



# THREE minutes with ...



## CLARANN WITTY

Clarann Witty, 82, of Enterprise first came to the county in 1949 as a freshman in high school. Her mother was Virginia Dare Nunn of Virginia and her stepfather was Robert Nunn of Mississippi. Her father worked at Mt. Emily Lumber Company as a mill machinist.

She graduated from Enterprise High in 1953, married J. Butner, who was working for Wallowa County Grain Growers, and the couple had two children.

When the marriage ended in 1961, Clarann went south to her stepfather's home state of Mississippi. None of the South remains in Clarann's accent, but she spent many years there, attending Holmes Junior College and then Mississippi College in Clinton where she eventually earned her master's degree in elementary education. She taught in Pearl, Miss. at the beginning of integration.

It was an experience she says she remembers with great pride. "I look back on it and I was so glad I had that opportunity. People are very good all over . . . it matters not if they're blue, green, pink or polkadot."

She always came back and forth to Wallowa County to visit her sister, the late Marvel Eaves. But she continued to work in the south until 1982 when she married her old classmate Derrell Witty and moved back to help Marvel with her restaurant "A Country Place on Pete's Pond."

Derrell worked for Wallowa County Road Department. He had three children by a previous marriage.

Clarann kept on helping her sister at the restaurant and built "Granny Yum," a dehydrated prepared mix company with Marvel, Shirley Stonebrink and Eleanor Miller.

Nowadays, in addition to being the president of Hurri-

cane Grange, she helps out with the Wallowa County Fair and Wallowa County Museum, is interested in the Library District and has served as Oregon State Grange Community Service Director in the past.

**Q. Why do you like Wallowa County?**

**A.** I like it because people can come here and be themselves. You've got world travelers here and people who haven't gone past the county line.

Are people here critical? Yes. Are people here giving? Yes. Are people here loving? Yes. And hardworking. It's the same in the South, but, if you don't look for it you won't see it. Believe it or not, there are still people around in the world with blinders on.

**Q. What's the difference between an opportunity and a curse?**

**A.** Sometimes when you look at a curse it opens up your eyes to see another opportunity. So, I think opportunity follows a curse. We all have bad and good, we've all been there, but what are we going to do with it?

**Q. Can you recommend a book for us to read?**

**A.** Well, this may sound strange, but I've always loved the book of Proverbs. Don't ask me to quote one, but I love to see people who will say "This too shall pass" pick themselves up and go on.

I've read a lot of John Grisham's books, too. I love people who look for answers and don't let people sidetrack them — they just move forward.

### Thanksgiving dinner will be served Nov. 23

Organizers of the annual free community Thanksgiving Dinner have announced this year's version will be 1 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Community Connection Senior Center, 702 NW 1st St., Enterprise.

The menu features turkey and all the trimmings. Guests are asked to bring a donation for the Community Connection Food Bank. Around 150 people are expected to attend.

Reservations are not necessary, and rides to the senior center may be arranged.

Info: 541-398-1822.

### Flu vaccines offered in county Nov. 6-8

Wallowa County Health Department and area pharmacies will offer flu vaccinations to those six months and older next week.

Shots will be available Monday, Nov. 6 at Community Connections— 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Enterprise School Multi-purpose

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Room — 3-6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, shots are available at Mt. View Medical Group, 100 North East St., in Joseph — 3-6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, shots are available at Wallowa Senior Center 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

All insurances are accepted. Those without insurance can make a donation.

Info: 541-426-4848.

### Ski, ice skate exchange set Dec. 9

Quality skis, boots, poles, snowboards, ice skates and hockey gear are being collected for a swap and sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Odd Fellows Hall in Enterprise.

Items can be dropped off prior to 10 a.m. on the day of the sale. Any unsold gear not picked up by 2 p.m. will be donated to the Soroptimist Thrift Shop. Proceeds go to Eagle Cap Ski Club and Wallowa Valley Community Ice Rink.

Info: 541-398-1148.

### Ant Flat winter hours revealed

Ant Flat landfill in Enterprise will be open 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for winter hours beginning Nov. 5.

Although hours had been extended earlier, usage showed that few people showed up before 10 a.m. (four people in three weeks), so the commissioners made the decision to cut the hours. The shortened hours will last until the end of daylight savings time in spring.

### Volunteers sought to read books to kids

Volunteers are being sought for The Books Bridging Generations program, sponsored by Building Healthy Families. The program pairs students grades K-3 in all three Wallowa County school districts with community volunteers for weekly reading sessions.

With the goals of building positive adult and child relationships while simultaneously developing reading skills and initiating a life-

long love for reading, the program is loosely modeled on a number of evidence-based reading models.

The program begins Oct. 16. Info: Tashina 541-426-9411.

### Fundraiser for FCCLA ongoing

Members of the Enterprise and Joseph FCCLA chapters are conducting a wreath and greenery fundraiser.

Students will be selling classic wreaths and garlands in varying sizes, wreaths shaped as crosses and candy canes, swags, centerpieces with red candle and snow cones.

All wreaths are made with a "noble mix" of freshly cut Noble Fir, Blue Berried Juniper and Cedar.

Sales continue through Nov. 7. Wreaths will arrive on Dec. 3; students will deliver the wreaths they sell.

For both chapters, this is their primary fundraiser of the year. It helps pay for events including Oregon Leadership and the national convention, which will be held in Atlanta July 2018.

Info: 541-398-2223.

## VFW builds shelter for chair recipient

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Vietnam veteran Joe Llewellyn, who was featured in a May 15 Chieftain article about a track chair donated to him, now has a home for the track chair as well, thanks to the efforts of a local citizen and Eagle Cap VFW Post 1307 in Enterprise.

The track chair is essentially an ATV wheelchair with tracks, rather than wheels. The tracks allow the chair to travel with relative ease over uneven ground.

Joseph citizen Katherine Stickroth, who spearheaded the track chair donation, did the same Facebook campaign to fund a shelter for the chair.

Llewellyn originally did not have a place to shelter the chair. It was too big for the trailer he lives in, so he planned to cover it with a tarp.

The campaign eventually netted some \$2,000 for the building of the shelter.

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