

East Oregon mill whistle has become erratic

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO Sept. 15, 1921

The whistle on the East Oregon mill, which has regulated business and household affairs in Enterprise for several years, has become so erratic and irregular that the town feels quite unsettled. For some time the plant has been operating unusual shifts, hence there are men starting and quitting work at almost any hour of the day or night.

In a collision on the new highway about a mile from Enterprise, the Chevrolet car driven by Frank Melotte Jr. was badly damaged when he bumped almost head-on into a heavy truck loaded with

gravel. The contractors have warned the public that the road was not open for use, so the truck driver was in the middle of the grade. Nobody was injured.

Jack Tippet of the Chesnimnus Cattle and Horse association has issued a challenge to the other associations: "We are going to capture all the prizes at the county fair. Our members will win in the calf roping, our string will be first in the relay, our riders will beat all others in the cowboys' bucking contests and wild horse race".

75 YEARS AGO Sept. 19, 1946

One of the most ambitious home construction projects conceived in years is being planned at the north

end of Wallowa Lake. The plan calls for subdividing most of the hillside fronting the lake into large lots upon which some dozen or more substantial homes are already planned.

All men are reminded that the fair committee would like to have them blossom out in their western outfits starting tomorrow and continuing through until the end of the fair.

Edna Mae Allard of Joseph High School has been chosen to reign as queen of the 1946 Wallowa County Fair. Candidates chosen by the other high schools who will serve as princesses are Blanche Lermen of Enterprise High School, Betty Holloran of Wallowa High School, Sarah Tucker of Flora

High School, and Charlotte Frazier of Lostine High School.

Earl Glenn Sherod, of Wallowa High School, fractured his leg while practicing football last week.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 16, 1971

Burglars broke into the City Pharmacy at Wallowa, stealing a large amount of merchandise and a small amount of cash. The burglary was discovered by owner Vern Mason when he went to work on Tuesday morning.

The gondola lift from Wallowa Lake to the top of Mt. Howard is going to keep operating as long as weather permits. Thus far in the season over 28,000 people have ridden the gondolas, according to manager Rene Thoeni.

For the past couple of years the Eagle's Club (Lettermen) of Joseph High School has been cutting wood on weekends and doing other odd jobs to raise money for a piece of equipment for the athletic department. It all culminated this summer with the purchase of an 8 mm camera and projector. All of the home football and basketball games will be filmed and then studied by the coaches and players.

25 YEARS AGO Sept. 12, 1996

In poor shape and the subject of a number of airport studies over the past dozen years, the Joseph State Airport finally saw its runway extended, widened and resurfaced this summer in a \$1.5 million project.

Eight motorcycle riders from Wallowa County traveled together for the Parade of Bears parade in La Grande. Each took a teddy bear or stuffed animal to donate for a needy child's Christmas. Taking part in the bear parade were: Dick Cross, Bud Rayburn, Ron Jett, Dave Miller, Ken Miller, Bill Stone, Wolfgang Mosier and Carl Lincoln.

The Imnaha two-room school opened on Aug. 28 with the same teachers as last year — Char Williams for the upper grades and Blake Carlson in the lower grades. Total enrollment is 19, with 6 of those being kindergartners. Pam Royes is the part-time teacher's assistant.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15
ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY: Noon-1 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall next to the Enterprise Library. Speaker will be Chantal Ivenso of NEODD speaking on the recently completed needs assessment related to the coronavirus pandemic in northeast Oregon. Lunch \$10, if desired.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16
PILATES: 9-10 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.
WALLOWA COUNTY CHESS CLUB: 4-6 p.m. Joseph Center in Joseph. Visitors and players of all levels are welcome! Free.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH PRESENTATION: 6 p.m. 305 Wagner St., Enterprise. "The Devil's Greatest Deception, Part 1." Free Bible prophecy seminar.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17
DISCOVERY WALK: 9-11 a.m. BC Falls hike (moderate). Meet at Wallowa Lake Trailhead at the end of Wallowa Lake Highway at 9 a.m. Registration required, with a 10-person maximum group size. Register at info@wallowology.org

WALLOWA LAKE LODGE: MUSIC ON THE DECK: 5-7 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of acoustic guitar with musician Dan Zundel. Free and open to public.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18
EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION YOUTH SHOOT: 69105 Ant Flat Road, Enterprise (gun range). Sign up 9-10 a.m.; shoot starts at 10 a.m. Two classes: 8-12 and 13-17. Free entry, free food, free firearms and ammo provided. Great prizes.

WALLOWA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Main Street in Joseph near Stein's Distillery. Crafts, produce, homemade goods and some live music will be on tap for visitors. www.wallowacountyfarmersmarket.com, 541-426-0795 or search for "Wallowa County Farmers' Market" on Facebook.

WALLOWA VALLEY FESTIVAL OF ARTS: 7-8:30 p.m. Joseph Center for Arts and Culture. Opening night. No libations, food or live music. Masks required.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19
YOGA ON THE LAWN: 9-10 a.m. Wallowa Lake Lodge. Free and open to the public.

WALLOWA VALLEY FESTIVAL OF ARTS: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Joseph Center. Live music, free admission. Noon to 4 pm — Art walk in Joseph. 2 p.m. Quick Draw event on the lawn at the Mount Joseph Lodge.

CORRECTION

The Sept. 8 Biz Buzz

story "As COVID hits again, businesses plod along" gave the incorrect job title for Clint Lion. He is a data coordinator.

Death Notice

Beverly Irene Bibler passed on August 27th 2021. She was born July 23rd 1935 to Victor F. Grossnickle and Thelma Marie Grossnickle in Salem Or. She attended school in Silverton, Or. graduating in 1953. Beverly leaves her husband of 52 years Bruce Bibler. Children: Glenda Scott, Rodney Poyner (wife Tracy), RoxAnne Baker (husband Sam), Johnie Bibler, Paul Bibler (wife Linda), 17 Grandchildren, 15 Great grandchildren, and her sister Gayle Stark. The service will be held September 18th at the Wallowa Christian Church at 11:00am.

Weather Forecast

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		High	Low	Conditions
Sept. 16		66	42	mostly sunny
Sept. 17		70	48	mostly cloudy
Sept. 18		58	41	showers
Sept. 19		57	37	showers
Sept. 20		56	35	partly cloudy
Sept. 21		62	35	sunny
Sept. 22		65	37	partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Sept. 20	Sept. 28	Oct. 6	Oct. 12
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET SEPT. 16-22 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:28	6:29	6:31	6:32	6:33	6:34	6:35
6:59	6:58	6:56	6:54	6:52	6:50	6:48

The family of Naomi Doss would like to thank Dr. Powers of Winding Waters Clinic and Mike of Home Health for the wonderful care she received at home.

Thank you!

Charles (Chuck) Edgar Anderson, Sr.

June 13, 1944 - September 1, 2021

Charles (Chuck) Edgar Anderson, Sr. died 09/01/2021 at the age of 77 in La Grande, Oregon. Charles was born 06/13/1944, in La Grande, Oregon and considered Elgin their hometown.

Chuck was born on June 13, 1944, in La Grande, OR. to Wanda Sanderson Pointer. Chuck was the eldest of four children and spent his childhood in Summerville, OR., where he attended Imbler School District through middle school. Later, when he and his family moved to La Grande, OR., Chuck attended and graduated from La Grande High School.

Chuck met the love of his life Sandra (Suzie) Bowen in, 1962 and was married for 57 years. Together they had many adventures; one of those, in particular, was raising three beautiful children: Chuck Jr, Dawnita, and Jamie. Chuck had many passions in his life, but the greatest was operating heavy equipment and elk hunting. He often enjoyed a good rodeo, fishing trip, and ice cream cone. He was active in the Freemasons, Scottish Rites, and Shriners.

Chuck Sr. is survived by his wife Suzie Anderson of Elgin, OR., Chuck Jr. and Sheri Anderson of Elgin, OR., Dawnita and Jerod Anderson-Edmondson of Nyssa, OR., and Jamie and Curtis Anderson-Stoaks, of Meridian, ID. Grandchildren: Nicolina Anderson, Danielle, Tymra, Dakota Anderson, Lance and McKenzie Stoaks, Jenny Whiteley, Carl Ray, Dakota, Natalie, Ashley Edmondson. Great-grandchildren Kaden Anderson, Taylor Hood, Chalet Nanthanong, and Claude Alexander, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by his mother Wanda Sanderson Pointer, brother's Melvin Pointer, Adrin Pointer, and sister Beverly Delashmunt.

A celebration of life potluck will be held on September 26th at noon at the Summerville Hall, Summerville, OR. Meat, rolls, and drinks will be provided.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, to the Shriners Children Hospital. Loveland Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. 1508 4th St, La Grande, Oregon. 97850. (541)963-5022



Shane Homan

October 22, 1953 - August 29, 2021

Shane Homan, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather of Enterprise and Palm Desert, CA passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at his residence in Enterprise. He was born in Enterprise on October 22, 1953 to Gerald and Beverly Homan where he was one of the first premature babies placed in the new incubator at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. He was an excellent athlete and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1971. He married his high school sweetheart, Jary Lynne Weimar, and this September they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They resided in La Grande while Shane completed his undergraduate degree in business at Eastern Oregon University. Upon college graduation he was employed by Pacific Power and Light in Portland and later by the heavy equipment subsidiary of PP&L in Denver, Colorado where the family resided in Aurora, CO. A recession ended his career with PP&L and the family moved back to Enterprise where Jary and Shane acquired Harold's Womens Apparel in the old Caton Hotel which they operated for a number of years. During his years in Enterprise Shane also worked in management and sales for Courtney Motors. Shane was an avid golfer (handicap of 4 at one time) and managed Alpine Meadows Golf Course for a number of years before his retirement.

Shane loved to fish and hunt and play golf but was happiest spending time with his family at home or on numerous trips to the Oregon Coast, the desert of southern California, and elsewhere. He had a "wicked" sense of humor and could relate a great story in an instant — usually mostly true but oftentimes slightly modified or embellished for the effect. In addition to Jary Lynne, survivors include daughter Lindi Esplin (Carl) of Junction City, son Lance Homan (Michelle) of Joseph, and daughter Courtney Clark of Genesee, ID. Grandchildren include John Shane Esplin (Victoria), Jeffrey Esplin (Erika), Zach Esplin, Ethan Esplin, Lola Esplin, Tyler Homan, Chase Homan, William Clark, and adopted grandson Steven Beckman. Great grandchildren include Violet Esplin and Henry Esplin. Brother J. Michael Homan and sister Candi Homan Connall (Doyle) also survive.

A family celebration of life was held on September 11, 2021. No other services are planned. Memorials are suggested to a charity of choice.



Jeanette Holm- Achino- Hurley

February 23, 1932 - August 14, 2021

Jeanette was raised by her maternal Finnish grandparents, Isa and Aiti on a dairy farm in Healdville, Vermont. An only child, she played in cow pastures, creeks and attended a one-room schoolhouse. Jeanette recalls sitting under the kitchen table listening to local woes of grandmother's friends, eating "pulla cardamom bread," a Finnish specialty, with coffee.

Both parents worked during the depression years in homes of elite New Yorkers. Helen, a professional cook, Theobaldo, a chauffeur. Jeanette's first language was Finnish. She had a flair of Spanish; the language of her Argentinian father. Jeanette valued his independent gaucho spirit. Mom embraced both parent's cultures in music, food and the ideology of supporting the working class.

The new pasteurization processes and refrigeration along with an aging grandfather closed the dairy farm. These changes prompted a move to New York City's boroughs where extended families resided. Grandpa "Isa" landed a position as a superintendent in a Bronx apartment. At ten years old, Mom, was conflicted with polio. She recalls sitting by the furnace as grandma, "Aiti," nursed her legs with ligament oils. Months bedridden, Jeanette developed lifelong love of books with a flashlight she read into the night The Book of Knowledge Encyclopedia.

1950 graduated Theodore Roosevelt High School in the Bronx. Attended Katherine Gibbs Secretary School. Afterwards employment for a Fifth Avenue advertising firm in Manhattan and IBM keypunch operator.

Married 1953, moved north to Rockland County, along the Hudson River. Driving a stick-shift Rambler at 28, began painting and volunteering at the Elmwood Playhouse. Assembled ad layouts for the local newspaper, The Citizen.

A second marriage, Jeanette traveled across the West. The earth tone landscape, and the people of Taos and Santa Fe, captivated her spirit. Landing in Boulder she had an enriched career, as case manager for developmentally disabled adults at Carmel House. Attended lectures and writings at the Naropa Institute.

A tragic accidental death of her only son, Daniel, she took solace in Nepal's Himalayans at a Buddhist retreat. Soon after decided to relocate to Oregon to be near her children.

One summer, Jeanette visited a dear friend in Joseph. Wallowa's beauty called her home. In Enterprise she lived many years in a much-loved apartment overlooking a creek. Volunteered at Enterprise Public Library. Supported local businesses; the Gypsy Java for coffee and a nosh, patron of The Bookloft, and The Soroptimist Thrift Store.

She valued the cleverness of crows and squirrels. Drawn to old farmhouses recognized a mansard roof, seeing beauty in its decay. Enjoyed visits to Imnaha Store and Tavern, a favorite spot for an order of shrimp or fries.

Jeanette painted on canvas and furniture. Drew whimsical postcards using ink and colored pencils. Through these caricatures one can hear her comments, "we're on the planet Zundelson" or "it is what it is."

Savored biographies, cartoonist Edward Gorey and always an open book of Buddhism by her sofa or bedside. Music interest spanned from Chopin, Bach, jazz (Thelonious Monk), and Beatles. Favorite poets Walt Whitman and Leonard Cohen. Adventures included Mexico, Nepal, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.

Inspired by Joni Mitchell's lyrics The Circle Game encapsulated her philosophy of life:

"And the seasons, they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return, we can only look
Behind, from where we came
And go round and round and round, in the circle game"

Sting also provides a final reflection when considering Jeanette's legacy: "You'll remember me when the west wind moves, upon the fields of barley, when we walked in fields of gold..."

Daughters Wendy and Karen with granddaughter Haley extend blessings for the friendships and support that blossomed for Jeanette in Enterprise and Joseph. *At a later date, a remembrance gathering will take place in the summer of 2022.*

