

# Stockgrowers award heifers

Wallowa teen takes top prize of \$2,000 for stock purchase

By Kathleen Ellyn  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County Stockgrowers recently awarded a heifer each to five deserving junior high and high school students.

Teagan Miller — daughter of Cheri and Alan Miller of Wallowa — took the top award of \$2,000 to purchase a bred heifer. Teagan, 16, is a sophomore at Wallowa High, a member of the Wallowa Trailblazers 4-H Club, an FFA member and a past member of the 2014 4-H Court.

Miller added a Red Angus heifer from Alan Klages ranch to her farmstead collection of rabbits, chickens, a mule and a longhorn heifer.

Miller named her sweet-faced heifer “Hael” after a fantasy “angel of kindness.”

The Stockgrowers had planned to award another three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000, but the next four presenters were so good that the selection committee decided to up the award to four, said Alan Klages, president of Wallowa County Stockgrowers.

The four \$1,000 awards to be applied toward the purchase of a heifer went to Zane Hermens of Wallowa, son of Carrie and Levi Hermens; Mad-die McDowell of Enterprise, daughter of Amber and Matt McDowell; Haley Miller of Joseph, daughter of Dena and Cory Miller; and Emma Hite



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Rancher Alan Klages of Enterprise makes out a shipping slip for Teagan Miller’s new bred

of Joseph, daughter of Jill and Jim Miller.

Wallowa County Hay Growers has also pledged to provide hay for the first year to students who were awarded heifers.

The scholarship recently was expanded due to the sale of 20 heifers donated by numerous local stockgrowers. All 20 heifers were bred to Klages’ red Angus bulls before being offered for sale.

Trevor Wentz, 20, of Enterprise purchased the herd of bred heifers to add to a larger herd he is building this year. Wentz had applied for the Stockgrowers scholarship himself during his school years, but never won, he said. Now, he’s brought some really good heifers to his family’s ranch in the Swamp Creek area.



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Meet “Hael,” the red angus heifer that Teagan Miller of Wallowa claimed as her prize in the Stockgrowers Bred Heifer Scholarship program. Hael is the angel of art, beauty and kindness.

## OBITUARIES

Melvin Malcolm Lathrop  
Jan. 18, 1929 to Nov. 27, 2015

Melvin Malcolm Lathrop, 86, of Wallowa County passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 27 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

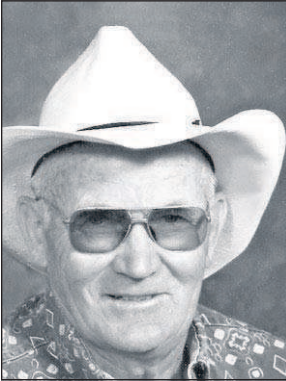
He was born in Wallowa on Jan. 18, 1929 to Louis and Hazel Lathrop. He lived and ranched his whole life in Leap on a century farm.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joan Lathrop; daughter Elizabeth (Chic) Thomas and husband Rich of Oregon City, Ore.; daughter Betty Flavell and husband Eric of Indialantic, Fla.; son Joe and wife Kathy of Wallowa; son Bruce and wife Pam of Lostine; sister Marian Bowen of La Grande; sister Mary Lou Huffman of Summerville, Ore.; brother Wayne of Enterprise; sister Sally Akin of Lostine; and 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, five brothers and three sisters.

Melvin was a member of the Grange, the Wallowa County Weed Board and he was a 4-H leader for many years. He liked hunting, gardening, carpentry and spending time with his family. Working was his passion.

By his request there will be no public services. Memorial donations can be made to a charity of your choice.



Lester Earl Kiesecker  
Aug. 13, 1917 to Nov. 30, 2015

Lester E. Kiesecker passed away in his sleep at Wallowa Valley Senior Living in Enterprise on Nov. 30, 2015. He was the third of five children born to Albert F. and Bertha Mallory Kiesecker in Anatone, Wash. He attended school at Anatone, went to work when he was 17 years old, and eventually bought property and settled near Troy, Ore., where he lived for sixty years before moving to Enterprise in 2004.

In 1940 he married Frances DeJean and together they had four children: Calvin, Sandra and twins Garold and Jerold. Frances died tragically in a plane crash near Troy in August 1959.

Lester married Clarice Barton on Dec. 14, 1961 and became stepfather to Cynthia and Debra. Together Lester and Clarice had two sons, Troy and Timothy.

Lester was a cowboy, rancher, farmer and truck-driver in his long life, and was still farming when he was 89 years old. He rode a horse from Asotin, Wash., to Joseph when he was 88 years old. He loved old-time music and played several instruments and sang. He excelled at playing the fiddle and was quite an entertainer. He loved dancing and did it every chance he got. Many people enjoyed the open-air dances held at the Kiesecker Ranch near Troy every summer for many years.

Lester is pre-deceased by his parents, sister Ulene Garrett, first wife Frances, son Jerry and great-grandchildren Cody Johnson and Carson Weaver. He is survived by siblings Irene Bott, 101, of Tri-Cities, Gilbert, 100, of Seattle, and Melvin, 93, of Anatone, Wash., as well as his wife Clarice of Enterprise; children Calvin of Island City, Sandra Weaver of Lewiston, Gary and Cathi of Island City, Troy of Vancouver and Tim and Julie of Enterprise; step-daughters Cindy and Greg Neal of Lostine and Debbie and Jim Keefer of Joseph. Also, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his very good friend, Doug McDaniel.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at Enterprise Christian Church. Burial will follow at Lostine Cemetery. Donations may be made in Lester’s name to Joseph Charter School FFA. Arrangements by Bollman Funeral Home.

Jolene Rae ‘Jodi’ Searles  
July 20, 1956 to Nov. 18, 2015

Jolene Rae (“Jodi”) Searles, 59, passed away peacefully Nov. 18, 2015.

Jolene was born in Enterprise on July 20, 1956. She was the third child of Victor Keith and Ielene Searles. She was raised on the family farm on Alder Slope with her three siblings and attended Enterprise High School, graduating in 1974.

Jolene was preceded in death by her father, Victor Keith; mother, Ielene Ruth; and sister, Susan Jill. She is survived by brothers Kerry Searles of Enterprise, Kent Searles of Tillamook and sons Rory (Brooke) Johnson of Hawaii, Kyle (Emily) Johnson of Indiana and Rob (Angie) Searles of Idaho and six grandchildren. A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Correction

The directory of local nonprofits and foundations in our Nov. 4 Wallowa County Giving special section included an incorrect address for Divide Camp. The correct address is P.O. Box 49, Joseph, OR, 97846.

## Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Condition
Dec. 3	40	26	Partly cloudy
Dec. 4	38	18	Chance of rain
Dec. 5	39	26	Chance of rain
Dec. 6	38	24	Partly cloudy
Dec. 7	40	25	Mostly cloudy
Dec. 8	41	27	Chance of rain

### Phases of the moon

Dec. 3	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

## WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE, SUNSET NOV. 25-DEC. 1

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED Dec. 2	THUR Dec. 3	FRI Dec. 4	SAT Dec. 5	SUN Dec. 6	MON Dec. 7	TUES Dec. 8
Rise: 7:09 Set: 4:07	Rise: 7:11 Set: 4:07	Rise: 7:12 Set: 4:07	Rise: 7:13 Set: 4:06	Rise: 7:14 Set: 4:06	Rise: 7:15 Set: 4:06	Rise: 7:16 Set: 4:06

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