Author packs center

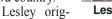
By Steve Tool Wallowa County Chieftain

About 50 people packed the Josephy Center on the evening of May 15 to hear a reading by multi-awardwinning author and Fishtrap instructor, Craig Lesley. The author has an extensive background in the Wallowa Valley and several of his books feature the Wallowa Valley as a backdrop. Lesley currently resides in Portland, where he is writer-in-residence at Portland State University.

Lesley spent most of his earlier years near the town of Madras, and he still dresses the part of a rural East Oregonian arriving at the May 15 engagement in a flannel shirt and denim. As the Josephy Center was celebrating the 1950s, Lesley read from several of his works, concentrating on the theme of "Growing Up in Eastern Oregon in the Fifties.'

Lesley spent well over an hour on his readings and answering questions from a genuinely moved Josephy Center audience. Afterward

down for a short interview with Chieftain the concerning his ties to the Wallowa country.



inally became acquainted with the area through several visits to an uncle's elk camp on the Imnaha River. In the early 1980s, Lesley read at the Bookloft and later became connected with Fishtrap from its very beginning in 1988. He read from his works then, but starting in 1990, he began teaching at Fishtrap writers workshops, which he continues to do.

"It was a great way to come back here, and I really like it. One thing that's interesting is that I've never really felt like writing a Portland story. I just don't know how to handle a big city, and I've always grown up and lived in small places," Lesley said.

When writing books with the Wallowas in mind, Lesley doesn't visit the area once and shape a book around it. "I've taught at Fishtrap about eight times, and I came back a lot because I like the country and people so much. I really like the students I've had here at Fishtrap as well," Lesley said.

Because of family obligations, Lesley hadn't visited the Wallowa Valley in about six years. Regardless, people in the community remember Lesley well as at least a half dozen people stopped by to chat with him during the in-

Lesley compared Wallowa County stays to a golfer's preference for playing on a familiar or "home course." "Enterprise and Joseph are my home course as a writer," Lesley said.

Retirement from writing is not in Lesley's plans. "I don't think I will. I'm writing slower than I used to, and I can feel the difference, but I still have stories. I have unfinished stories of several varieties, some going all the way back to college, and some being set up in this country. I'm still interested in the outdoors," Lesley

JOHNSON CELEBRATES 101ST



Jeanie Johnson (in red, center), of Wallowa Valley Senior Living, celebrated her 101st birthday on May 21 with about 50 of her closest friends attending. Local country band "Last Call" played for the party. Johnson attributed her longevity to dogs, staying away from men and enjoying an occasional beer.

Wallowa grad's team at UA wins \$100K award Shaw awarded for her reading

Morgan Shaw, an outstanding 4th grade reader at Wallowa Elementary School, was the final recipient of an Accelerated Reader (AR) reading program award in the 2014-15 school year.

The award was based on Morgan's participation in AR, a computer-based comprehension program that keeps a record of the books read by each

As of May 6, Morgan had accumulated over 549 AR points for the year.

Morgan is the daughter of Mike and Christie Shaw of Wallowa. In order to earn her points, she has read more than 52 very large literature books. Morgan is a good student in all academic areas. She has participated in Battle of the Books the past three years. After school she participates

soccer and softball. Other activities she enjoys are skiing, running, and making jewelry. She is also an avid writer.

Shaw

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Morgan's favorite book is "The Blood of Olympus," by Rick Riordan.

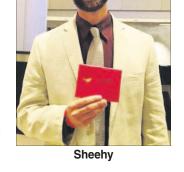
A 1997 Wallowa High School grad is a key collaborator in an award-winning effort in Arizona to help the public gain and share knowledge about the state's water resource issues. Using tools the project provides, everyday people will be able to take part in forging possible solutions.

Cody Sheehy, currently a resident of Arizona, is the son of Dennis and Marcie Sheehy

of Wallowa. He holds a master's degree in rangeland science from Oregon State Uni-

He's also a videographer who has applied those skills in documenting life in Mongolia, the rangelands of Australia, and in Costa Rican jungles. Currently he's video coordinator in the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS), which in April was awarded the \$100,000 grand prize in the "Water Consciousness Challenge," a competition within the New Arizona Prize, a joint initiative of the Arizona Community Foundation, Republic Media and Morrison Institute for Public Policy.

The CALS team's winning project, "Beyond the Mirage," plans to launch a website in January that will be a key component in an overall strategy to



use the site to create their own mini-documentaries, footage the site will provide. Cody's wife, Jatta Sheehy,

engage Arizonans, who will

is also a member of the "Beyond the Mirage" team.

For more information about the award, visit newarizonaprize.org.

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Fondest Memories

Memorial Day Decorations

Please retrieve any bouquets or other

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After that date, the cemetery maintenance crew

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Jack Elliott

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High and Low Temperatures

According to data sent to MesoWest: www.mesowest.utah.edu

Enterprise		
Date	Low	High
May 20	n/a	n/a
May 21	n/a	n/a
May 22	n/a	n/a
May 23	n/a	n/a
May 24	n/a	n/a
May 25	n/a	n/a
May 26	n/a	n/a

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Date	Low	High
May 20	43	68
May 21	49	68
May 22	47	70
May 23	49	74
May 24	41	75
May 25	43	67
May 26	39	n/a

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Joseph		
Date	Low	High
May 20	46	63
May 21	46	66
May 22	46	68
May 23	48	70
May 24	45	70
May 25	43	66
May 26	39	n/a

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	May 22	48	69
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	May 25	44	68
	May 26	39	n/a
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Date	Low	High
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May 23	54	79
May 24	49	79
May 25	51	76
May 26	49	n/a

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Low	High
52	80
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53	75
55	81
51	80
51	76
54	n/a
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Six-day forecast

May 27 - June 1Source: National Weather Service



May 30 Chance of showers

May 31 H: 82 L: 45 Chance of showers

H: 63 L: n/a Chance of showers June 1

Phases of the moon

June 9

June 2

June 16



