

Chief Joseph Days selects 2017 court

Wallowa County Chieftain

Chief Joseph Days organizers recently announced the members of its 2017 court, the event’s 72nd overall.

Following tryouts at the rodeo grounds in Joseph on Aug. 21, Haley Miller and Mad-di Tracy-Mallory of Joseph and Caitlin Robb of Wallowa emerged as next year’s court.

Tracy-Mallory, 16, is a junior at Joseph Charter School and the daughter of Jill and Clay Mallory. She has three siblings, sister Marli and brothers Zane and Owen. She also has a great-grandmother and two sets of grandparents who live in the area, as well as a large extended family.

Miller, 15, is a sophomore at Joseph Charter School and the daughter of Cory and Dena Miller. She has three young-

er brothers Hadley, Harley and Hanley. Her great-grandmother Icel Edgemond Miller was the first queen of Chief Joseph Days in 1946. Her grandmother Debbie Nobles Gilbert was queen in 1976 and her mother Dena Rynerson Miller was a princess in 1996.

Robb, 17, is the daughter of Bill Robb and Sherry Robb of Wallowa. She is a senior at Wallowa High School and has two older brothers — Justin and Wesley — and a younger brother, Joe.

The 72nd Chief Joseph Days queen will be crowned in April.

The 2016 court consists of Queen Lauren Makin and Princesses Sarah Aschenbrenner and Taylor Grote.

Visit www.chiefjosephdays.com to learn more about CJD courts, past and present.

AARP honors Sen. Wyden

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AARP has announced U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) as a recipient of the 2016 “Champion of the 50+” legislative leadership award for his significant achievements during the 114th Congress that benefit the lives of the 50-plus and their families.

Sen. Wyden received the award for preserving financial security through passage of legislation that addressed the

shortfall in the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) trust fund, ensuring that children, veterans, older workers, families and others who receive disability insurance benefits would not face a 20 percent cut in their benefits.

“Sen. Wyden deserves this award because he worked to improve financial security for millions of American families,” said AARP Oregon state president Elaine Friesen-Strang.

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann McLaughlin

Nov. 17, 1960 to Aug. 28, 2016

Mary Ann McLaughlin died at her home in Enterprise on Aug. 28, 2016 at age 55. She was born Nov. 17, 1960 in Enterprise to Jim and Lois Blankinship.

She was raised on the Snake River, and in Imnaha and Joseph. When Mary Ann started school the family moved to Joseph, where she attended grade school and high school. She loved riding horses and playing with her dogs. Mary Ann was a princess on the Chief Joseph Days rodeo court in 1978. When she graduated from high school in 1979, the family moved to Alder Slope in Enterprise.



She met the love of her life setting pipe one day as she spotted a handsome guy in the other field setting pipe. She learned his name was Erl McLaughlin. Erl and Mary Ann were married at the Enterprise Christian Church on June 6, 1981. They bought a home on Alder Slope, where they lived together until her passing.

They had two awesome children, Tyson and Tonya. Mary Ann was a wonderful mother and wife. She did all the farm bookkeeping, ran errands and made meals for Erl at farming time. She was active with her children in 4-H events and riding clubs.

Tonya married William Castilleja, and they have three children — Colton, Ryker and Kenzie. “Granny” as she was called, enjoyed playing with these little ones who were the loves of her life and watching them help with the farming chores. Tyson is a cowboy who participates in numerous roping events and brandings, and he helps ranchers with their cattle. She laughed at his humor, telling stories about his day and such. She loved the Lord with all her heart and she walked with Jesus everyday praying for her family.

She is survived by her husband Erl; children Tonya and her husband William Castilleja, and Tyson McLaughlin; grandchildren Colton, Ryker and Kenzie Castilleja; sister Janice Garrett; brother-in-law John McLaughlin and his wife Rhonda; sister-in-law Carol Kortnik and husband Mark; mother-in-law Hope McLaughlin; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Lois Blankinship.

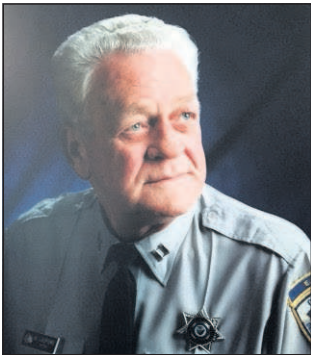
A celebration of her life was held Friday, Sept. 2 at the old Enterprise Christian Church, 207 E. Main St., followed by interment at the Enterprise Cemetery. Bollman Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Bob Ledford

Oct. 21, 1931 to Aug. 28, 2016

Bobby (Bob) Jeane Ledford passed away at his home in Walla Walla on Aug. 28, 2016. at age 84.

Bob was born in Washington County, Arkansas, on Oct. 21, 1931 to Troy Everett and Susie Jane Wilkins Ledford. He was raised in the Pinnacle area in Madison County, Arkansas. He attended a one-room schoolhouse through 8th grade before moving with his family by train to work in the orchards at Chelan Falls, Wash., in 1946, and then to Kennewick in 1947, when his father was employed on the Hanford Nuclear Project.



Bob enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in February 1949 and served in Korea and Japan during the Korean War. When he returned to the states, he was stationed at Maxwell Air Base in Alabama, where he met Alice LaRose McClain, who was also in the Air Force. They were married in the First Christian Church in Montgomery, Ala., on Feb. 13, 1953. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force as a staff sergeant in August 1953.

Following his discharge, Bob and LaRose moved to Enterprise, where Bob worked for the Forest Service, as a logger, at lumber mills and at the Enterprise Safeway. In 1962, Bob and his family moved to Walla Walla when he was hired as a correctional officer at the Washington State Penitentiary. He also worked part time as the produce manager at Wade’s Thriftway and Fred’s Market, and as a reserve officer for the College Place Police Department. Bob retired from WSP in 1987 with the rank of lieutenant. He soon missed working, and took a job with the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton in 1988. While at the EOICI, he rose from the rank of correctional officer to captain in the shortest period of time in the history of Oregon corrections, and truly enjoyed the staff and administration at EOICI. He retired from EOICI in 1995.

Bob loved the country and enjoyed watching wildlife and farming operations, fishing, hunting and spending time with friends and family. HealsowasalifetimememberofEagleCapVFWPost4307inEnterprise.

Bob is survived by his wife LaRose; daughters Jeanne Brewer in Walla Walla and Josie (Robert) Mussman in West Richland; brothers J C (Mary) Ledford of Duluth, Minn., Bill (Caryn) Ledford of Eugene and Troy Clifford (Peggy) Ledford of Richland; 11 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Mary Jane Thomas; sister Geri Wylie; and brother Dwight D. Ledford.

Private graveside services will be held at the Enterprise Cemetery at a later date.

Friends and family may share memories and sign the online guestbook at www.mountainview-colonialdewitt.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Joseph Wesley Patton

Joseph Wesley “Wes” Patton went to be with his Lord Sept. 6, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Enterprise Baptist Church. A full obit will be published at a later date.

About Obituaries

News obituaries are a free service of the Wallowa County Chieftain. The paper accepts obituaries from the family or funeral home. Information submitted is subject to editing. Send obituaries by e-mail, obits@wallowa.com; fax, 541-426-3921; or mail, PO Box 338, Enterprise, OR 97828. Deadline is 2 p.m. Monday.

CORRECTION

- There was a misleading headline with an article about Point of Connection Ministries’ plan to create transitional housing for convicts on Page 1 of our Aug. 24 print edition. The headline suggested there are more than 100 parolees in Wallowa County. We have about 35 parolees and at least 75 others who are not parolees but are on probation.
- Our Aug. 31 dragon boat article on Page 1 provided an incorrect name for the captain of the Bridge City teams (there were four teams). Jeremy Shattuck is the captain. Also, the Wallowa Team did beat the Wasabi team, which was in third place, but the second place boat in the photo finish was Bridge City Mixed Gold Team.

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
Sept. 8		67 35	Clear
Sept. 9		74 39	Clear
Sept. 10		79 38	Clear
Sept. 11		63 34	Clear
Sept. 12		65 37	Clear
Sept. 13		71 37	Clear

Phases of the moon

Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET SEPT. 7-13

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)							
WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	
Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	
Rise: 6:19	Rise: 6:20	Rise: 6:21	Rise: 6:22	Rise: 6:23	Rise: 6:25	Rise: 6:26	
Set: 7:14	Set: 7:12	Set: 7:10	Set: 7:09	Set: 7:07	Set: 7:05	Set: 7:03	

Vangie Thies

Nov. 23, 1924 - Aug. 2, 2016



Vangie Thies passed away on August 2, 2016, at her home in Enterprise, Oregon, with family at her side. She was 91.

Vangie was born on November 23, 1924, in Marcola, Oregon, to John and Florence Condos. She attended Marcola schools through her freshman year of high school. She then moved to Cottage Grove, Oregon, in 1939, where she met Richard Thies who was to become the love of her life. They were married August 15, 1942, in Vancouver, Washington. They raised three children, Harold, Cheron, and Ron in Cottage Grove. Richard, a logger and mechanic, eventually established Thies Richfield service station. Vangie served as bookkeeper for the business in addition to her household duties of cleaning, cooking, baking, and maintaining their home in her signature, immaculate style.

For many years they spent their free time traveling together to the Wallowa Mountains for fun and to hunt deer and elk. In 1971 they moved to Enterprise, Oregon, where Richard purchased another service station and established their ARCO service station. Vangie continued as the bookkeeper for the business among her other duties. They continued hunting deer and elk together and with family and friends who often joined in the hunt and enjoyed the accommodations at Richard and Vangie’s “hunting lodge.”

Along with hunting, Vangie had many interests which included bowling, golfing, fishing, sewing, canning, pen and ink drawings, oil and acrylic painting, sculpting, playing the steel guitar, flower gardening, stained glass, basket weaving, knitting, crocheting, tatting, cross-stitch, embroidery, and collecting stamps and coins. She copied and organized scrapbooks of photographs into a history of family and friends. Occasionally, she surprised family and friends with hatbands made from rattlesnake skins that she had treated and prepared herself. She won many ribbons for her talents from items she entered in the Wallowa County Fair. She also won the hearts of family and friends with whom she generously shared the bounty produced from her kitchen and studio of her talents. But most of all, they enjoyed her yummy chocolate chip cookies, which no one has yet been able to replicate!

Vangie’s father immigrated to America from Greece through Ellis Island in the early 1900’s when he was a young boy. She embraced her Greek heritage by teaching herself to read and write some phrases of the Greek language. She then used Greek greetings and closings for cards she sent to her relatives in Greece and Belgium. Many of her cards were exquisite pen-and-ink creations that she produced herself.

She and Richard were able to travel to Greece and Belgium twice in the mid-1990s to visit her relatives. She was especially grateful to visit the small island village where her father was born. Her father’s family still owned the small stone abode where he was born and the property and land on which he was raised.

All of Vangie’s family and friends would agree that she was always a fun, sweet, and caring person who would not hesitate to cook, bake, clean, craft, and/or ORGANIZE anything at any time there was a need, and we would all agree.... even when there was not a need. A prized possession of hers was the labeling machine that one of her granddaughters gave her. One thing we probably will not be able to solve is how she found the time to do so much for so many. “Grammy” was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by many.

Vangie was preceded in death, by her parents, her brother, Gene Condos, and sister, Lavonne Condos. She is survived by her husband of 73 years, Richard, two sons, Harold Thies (Paula) of Central Point, Oregon, and Ron Thies (Leslie) of Enterprise, Oregon, and a daughter, Cheron Taylor (Tony) of Junction City, Oregon; six grandchildren, Alicia Eilenberger, Nyssa Comer, Trina Corno, Jeff Taylor, Rick Thies, and Rock Thies; thirteen great-grandchildren, Tyler, Marissa, Ashley, Autumn, Ashton, Aiden, Taylor, Jack, Carter, Adiana, Milly, Alesha, and Flynn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service was held by her family at the Wallowa Cemetery in Wallowa, Oregon, on August 5, 2016. In Grammy’s memory, please bake some cookies for someone you love.



NEW HOURS: Thursday - Sunday 8am to 7pm
Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Check out rimrockinnor.com
for a complete restaurant menu

SEASON EXTENDED: Stay in a Tipi or Vintage Trailer through October!

