

MRS. EASTERN OREGON



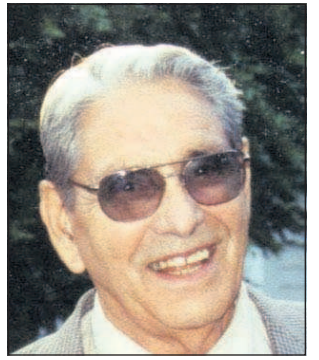
Mrs. Eastern Oregon Lori McNeil of Baker City reads to a group of young children during a recent stop at the Enterprise Public Library. McNeil will be representing eight counties in Eastern Oregon, including Wallowa County, at the Mrs. Oregon Pageant on April 9 in West Linn. As part of her campaign, she's been working hard to promote literacy and encourage interest in reading. Her first children's book, "Charlie's First Day," is set to be released in April and will soon be available in libraries throughout the state. To learn more about McNeil, visit <http://mrseasternoregon.weebly.com>.

Courtesy of Lori A. McNeil

OBITUARIES

Wesley Merrill Conrad
Aug. 20, 1928 to March 18, 2016

Wesley Merrill Conrad was born in La Grande to C.C. (Tod) and Pearl I. (Skillings) Conrad on Aug. 20, 1928. He died peacefully at his home in Wallowa on March 18, 2016.



Wes was raised in Imbler and graduated from Imbler High School in 1946 (walking 5 miles uphill both ways, we were told). His family purchased a farm in Wallowa that year and he moved there to help with the farm.

Wes met Betty Holloran in Wallowa and they were married Jan. 16, 1949. Together they raised six children: Toni Silva of La Grande, Dennis (Sue) of Lyons, Carol Jean Conrad of La Grande, Clifford (Barb) of Enterprise, Linda Sue (Vearl) Lewis and Kim of Wallowa.

Wes could ride and rope with the best cowboys but hated it as it always meant work to him. He sat a fine horse.

He was employed in the logging industry under both Ed Holloran Logging and Dixon and Bennett Logging. During layoffs, he drove school bus and helped Carman Ranches, feeding silage to cattle and Copenhagen to the Carman boys. Wes' career with GTE began in the '60s as a telephone lineman and lasted until his retirement.

Wes was a member of the Elks club and the Lions club, working on many projects that benefited his community.

He excelled in baseball and basketball while attending Imbler schools. He continued with these sports as an adult playing on town leagues in the area, then played adult softball up until the batter following him (his son-in-law Vearl) could out-run him in the baselines.

As a parent, Wes was an active participant in school activities, chaperoning dances (learning all the newest steps before each dance). He went on Senior Sneaks and to bowling tournaments with the kids.

Little League and his beloved Oriole teams kept the household busy for many years with the phone ringing off the hook — whether mothers wanting to wash uniforms, but Wes saying "not yet," or asking what time practice was. These kids outgrew Little League, but have never forgotten Coach Conrad nor he his loyal ballplayers. He was in his element — until he coached an adult women's softball team ...

Wes was an avid sportsman in the arena and out, be it refereeing, coaching, listening to boxing on his car radio while sitting above Enterprise for good reception, or simply sitting in his recliner with the sound turned off on the TV — Wes was a fan!

He was a perfectionist, which gave us all something to complain about. Mowing the lawn, haircuts, hunting, sorting garbage, playing ball, hanging pictures and (OMG) stacking and burning wood. He was tough on us all, but a male role model who helped instill a work ethic in each of us and our children that will carry us through our lives.

No matter how tired and worn out after work, Wes took time to get down on the floor and play with his kids in the evenings, a lesson we can all take value from. Thanks, Daddy, for being there, no matter what.

Wes was preceded in death by Betty, his loving wife of 65 years, in 2014; his parents Tod and Pearl Conrad; brother Clifford; and sister June Van Blokland.

He is survived by his six children, 23 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Also, sister Jean Ann (Ed) Miller and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26 at Wallowa Cemetery with a potluck to follow at the Senior Center in Wallowa. Donations may be made to a charity of choice.

SERVICE NOTICES

Patricia Noland

Graveside service for Patricia Noland of Enterprise will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2 at Enterprise Cemetery.

MCT's 'Peter and Wendy' auditions April 4

Wallowa County Chieftain

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of "Peter and Wendy" from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 4 at the OK Theatre in Enterprise. Among the roles to be cast are Peter, his Shadow, Tinker Bell and the Lost Boys; Wendy and her brothers John and Michael; their parents Mr. and

Mrs. Darling with their faithful friends Nana and Liza. Captain Hook and his Pirate Crew along with the Crocodile; Tiger Lily, the band of Neverlanders and Neverland Creatures; and, carrying them to Neverland, a group of stormy Clouds. Students in grades kindergarten to 12th grade are encouraged to audition.

Those auditioning should arrive at 4:20 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

No advance preparation is

necessary. Assistant directors also will be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT Tour actor/directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 4:15 to 8:30 p.m. each day.

"Peter and Wendy" will be presented in two performances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the OK Theatre on Saturday, April 9.

The Missoula Children's Theatre 33rd consecutive res-



Courtesy Missoula Children's Theatre

idency in Wallowa County is brought to you by Erin Baynes. Terra Snyder and Kristin Ruckdahl with support from the Wallowa Valley Arts Council, Joseph Charter School, Wallowa School District, Wallowa County Soroptimist, the Wallowa Valley Cultural Trust, Darrell Brann and Family of the OK Theatre, Mountain View Glass, The Chieftain and KWVR.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Erin Baynes at 541-398-1577 or visit <http://mctinc.org>.

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for the calls, gifts, cards, prayers and unlimited help that was offered. Thank you for all the unwavering support. Through this difficult time you even made us laugh,

which was great.

When you're from Wallowa County, it's a very special place, with very special people.

With deep gratitude,
The Hagenahs

Thank You

The family of Ed Wallace would like to thank the many friends and family for the kind words of sympathy, cards, flowers, phone calls, kind memories shared, the church ladies and the wonderful food that people brought to the service. Special thanks Jerry Raedeke and my beautiful grandchildren who did their part in the service and also couplings David and Shirley Parker who have always been there for us.

Carol Wallace, Dwayne & Betsy, Dan Jaana, Debbie & Trent, Dianna & Rick

Beginning Photography Class
SPRING 2016



Cost: \$135 • 6pm-9pm at Tomas Room in Enterprise
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Weather Forecast
Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
March 31	58	35	Clear
April 1	62	37	Clear
April 2	61	36	Clear
April 3	59	37	Clear
April 4	53	32	Chance of rain
April 5	49	34	Chance of rain

Phases of the moon

March 31	April 7	April 13	April 22
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE/SUNSET MARCH 30-APRIL 5
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5
Rise: 6:32	Rise: 6:30	Rise: 6:28	Rise: 6:26	Rise: 6:25	Rise: 6:23	Rise: 6:21
Set: 7:15	Set: 7:17	Set: 7:18	Set: 7:19	Set: 7:21	Set: 7:22	Set: 7:23

Employee Appreciation Day April 27

LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE APPRECIATED!

Place a Thank You ad in the April 27th edition of the Wallowa County Chieftain for your employee or employees and have a gift delivered. They'll appreciate it.

Cheryl Jenkins

We appreciate all you do for all of us with professionalism, a smile, and a sense of humor!

The Crew @ The Chieftain



2" x 2" Thank You ad in the April 27th edition of the Chieftain
Only \$35⁰⁰

This year's gift is a \$10 Gift Certificate for lunch!
Only \$7⁰⁰

All orders must be in by April 22. Stop by and place your order at 209 NW First, Enterprise, give us a call at 541-426-4567 or e-mail Jennifer at jpowell@wallowa.com.



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