

FOR THE RECORD

NOV. 29
 12:28 a.m. — Report of trespass in rural Enterprise.
 4:48 a.m. — Noise complaint in rural Lostine.
 11:19 a.m. — Road hazard in rural Enterprise.
 5:13 p.m. — Road hazard in rural Enterprise.
 5:15 p.m. — Road hazard in rural Lostine.
 5:31 p.m. — Hit-and-run in Joseph.
 8:32 p.m. — Cow in roadway in rural Enterprise.

NOV. 30
 4:37 a.m. — Overdue motorist in rural Imnaha.
 1:29 p.m. — Dog complaint in Lostine.
 1:55 p.m. — Civil dispute in Enterprise.

DEC. 1
 11:41 a.m. — Theft reported in rural Joseph.
 12:58 p.m. — Motor-vehicle accident in Enterprise.
 2:09 p.m. — Public assist with a lock out in Enterprise.
 4:24 p.m. — Noise complaint in Lostine.
 4:37 p.m. — Theft reported in Wallowa.
 4:54 p.m. — Attempt to contact in Enterprise.
 8:21 p.m. — Domestic dispute in Enterprise.
 10:37 p.m. — Animal complaint in Joseph.

DEC. 2
 2:48 a.m. — Civil dispute in Enterprise.
 8:31 a.m. — Public assist in rural Enterprise.
 12:05 p.m. — Report of vandalism in Joseph.
 12:42 p.m. — Welfare check in Enterprise.

3:15 p.m. — Wildland fire reported in rural Wallowa.
 5:58 p.m. — Noninjury, vehicle vs. deer crash on Highway 82 in rural Joseph.

DEC. 3
 9:54 p.m. — Traffic stop in rural Enterprise. The Enterprise Police Department issued a warning for failure to maintain lane.
 12:37 p.m. — Welfare check in rural Joseph.
 1:18 p.m. — Theft reported in Enterprise.
 2:34 p.m. — Welfare check requested in Enterprise.
 6:41 p.m. — Fraud reported in Joseph.

DEC. 4
 1:42 a.m. — Assault reported in Enterprise.
 2:21 a.m. — Injured animal reported in Lostine.
 1:30 p.m. — Downed sign reported in Enterprise.
 2:03 p.m. — Parking complaint in Enterprise.
 10:08 p.m. — Noise complaint in Enterprise.
 10:11 p.m. — Traffic stop in Enterprise. EPD issued a warning for excessive display of speed.

DEC. 5
 4:45 a.m. — Single-vehicle, motor-vehicle crash in rural Enterprise.
 11:44 a.m. — Animal abuse reported in Enterprise.
 2:28 p.m. — Noninjury, motor-vehicle crash on Highway 3 in rural Enterprise.
 3:05 p.m. — Theft reported in Enterprise.
 5:16 p.m. — Utility box damaged on pole in Wallowa.
 5:26 p.m. — Noninjury, motor-vehicle crash vs. deer on Highway 82 in rural Joseph.

Moonshiner confesses to store robbery

OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins

100 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 8, 1921

Ed Boyd, arrested for moonshining last week, has confessed to the robbery of the C. H. Zurcher & Co. store. His house was raided and he was caught in the act of distilling moonshine. At the same time his house was searched and a new suit case was found, and a bundle of new neckties, all taken from the Zurcher store.

Owners of farms up the Lostine canyon met and organized a Farmers' Telephone company. It is planned to put in new poles and extend the present canyon line farther south so as to take in more farmers.

A meeting will be held at the Enterprise school house for the purpose of forming a parent-teachers association. A few parents visit the schools a little now, all mothers, and the fathers are wanted also.

75 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 12, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tippett have purchased the Pastime pool hall in Wallowa. The inside is being remodeled, running a partition through the center, to make two different rooms, with a pool hall on one side and a tavern with fountain service in the other room.

The Wallowa County



Walter Klages, File

Ski instructor Rod McCrae is shown with his advanced beginner class, consisting mostly of high school students, at the Eagle Cap Ski Area west of Wallowa Lake in January 1971.

Creamery association has had one of the most successful years in the history of the cooperative. Net gain, above the cost of butter and cheese sold and administrative expenses for the year, amounts to \$48,159.37.

Mrs. Dorothy Wergen, president of the Enterprise PTA, presented the high school with a check for \$192.06. Student body president, Gerald Perren, said that the money would go towards improving the appearance of the stage in the gym.

50 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 9, 1971

About 250 people attended the 5th annual open house at the Enterprise Flower Shop and Green-

house. Marge McClaran was the lucky recipient of the Christmas floral arrangement door prize.

Co-chairmen of the annual Christmas Basket program this year will be Deb Quesenberry and Bob Wiggins.

About 100 adults spent most of Tuesday at EHS for "swap day", a day arranged by the faculty and administration to give parents an idea what modern education is really about. Students could have the day off if they enticed an adult to take their place in classes.

25 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 5, 1996

A large cast of local actors of all ages will present the 3-act family comedy,

"Cheaper by the Dozen". This MidValley Theatre production is directed by Kate Loftus.

Wallowa Forest Products is employing some 60 workers and has a log inventory which will allow the mill to operate two shifts through the winter.

Local historian/author Grace Bartlett is retiring from her job as curator of the Wallowa County Museum. She's published several books, including "The Wallowa Country (1867-1877)" and "From the Wallowas".

Food collection boxes are now out in county grocery stores for this year's annual Elks Christmas Basket program. Co-chairmen are Chuck Haines and John Neil.

CORRECTIONS

The A9 story on Nov. 24 "Chandler takes the helm for the Wallowa boys" incorrectly listed the grade of one of the players in the story, Willie Gibbs. He is a senior.

The Biz Buzz story on Dec. 1 on house painter Robert Ryan incorrectly stated the address of the

house he's pictured with. It's 613 W. Greenwood St.

And, the Dec. 1 Enterprise wrestling story on A9 incorrectly called Gabby Delapena the first female wrestler in the program. There have been at least two others. Will Ogden's name was also spelled incorrectly.

The Chieftain regrets the errors.

Monthly COVID-19 numbers continue decline

By RONALD BOND
 Wallowa County Chieftain

SALEM — December started with a low COVID-19 case count in Wallowa County.

The Oregon Health Authority reported nine new COVID-19 cases in the last week, with that number about half of the 17 that had been reported during the last full week of November. The current case total is now at 763 — a little more than 10% of the county population.

The case numbers decreased throughout the

last week. After three cases were in the report both Tuesday, Nov. 30, and Wednesday, Dec. 1, there were just two cases Thursday and one Friday. No cases were in the most recent report on Monday, which would have included the weekend count. There also have been no more reported deaths in the last week, with that total staying at 13.

The month of November wraps with 55 total cases reported, or 1.83 cases per day.

It's the third month in a row the monthly case count

had decreased after the spike that started in late July and carried on through the summer and fall. August saw 180 cases — the most in a single month in the county. September saw 163, and October 123. November's count was a month-over-month decrease of more than 50%.

Region 9 COVID hospitalizations are near their lowest levels since late July. On Dec. 6, OHA data showed there were 11 patients in Region 9 hospitals with COVID-19. It had been 10 cases each of the previous four days. The only time since late July that it has

been lower was from Nov. 19-21, with each of those days seeing nine patients.

The last time the count was at eight or lower was on July 22.

Wallowa County is inching closer to a 70% vaccination rate among adults, as 69.2% of those 18 and older have received a dose of the vaccine, and 65.1% are fully vaccinated. Meanwhile, 19.8% have received an extra dose.

Currently, 14.7% of youths ages 5-11 — 88 total — have received the child approved vaccine.

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Eleanor Arlene (Marrs) Miller
 October 16, 1934 - November 16, 2021

Eleanor Arlene (Marrs) Miller passed away November 16, 2021 at the age of 87. Eleanor was born October 16, 1934 to Neil and Vera (Seely) Marrs in Caldwell, Idaho. At a young age, her family relocated to Enterprise where she attended Enterprise School District until graduating in 1952. Her father built the Union 76 gas station that now houses El Bajio and as a young girl she spent time helping him there and taking long, cross-country trips with her mother. She played basketball although at the time girls were only allowed to play one side of the court or the other, but not both, a tale she loved sharing with her granddaughters at their basketball games.

When Eleanor was 16, a young man moved to town and into her heart. She and Larry started going steady and began their 64 year marriage on August 8, 1954 just after he graduated from the then Eastern College of Education that she was also attending. Larry joined the army and was deployed to the Korean war so when she graduated in 1956 with her teaching degree, she moved back to Enterprise awaiting his return. She accepted her first teaching position in Enterprise. Soon, Larry joined her and they taught there together until taking an adventure to the west side living in Florence and Springfield.

While in Springfield, they were blessed with two sons: Kevin in 1968 and Lance 14 short months later in 1969. In the early 1970's, Wallowa County and Eleanor's aging parents were calling her home. She and Larry again both became teachers at Enterprise School District where they stayed until retirement. Eleanor couldn't really leave the classroom and continued to volunteer at the school for many, many more years. Perhaps it was to keep an eye on her grandkids that were students in the buildings. Eleanor loved doting on her husband and family. She would pack award winning lunch boxes for her boy's many hunting and fishing trips and ball games. When her grandkids came along, she would spend every Friday with them, filling their days with fun games, movies, trips to the bowling alley and all the ice cream they could eat. She loved to host holidays and enjoyed the chaos it brought to her tiny home. Eleanor was also a fan of her time at the bridge table. She spent many years gathering with her gals over cards, even continuing after their transition into Wallowa Valley Senior Living, much to Larry's dismay. She rarely missed the opportunity to cheer on her grandkids, whether it was a cold football game or loud basketball gym. While living at the care center, she fell in love with walking and could be seen nearly every day making the loops around the campus. It was a fall on one of those walks that helped her decide it was time to be reunited with the love of her life and she passed shortly after.

Eleanor is survived by her son Lance and daughter-in-law Kannon (Palmer) of Enterprise, daughter-in-law Peggy (Simpson) and husband Mike Chessner of Sunriver, grandchildren Kayla, Kyler, Jalen, McKenna, Clayne, and Carsyn Miller and great-grandchildren Kaden and Chance.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Neil and Vera Marrs, brother Leonard, husband Larry, and son Kevin. There will be a celebration of life for both Eleanor and Larry on December 11th at 1:00pm at the Enterprise Elks Lodge.

WHAT'S HAPPENING | SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8
BICYCLE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING: 6-8 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall, Enterprise. Share your ideas for 2022, hear about progress on the Enterprise Bike Park, sign up for trail work parties, connect with other bike nerds! Bike maintenance clinic by Outlaw Motor Sports. Food & TG beer.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9
PILATES: 9-10 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10
DECEMBER DISCOVERY WALKS: Explore a wintry Wallowa Valley with a Wallowology naturalist. Available Friday-Sunday by appointment only. Call 509-923-1965 to

book your walk.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY: 5:30 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall, Enterprise.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11
ENTERPRISE WINTER-FEST: 2-8 p.m., downtown Enterprise. Closed streets for downtown shopping. Santa will arrive at Santa Central at 2 p.m.; the Lighted Parade begins at 5:20 p.m.

HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hosted by Stein Distillery and the Wallowa County Farmers Market. 604 N. Main St., Joseph. Come shop and sip with us.

SUNDAY, DEC. 12
NORTH END GRANGE CHILI FEED & DESSERT AUC-

TION: 2 p.m., Flora Grange. \$8 adults/\$3 children 12 and under.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14
PILATES: 9-10 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.
QUILTING GROUP: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT TACO NIGHT: 5-8 p.m. VFW Hall, Enterprise. \$8 per person.

SPECIAL SHOWING OF "THE MESSENGERS": Movie starts at 6:30 p.m., get your seats by 6 p.m. This is a special Christmas episode of the popular TV series "The Chosen" being shown at Enterprise Christian Church. \$12.55 for adults and \$10.40 for children. Tickets are available online at <https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/thechosen/521437>.

Weather Forecast
 Courtesy of Weather Underground - wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
Dec. 9	32	23	snow
Dec. 10	32	23	partly cloudy
Dec. 11	35	31	snow
Dec. 12	38	30	snow
Dec. 13	40	31	rain/snow
Dec. 14	39	27	snow
Dec. 15	34	24	snow

Phases of the moon

Dec. 10	Dec. 18	Dec. 26	Jan. 2
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET DEC. 9 - 15
 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
7:16	7:17	7:17	7:18	7:19	7:20	7:21
4:08	4:08	4:08	4:08	4:08	4:08	4:08

James (Jim) Oscar Elliott
 March 24, 1932 - November 25, 2021

Jim passed away early Thanksgiving morning, November 25, 2021, in Enterprise, Oregon.

On March 24, 1932, Jim was born in Enterprise to Alvin and Vera (Shroll) Elliott. He had three sisters; Barbara, LouMae and Donna. He attended school in Enterprise, and graduated in 1951.

He proudly served his country in Korea from February 1954 to December 1955. He married Dona Gildersleeve December 26, 1955 upon his return from the war.

After graduation from Blue Mountain Community College, Jim worked in auto body repair and the local mill, but most enjoyed being behind the wheel of a logging truck.

He liked hunting, fishing, and especially spending time with his kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife Dona, his parents Alvin and Vera, and his sisters LouMae Falconer and Donna Beaudoin.

Surviving relatives include his daughters Trisa (Jess) Barton of Joseph, Laurie Elliott of Selah, Washington, and son Dave (Tera) Elliott of Enterprise; six grandchildren: Rikki, Todd (Brittany), Nathan (Valerie), Tilli (Reese), Davi (Justin) and Carson; 11 great-grandchildren; his sister Barbara (Weldon) Witherrite and numerous other family members.

Grandad will be greatly missed.