up investigation in Enterprise.
5:10 p.m. — Traffic complaint in Enterprise.
6:43 p.m. — 911 fire reported in rural Troy.
8:13 p.m. — 911 report of assault in rural Enterprise.
9:14 p.m. — 911 request for welfare check in rural Wallowa.

JULY 9

9:41 a.m. — Business alarm in Joseph, false alarm.
9:46 a.m. — Follow-up investigation in Joseph.
10:43 a.m. — Report of non-injury traffic crash in Enterprise.
1:36 p.m. — Theft reported in Lostine.
2:56 p.m. — 911 call about a traffic complaint in rural Wallowa.
3:08 p.m. — Traffic stop in Enterprise — citation for speeding.
4:42 p.m. — Public assist in Enterprise.
9:27 p.m. — Report of loose cows in Enterprise.
9:52 p.m. — Report of an injured deer in rural Enterprise.
10:14 p.m. — Report of fire near Hells Canyon.
10:16 p.m. — 911 traffic complaint in rural Wallowa. A warning was issued.

See Records, Page A13

Death Notice

Timothy L. Doss, 72, Enterprise, Oregon passed away July 2, 2021 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. A full obituary will be published at a later time.

Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Judy LaVerne Bothum

June 16, 1941 - May 11, 2021

Judy LaVerne Bothum died 05/11/2021 at the age of 79 in Joseph, Oregon. Judy was born 06/16/1941, in Pendleton, Oregon and considered Joseph their hometown. Judy LaVerne Stockdale Bothum entered this world in Enterprise, OR on June 16, 1941. The eldest child of Ina and Gayle Stockdale, Judy was born with a loving heart and an indomitable spirit. Intelligent, adventurous, and braver than most, she faced life's challenges head on, no matter how difficult.



Judy spent her early childhood years with her parents and younger siblings, on the family ranch north of Enterprise, OR. It was here that her love of livestock and ranching were formed. She became an accomplished horsewoman at a young age and competed in junior rodeos & horse shows across the Pacific Northwest. She won countless awards and All-around titles on her horse, Ole Blackie. A stunning duo to watch, he carried her in many events, but they really excelled in Reining and Cutting. Judy was also highly active in 4-H and FFA, showing cattle, pigs and sheep.

The family moved into town in 1953 where Judy attended Enterprise grade school, then high school. It was an idyllic childhood living and expanding in what is now known as the Historic OK Theatre built in 1919. She participated in many activities including serving on the cheerleading squad her sophomore and junior years. In 1958, Gayle and Ina decided to relocate to Clarkston, WA, which offered more opportunities to pursue their dream of owning their own horse training facility. While it was a difficult move for Judy, she chose to go with her family rather than stay in Enterprise with her grandparents to finish high school. That summer, she was honored to serve as princess on the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo court, riding her favorite mount, Ole Blackie!

In 1959, the tall willowy beauty graduated from high school and moved to Colorado to embark on a modeling career for Panhandle Slim Western Wear. Eventually, longing for family, friends, and her life with horses, she was called back to Clarkston. She went on to work as a secretary at Potlatch Forests paper mill and returned to rodeo & horse shows. This proved to be a fortuitous decision on her part, as she met her future husband, J. Shirley Bothum at the Lewiston Roundup Grounds.

Shirly and Judy were married Nov. 4th, 1961. Theirs was a love for ages. They started life together on a series of small ranches they purchased and built up, eventually buying 11,000 acres at the bottom of Shumaker Grade east of Anatone, WA on the banks of the Grand Round River. It was a steep, remote location, with an old sheep camp cabin & barn. Lacking modern amenities but with sheer grit, determination, and tremendous work ethic, the young couple transformed the shack into a home and the ranch into a thriving cattle operation. Their eldest daughter, Sheila Bothum Klausen, was born Nov. 1964. It was a harrowing trip out of the canyon during winter weather to make it to the hospital in time for the birth of their first child! It was soon after the young Bothum family moved back to Clarkston, Washington.

Jill Bothum Hansen arrived in August 1967 and Katy Jane Bothum Seaton completed their family in November of 1975. J. Shirley Bothum became a renowned western and wildlife sculptor whose career gained accolades and awards across the nation. Judy, as his business partner, with her brilliant smile and humble attitude charmed people from all walks of life. She never knew a stranger and could hold her own with everyone, from the Hollywood Hills to the Rolling Hills. Judy's accomplishments weren't limited to just cows & horses though. In her lifetime, she grew her own food for her family, refinished furniture and braided macrame. She sewed clothes, made dolls for play and quilts for comfort. She invented "Carpet tiles" and quilted a living room rug and knitted couchacan sweaters. She knew how to have fun and she knew how to create fun; she was simply quite talented.

In January of 2002, her inner strength was severely tested with the sudden passing of her beloved husband who suffered a massive heart attack. Despite her grief, Judy was determined to continue. Her roots in Wallowa County had drawn Judy and Shirly back to Joseph, OR several years earlier. The small town was becoming a mecca for artists and bronze foundries. They built a home and a studio on the banks of the Wallowa River, framed by stunning views of majestic mountains. After his passing, Judy converted the art studio to guest lodging and basically beta tested AirBnB! Thus, the Cowboy Riverfront Retreat became a reality. A natural born hostess, the business thrived with her innate ability to draw people to her and the unique charm she infused in the décor. She created a magical place to rejuvenate one's soul and energy. She expanded with two more properties as a "Super Host" with the "The Bunk House" and "Judy's Cow Camp."

After a valiant 3-week battle with COVID19, Judy's earthly journey ended on May 11th, 2021, when God called her home. We are all comforted by the knowledge that Judy's deep abiding faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ sustained her throughout this life's many challenges.

Let us remember all that she was... a devoted wife, a loving mother, a daughter, a sister, a friend and a civic leader. Highlights of her activism include: President of PEO, The Elks Lodge, March of Dimes, a 30 Year 4-H Leader, Wallowa County 2010 Employee of the Year, Chief Joseph Days Volunteer of the Year and later, in 2015, Grand Marshall, Honorary FFA Degree and so much more. She was talented in a multitude of ways and served her communities with a giving heart.

If you would like to donate in honor of Judy, please direct them toward the following: The Wallowa Lake Lodge, Wallowa County Memorial Hospital, Wallowa County Museum or purchase an animal at the Wallowa County Fair Livestock Sale. Follow the continuing adventure as Judy's family hosts wonderful guests in the most beautiful place in the world. It will take all 3 girls to do 1/2 as good of a job as that one woman. That's a True Story.

This is NOT goodbye dearest Judy, for we will one day join you when God calls us home.

Judy is preceded in death by her husband J. Shirley Bothum, her parents Gayle and Ina Stockdale and her younger brother Clell. She is survived by her daughters and their families. Michael & Sheila Klausen and their children Grant & Courtney. Jill Hansen, Chase & Maddy Hansen and Clayton & Rylee Hansen. Nicholas & Katy Jane Seaton and their children Tucker & McClain. A Celebration of Life will be held at The O.K. Theater in Enterprise, OR Saturday, August 21st at 11:00 a.m. Details to follow on her Memorial Page at Merchants Funeral Home and on her personal Facebook page.



Death Notice

91 year old Donald Crow of Wallowa, Oregon died at the local hospital July 9, 2021. At this time no services are planned.

Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements

Marilyn Davis Preston Suarez

September 26, 1944 - June 1, 2021

It was a beautiful morning in Wallowa County. The skies were clear and bright blue. The sun had reached Marilyn's snowcapped mountains, providing the perfect backdrop for her to finalize her great race. She had proven herself worthy and the angels were singing as our Love left us for her rewards the morning of June 1, 2021. She is greatly missed but she now has a larger audience and a great host for harmonizing.

A celebration of Marilyn's extraordinary life will be held on Saturday July 24, 2021 at the Enterprise Christian Church at 11 AM. 85035 Joseph Hwy. Enterprise, OR 97828. The Music starts a bit at earlier.

Known as MEPS to those who loved her, Marilyn Yvonne Davis was born on September 26, 1944, to Carl M Davis and Illa Lorraine Hunt Davis in Baker City, Oregon. To everyone's surprise her birth certificate does show Yvonne, and by the rules, now also her death certificate. No one knew and always used the intended spelling Evonne. "MYPs" would never do.

As a kid, Marilyn rode her horse to Muddy Creek School and didn't come home till dark. "Those were the days," she often said. "Times were much simpler then." Marilyn's life however cannot be summed up in simple words. She was a force, the embodiment of strength, resilience, and faith. Her penchant for living and adventure was obvious from the start. She excelled throughout school and had particularly fond memories of her friends in Baker City and her time as a "Bakerette," performing across Oregon with the Baker Elks Drum and Bugle Corps.

Marilyn married young, twice - to Cuyler Lighthall, Jr. and Charles Dick Preston. Her marriage to Cuyler produced her only child, Cuyler Lighthall, III with whom she shared many of life's adventures - horseback riding, packing into the Wallowa Mountains for elk hunts, rafting the Snake River in Hells Canyon, and raucous "capers" across the Northwest with her closest friends and family. Marilyn really loved a road trip. When asked if she had any photos of these happenings, Joann Wheeler said, "Oh noooo, we didn't want to document anything more than we had to." Shenanigans were plenty, family was strong and Marilyn's willing, funny, clever presence was at the center of it all.

Marilyn spent some time in Portland as a young woman, where she worked as a legal secretary, but Wallowa County is what fed her aspirations and filled her heart. She visited often and kept her eyes open for opportunities to move back. During one of those visits, her dream came true when the Ricker family sold her Wallowa Title Company and her legacy was born. She soon opened shop in Enterprise, Oregon where the company carries on today.

As you'd suspect, Marilyn was very active in her community serving as a long-time board member at Community Bank and sitting as Chair for many years. Under her watch they attracted the current group which took over ownership and management, an accomplishment of which she was very proud. She was a member of Rotary International and got to know many of her fellow business associates through the Chamber of Commerce.

Back then it seemed like Marilyn knew nearly everyone in the County. And although Marilyn had a fierce business sense, she always had a smile, a laugh, and a quick wit that helped build strong relationships across the county and a thriving business. If you knew Marilyn, you likely succumbed to her side-splitting humor more than once. There was never a time, even in the very end, that she wasn't wise-cracking and making people laugh.

Marilyn adored and loved all of her "girls" at Wallowa Title Company, looking after them over the last 30+ years as if they were her own children. She often said she practically raised them all. If you're ever fortunate enough to do business with Wallowa Title, you'll see her thumbprint on the continuing professionalism, character, integrity and work ethic in them all.

She was proud of her accomplishments at Wallowa Title but her work provided another incidental reason to be ever grateful and appreciative. One lucky day in the mid 90's, she met a handsome stranger across her table at a real estate closing. She smiled that gorgeous smile of hers and he kindly returned the sentiment thinking she was flirting with him. Little did Tom know then, that she flirted with all the old guys. That simple gesture sparked a strong friendship with Tom Suarez, which culminated in marriage on her birthday in 1998.

As if she wasn't busy enough, Marilyn often enjoyed another passion - singing and playing bass guitar in two bands - Soul Renovations, a Christian Band and No Boundaries, known for their golden oldies. Singing lifted her soul and in her last days she remarked how much she missed those days.

In recent years, Marilyn and Tom became cross-country trekkers in their Classic 1978 GMC Motorhome, aptly named "the Phoenix" as it spent a lot of time in repair shops "Rising from the Ashes". It seemed as if the mischief of her younger years was back! Did we mention that Marilyn really loved a road trip? Together they traveled through many states, met many new friends, and made many memories - most of them involving a wide array of interesting characters they encountered while the Phoenix was broken down or at gatherings with other owners of these Classic GMCs. Marilyn, in her witty brand, documented these adventures for their friends to enjoy.

Marilyn is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Tom Suarez; her son, Cuyler Lighthall, III and daughter-in-law, Kate Lighthall; and her two grandchildren, Tate Lighthall and Parker-Jane Lighthall. She also leaves behind her brothers and their wives, Ron and Joyce Davis, Dick and Melissa Davis, and Jan Davis, wife of brother Mike Davis who preceded Marilyn in death. Marilyn enjoyed a posse of sweet, funny and engaging nieces and nephews including Layne and Paris Davis, Nick Davis, Ryan Davis, Justin and Cindra Davis, Aaron and Sara Davis, and Emma Davis. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Illa Davis.

MEPS loved the Lord and her work here on Earth in His name is now complete. Her new mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be free of pain, singing, playing a bass guitar, watching old movies, reading, mowing Heaven's lawns on a brand-new John Deere and of course,

MAKING THOSE IN HEAVEN LAUGH!



Death Notice

86 year old Barbara Rounsavell-Lamoreaux of Enterprise, Oregon died at the local hospital July 12, 2021. At this time no services are planned.

Geraldine Ruth Eckel

March 1, 1938 - May 19, 2021

Gerri passed away peacefully on May 19, 2021. My mother was a very loving, giving, and wonderful person. She was loved by family and friends and she will be missed terribly.

Gerri is preceded in death by her husband Frank Joseph Eckel, 2 sons Mickey Ray Fox and Frank Otto Eckel, and 2 daughters Joanna Ruth Fox and Carolyn Rae Vandenburg.

She is survived by her brother Raymond Phillips of Crescent Valley, NV, and 2 sisters Bernice Pitman of Enterprise, OR and Helen Hauser of Hermiston OR, 2 daughters; Donna Armon of Lostine, OR and Phyllis Doss of Fort Bragg CA, 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.



Pam Forrester, 79

BEND, Ore. - Pam Collins Forrester, died July 6, 2021, at Bend Transitional Care facility.

A life-long Oregonian of 79 years, Mrs. Forrester taught school in three districts, promoted the visual arts, served as a political campaign advisor and state government as an ombudsman in the mid-1980s.

Born Pamela Baird Holfert in Portland in 1942, she grew up in coastal Lincoln County, attended high school in Portland and earned a bachelor's degree in 1964 in art education from the University of Oregon, Eugene. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi.

In 1965, she married Douglas Collins. They had three sons - all of whom survive - Dan of Eugene, Timm of Bend and Mike of Kirkland, Wash. Also grandsons, Owen of Bend, and Barry of Kirkland.

In 1989, she married Mike Forrester who has been editor of newspapers in Pendleton, Astoria and Salem and a co-owner of EO Media Group.

Mrs. Forrester taught art and English in Silverton, Eugene and Medford. In the arts, she chaired the Mid-Valley Arts Council in Salem and managed the Maude Kerns Gallery in Eugene.

She is survived by her husband, Mike of Bend, and her brother, Gale, of Mill City.

Pam had many passions - dogs, reading books, politics and gardening.

She was a strong admirer of her grandmother, Edith Baird, who liked to say, "If you're going to be in this (life) then make the most of it."

Plans for a memorial service are pending.

