

Connor named Wallowa July 4 parade marshal

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Wallowa County Chieftain

Phyllis Connor of Wallowa is red, white and blue to the bone. “Patriotism!” she declared. “That’s what this Fourth of July parade is all about: patriotism and honoring our veterans.” There’s no doubt why Connor was chosen for the Wallowa City Old Fashioned Fourth of July Parade top honor. Not only is she fourth generation Wallowan, she’ll be waving the flag all the way down Main Street in the company of her retired Navy Commander son, Kenneth Connor of Pendleton. She’s also hoping her Troop 1st Sergeant nephew Jake McCrea, son of Oran and Gloria McCrea of Wallowa, will have time to visit before he heads out on his sixth deployment. Other family members will be on her mind throughout the day: her late husband Joe Con-



Phyllis Connor

ner was a WWII vet, another family member, Lt. Eric McCrea, son of Scott and Terry McCrea of Wallowa, was killed in Iraq — and there are others. Connor represents one of the pioneer families of the city. She is the great-granddaughter of Rodrich McCrae who purchased and operated the McCrea Hotel (where Main Street Grill is today) in 1902 and was the mayor and justice of the peace in Wallowa. Her grandparents were Tad McCrea and Cora Pike McCrae who had a farm on Bear Creek, and Tad was the town marshal for Wallowa in the 30’s. Her parents were Roland and Inez McCrea. They bought the farm on Bear Creek where Phyllis kept right on milking

cows, harnessing horses and doing the usual farm chores. She also ushered at the Wallowa Theatre and waitressed in her great-grandfather’s former hotel, then the Wallowa Café (now Main Street Grill). Phyllis graduated from Wallowa High in 1949 and married Joe that same year. The union resulted in two children, the late Jodie (Connor) McCarty and Kenneth Connor. Joe was a partner and then owner of Wallowa’s grocery store, and Phyllis recalls spending a lot of time there. The business moved down the Main Street of Wallowa and went through partnerships and sales through the years, beginning as Scaggs Safeway in 1927, becoming the Bales, then Bales and Conner, then Don’s (Don and Zela Conner) Food Store and continuing now as Wallowa Food City. “I’ve seen a lot of changes,” she said. “What I remember

best from my childhood was the freedom and the friendliness. When we would finish working out in the hay fields, we’d go swim in Bear Creek. On this street (Holmes Street) in the evenings people would get out and visit and the kids would play all different kinds of games. You didn’t have television then.” One thing that hasn’t changed is the place she calls home. She’s spent her entire life in the city of Wallowa and devoted a lot of time serving. She was on the Wallowa Library board, Wallowa Food Bank, a committee for ordinances and zoning for the city and was a member of a sorority that cleaned several lots and made a park that became Evans Park. She still lives in the home on Holmes Street where she has resided for 60 years. She boasts a legacy of four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE?

Get your entry form for the parade at City Hall, and return them June 29.

Entrants should be at Cougar Field by 10:15 a.m. Parade begins 11 a.m.

Also the parade will include local royalty, Little Miss Fourth of July Edie Kennedy, 5, daughter of Hanley and Sadie (Isley) Kennedy of Wallowa; and Mr. Liberty Kyler Lowe, 6, son of Mike and Melissa (Henderson) Lowe of Wallowa.

Kat Capps and fellow motorcyclists of the Wallowa County Thunder Run will roar into the parade for Santa. Local and out-of-town riders will fill the Toy for Tots trailer. Anyone can contribute. The toys will be donated to Christmas basket programs through Enterprise Elks Lodge No. 1829 and other agencies.

The parade will be broadcast live by KWVR

The annual barbecue begins at noon at Wallowa Fire Hall; burgers \$6 and hotdogs \$4, sides included. FFA fundraiser pie by the slice is also available. Live music by “No Boundaries.” Free vendor space available; call city hall 541-886-2422.

Flume finds a new home under Main Street in 1917

OUT OF THE PAST
Compiled by Paul Waul

100 Years Ago
June 28, 1917
At the Eugene Brown logging camp, a hot summer day is greeted with cold ice cream. Mrs. Brown served the novelty, using ice which remains nearly year-round under the sawdust and trash of the log-deck. Several high-placed officials and inspectors with the U.S. Forest Service joined in the treat last week. Mrs. Rebecca Conley, mother of J. C. Conley, was walking on the porch of her home in Joseph when she fell and the bone in her right leg was broken in two places. She is 89 and has been able to get around with the help of a cane. Workmen tore out the old flume leading to the E. M. and M. Flour Mill where it crosses West Second St. in Enterprise in preparation for building a new one below the street level. When the project is completed, West Second will run directly from Main to the depot without obstruction. “I wish to take this oppor-

tunity to express my appreciation of your past patronage, particularly during the time I was away in the military service of the United States. Now that I have returned, I earnestly solicit a continuance of your patronage, and assure you that all your work will have my personal, prompt and careful attention.” W. A. Lindsay, The Nifty Tailor, Enterprise.
70 Years Ago
June 26, 1947
This week, the Chieftain loses the faithful and highly competent services of Mrs. Grace Conley, whose accurate, comprehensive and able reporting has done much to make this newspaper enjoyed by its readers. She is retiring and will move to California later this summer, Miss Doris Lay went to work Monday morning in the office of the county school superintendent where she will be employed during the summer. The Daggett Machine Shop in Enterprise recently sold Harley Tucker a new autocar with semi-trailer, in which to haul his Brahma bulls and bucking horses from rodeo to



Chieftain File Photo

Aviation Radioman Third Class Teddie W. Hays of Enterprise was a radioman gunner aboard a Douglas “Dauntless: dive-bomber, which attached a small Japanese convoy on the opening day of the raid on Truk Feb. 16, 1944.
rodeo It is capable of holding 22 head of horses or 25 head of steers. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bay have bought the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marks just across the bridge from Mr. Duckett’s power plant in Imnaha. The Bays hope to get moved in this coming week. They also purchased around

600 acres of rangeland lying up Sheep Creek on the west side of the road.
50 Years Ago
June 29, 1967
Sixteen million board feet of National Forest timber was purchased by Boise Cascade Corp. H. Donald Miller, district ranger of the Joseph Ranger District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest announced the sale, located in the Wallowa Mountains south of Joseph. The timber sale cost the company \$125,105, around \$175 above the appraisal price. A little over 1,100 of Wallowa County’s registered voters turned out for Monday’s election to turn down a bid for enlargement and remodeling of the Wallowa Memorial Hospital. The final tally was 510-617. The measure suffered the heaviest defeat in the Joseph area. A decision is pending on whether the county will try again this time for a smaller levy.

Leona Wagner has entry forms for the Wallowa County Amateur Rodeo July 8-9 at the fairgrounds in Enterprise. All of the traditional rodeo events are on tap and one that’s not so traditional — wild chicken scramble. Garland Gayle Hocker, son of Rev. and Mrs. Garland Hocker of Wallowa has been named “Boy of the Month” by the Wallowa Assembly of God Church. The honoree worked at the state guard station and the Joseph mill before going into the service in August 1966.
25 Years Ago
June 25, 1992
The Associated Ditch Co. has been exonerated of allegations that construction of the Wallowa Lake Dam in 1929 caused destruction of the salmon run by creating a total barrier to their spawning grounds in Wallowa Lake. The ditch company, which owns that dam at Wallowa Lake,

was named as the defendant in a \$550,000 lawsuit filed last December by the Nez Perce Indian Tribe in Lapwai, Idaho. The purchase by Wallowa County Grain Growers of the Enterprise Oil bulk plant from D.B. Anderson Inc. will be effective July 1. Grain Growers did not purchase the card-lock pumps, which will be removed from operation June 30. Lostine will be the place to be this July 3-5 as the community’s 120-vendor flea market will open its doors. Skinny the clown will be on hand with free balloons and toys for the kids. A rifle and a microwave oven will be given away as door prizes. The junior cooking award at the Spring Fair held at the county fairgrounds went to Robin Hopkins. She received a book from the Imnaha Grange. Cammie Kuppinger earned the top clothing style revue award, a plaque sponsored by Dr. Richard Carlson.

Recreational Opportunities Public Notice

In accordance with 18 CFR, Part 8, Section 8.1 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Regulations, the following public notice regarding recreational opportunities is provided. PacifiCorp, parent company of Pacific Power, owns and operates the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. P-308. The FERC issued the Project license for a period of 40 years commencing January 5, 2017. The Project is located in Wallowa County in north east Oregon, on the East Fork Wallowa River, West Fork Wallowa River and Royal Purple Creek. The Project is approximately 7 miles south of the town of Joseph near Wallowa Lake and is partially within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

PacifiCorp’s Project lands are available for public recreational use. Public recreational uses that occur around the Project include camping, hiking, horseback riding, day-use/picnicking and fishing. PacifiCorp provides trail opportunities and manages Pacific Park, a 10-unit campground near the powerhouse tailrace on lands owned by PacifiCorp.

Additional recreation facilities in the immediate vicinity of the Project include the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) managed trailhead adjacent to the powerhouse, USFS managed East Fork and West Fork trails, Eagle Cap Wilderness, Little Alps State Park (day use), Wallowa Lake State Park (day use and camping), Wallowa Lake Tramway, and two private campgrounds. The little Alps State Park and a State Park maintenance facility are on lands owned by PacifiCorp and leased to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.

The recreation opportunities and facilities at the Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project are developed and furnished by Pacific Power as a public service. They are open to the public and made available for use and enjoyment to all without regard to race, color, religious creed, national origin, or any other status protected under applicable local, state or federal law. Further information regarding these recreation sites can be obtained from Pacific Power, c/o PacifiCorp – Hydro Resources Department, Recreation Supervisor, 825 NE Multnomah St., Suite 1500, Portland, Oregon 97232.



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