



Wallowa County Chieftain, File

We have another photo this week without any details or a timeframe. If you know anyone in this photo and what it involves, email rbond@wallowa.com

Bales home burns to ground

OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins

100 YEARS AGO

Feb. 23, 1922

The home of Fred Bales in Swamp creek pass burned to the ground last Friday with all its contents. The fire apparently started in the roof, where the stove pipe passed thru. There was no brick chimney.

One of the road projects for the coming year calls for work by the county and forest service on the Imnaha river above the store. The road up the river carries much travel. Much of the time it is impassible. Deep holes are cut in the spring and washouts add to the troubles of the traveler.

The Methodist Camp Ground association of eastern Oregon has acquired control of a tract of land at the head of Wallowa Lake, close to 110 acres, bordering on the holdings of the Wallowa Lake Amusement company and cornering with the Elk's pasture.

75 YEARS AGO

Feb. 27, 1947

A good size crowd was at the Enterprise school gym to see a team of boxers from Union FFA take seven out of ten matches from the local FFA boys. Paul Beau-doin, Bud Zollman and Dean

CORRECTION

The first few Out of the Past entries of the year inadvertently stated the 100-year-ago entry took place in 2022 instead of 1922.

Sasser of Enterprise each won their matches.

Sheriff A.B. Miller was taken to the Enterprise hospital suffering from a severe scalp wound and an injured neck received when he was thrown from his horse.

The Raven creamery will start the manufacture of cheddar cheese at their Enterprise plant Saturday with the first pickup of whole milk scheduled for that day.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 24, 1972

The Troy-Flora Heart Fund party was well attended. Everyone was most generous with contributions, articles for the sales table, cooked food and the auction table. Mrs. Morton and her assistants report a net of \$333.40 was made.

Seven men traveled from Enterprise to Halfway via snowmobile to see the Enterprise-Pine Eagle game last Saturday. After the game they hopped on their snow machines and were back in Enterprise before their

wives could drive around the mountains by car. Kerry Searles, Merton Wade, Marvin Searles, Wilfred Daggett, Keith Searles, Sam Wade and Wes Johnson.

A total of 303 years of active service was represented by retired military personnel, living in Wallowa County, who met at an informal dinner party at the Gold Room in Joseph. Of the 25 attending, Navy people outnumbered all other services.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1997

About 30 members of a coalition organized to develop a Nez Perce cultural center in Wallowa convened on Saturday to celebrate the receipt of a \$40,000 grant.

Cory Carman, WHS, and Seth Botts, JHS, recently placed first and second at the Elks Most Valuable Student competition at the district level.

The 395 Wallowa County children who fill a niche in life by belonging to 4-H clubs can introduce themselves to a new 4-H lead agent named Debi Tracy. Tracy began work as a half time extension agent Feb. 1. E.H. Van Blaricom of Upper Prairie Creek was inducted into the Oregon Farm Bureau Hall of Fame for his many years of service to agriculture and contribution to the Farm Bureau.

Trail with rails unlikely in county

Despite grants, it's likely to be limited to Union County

By BILL BRADSHAW
Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA COUNTY — Efforts to create a 63-mile Elgin-to-Joseph trail alongside the tracks of the Wallowa Union Railroad are coming to virtually no fruition since Wallowa County has denied permits for the trail within its borders, despite thousands of dollars of grant money going toward the project.

"It's doubtful it'll ever go through because people were vehemently opposed to it," said Wallowa County Commission Chairwoman Susan Roberts, who is co-chairwoman of the Wallowa Union Railroad Authority, during an interview Monday, Feb. 21. "Wallowa County Planning (Department) at this time is not involved because it's not in our county."

The Joseph Branch Trail Consortium has reported receiving \$290,000 in grants intended for facilities on the Union County end of the "trail-with-rails" project, that would pay for a trailhead and pocket park in Elgin, as well as a 15-mile segment of the trail from



Joseph Branch Trail Consortium/Contributed Photo

Members of the Joseph Branch Trail Consortium help with trail cleanup along the tracks in Union County. Funding has been received to pay for the first 13 miles of a trail, but permit holdups in Wallowa County may prevent the trail's ultimate goal of running from Elgin to Joseph.

Elgin to Lookingglass.

But, as the Chieftain was notified last week, the lion's share of the project — that which would be in Wallowa County — was stopped dead in its tracks three years ago when the Wallowa County Planning Commission denied a conditional use permit for the project.

Planning Director Franz Goebel said Feb. 17 that although there were many people in favor of the project, there was a significant number opposed.

"There were quite a few people who vehemently opposed it and the planning commission denied it" Feb. 26, 2019, Goebel said.

He said there have been

no attempts by the consortium to get a permit since that time.

Goebel said that while benefits of exercise were acknowledged during a public meeting held at the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise before the vote, the burden of proof was on the applicants to show there would be no significant negative impact on farms and ranches alongside the proposed trail.

"Where it's tricky is it passes through all these resource zones," he said. "It would be a tricky proposition. There was a lot of concern over disruption to farming practices along the trail."

Enterprise to distribute ARPA funds

City received more than \$443K

By BILL BRADSHAW
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ENTERPRISE — The city of Enterprise is getting ready to dole out the more than \$443,000 it has received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act distributed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the council resolved at its meeting Monday, Feb. 14.

The council passed a resolution to disperse the funds to several departments, according to city Administrator Lacey McQuead. She explained the city has placeholders for the money in the general fund, the water fund and the sewer fund during the 2021-22 budget season. Also, McQuead said in an email Feb. 15 the council's prior ARPA Committee recommended in June to spend \$32,794.87 for new Toughbook Computers for all Enterprise Police officers, as well as mounting brackets for the vehicles and docking stations for the offices and a new server.

She also said the ARPA Committee will send out an email in the next couple of weeks asking city depart-

ment managers to submit requests for the use of the ARPA funds.

In another matter, Angela Mart, president of the Wallowa Mountains Bicycle Club, said she and club Vice President Zeb Burke are doubtful that there is sufficient room for their proposed pump track in the previously considered area next to the city park. Mart and Burke had taken measurements of the land needed for the track before coming to that conclusion.

McQuead said Mart planned to meet with Public Works Supervisor Shawn Young to look at a possible location by the city well on the corner of 4th Street and the road that goes to the Ant Flat Landfill. McQuead said Mart and Young discussed the possibility Feb. 15 and Mart was going to discuss it further with Burke.

In other business:

• Young announced that Curtis Martin, the new sewer plant assistant operator, started work Feb. 14.

• Fire Chief Paul Karvoski announced that Travis Huffman is retiring as secretary and a firefighter with the city's Volunteer Fire Department after 27 years of service.

• McQuead announced

the "If I Were Mayor" contest, saying she has contacted Enterprise School Superintendent Tom Crane and asked for classes to participate. At the time of the meeting, she had not heard back from Crane.

• Young said the amount budgeted for street repair of the \$100,000 Small City Allotment Grant the city received will be nearly depleted by a project planned for upper Residence Street. He said that project leaves little left for repairs for other streets. The council considered turning back the grant and using a matching grant to repair what streets the city can. The council agreed to table the matter until budget season is complete.

• Approved a resolution to close the city's existing money market account with the Bank of Eastern Oregon and transfer the approximately \$473,094.85 to the Local Government Investment Pool. McQuead explained to the council that the account was opened when a debt reserve was required for the Department of Environmental Quality sewer loan. A new loan with Community Bank does not require a debt reserve.

The next council meeting will be March 14.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY: Noon to 1 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall next to the Enterprise library. Lacey McQuead, City of Enterprise's administrator, will be the speaker.

VIRTUAL BIG READ BOOK DISCUSSION: Noon to 1 p.m. Log on for a lunchtime book discussion with Fishtrap staff. fishtrap.org.

VIRTUAL BIG READ PRESENTS SALSA DANCING: 1 p.m. and available for streaming afterwards. Four days of salsa dance lessons! Feb. 23-26. ArtCenterEast.org and Fishtrap.org.

WALLOWA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS: 6:30-8 p.m. Hurricane Creek Grange. Education-focused, fun and open to anyone interested in bees & beekeeping.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

BOOK GROUP ZOOM DISCUSSION: Noon to 1 pm. Josephy

Center, Joseph. A special book group discussion for Black History Month — "Kindred".

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

QUILTING GROUP: 1-3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER: 5-6:30 p.m. St. Patrick Church, 100 NE 3rd St., Enterprise. Buttermilk & sourdough pancakes, sausage, apple sauce and beverage. Donations to benefit Community Connection senior meals.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY: Noon to 1 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall next to the Enterprise Library.

VIRTUAL BIG READ 2022: 6-8 p.m. Live online at fishtrap.org. "Reading like a writer!"

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

VIRTUAL BIG READ 2022: Streaming online at fishtrap.org.

Finale: Film series. Short films inspired by The House on Mango Street. Continues through Tuesday, March 8.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

ELKS CRAB & PRIME RIB FEED: Doors open at 4 p.m. Desert auction at 6:30 p.m. Casino night at 8 p.m. Presale tickets only, Feb. 4-25. For tickets call 541-426-1829.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

VIRTUAL BROWN BAG: Noon to 1 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Women's Songs, with Heidi Muller and other local musicians.

QUILTING GROUP: 1-3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY: Noon to 1 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall next to the Enterprise Library.

FOOT CLINIC: Noon to 3 p.m. Enterprise Senior Center.

DEATH NOTICES

Roy Lee Jones

Roy Lee Jones, 64, of Athena and formerly of Wallowa, died Feb. 17, 2022, in Athena. He was born Aug. 5, 1957. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in care of arrangements.

Carl Edward Young

Carl Edward Young, 90, of Kamiah, Idaho, and formerly of Wallowa County, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at the Idaho Veterans Home in Lewiston, Idaho. An obituary is forthcoming. Mountain View Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THIS WEEK'S POLICE LOG WAS NOT RECEIVED BEFORE PRESS TIME

I want to express my sincere thanks to the kindhearted and thoughtful person who found my checkbook and card in the grocery store parking lot and turned it in to an employee named Debbie. It must have fallen out of my pocket when I walked my dog. I didn't realize I'd lost it until we got home to Flora, and by that time, the store was closed. Fortunately, when we called the next morning, the clerk at Dollar Stretcher reported, "It's here in our safe. Come and get it!" What had been a worrisome time for me turned into joyful relief when I heard those words. This successful outcome truly reminds me that we live in Wallowa County with honest and caring people.

Again, thanks to whoever found my checkbook and turned it in. I appreciate what you did, and I consider you a savior!

~ Gene Bieraugel of Flora

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Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
Tuesday, March 1st 5 - 6:30pm

Supper includes:
Buttermilk and Sourdough Pancakes, Sausage, Apple sauce, Coffee, tea, juice.

All are welcome!

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
100 NE 3rd Street, Enterprise, OR 97828

Donations to benefit Community Connection senior meals!

Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Feb. 24	22	2	cloudy
Feb. 25	30	7	sunny
Feb. 26	38	17	mostly sunny
Feb. 27	41	22	mostly cloudy
Feb. 28	43	26	mostly cloudy
March 1	47	30	mostly cloudy
March 2	46	27	showers

Phases of the moon

Feb. 23	March 2	March 10	March 18
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET FEB. 24 - MARCH 2 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:34	6:32	6:30	6:29	6:27	6:25	6:23
5:31	5:32	5:33	5:35	5:36	5:38	5:39