



# THREE minutes with ...



LINDA EOFF

Linda Eoff, 66, of Wallowa first came to the county when she was a child being raised by her grandma, Blossom Hoskin. She moved to the town of Wallowa in 1960 and spent two years in Wallowa schools before moving on to live with other relatives. She eventually joined her mother, Carol Hoskin-Anderson, in Clarkston, Wash., when she was 13.

She married at 16, moved to Washington state and had two children by her first husband, Tom Stover. When that marriage ended after eight years, she moved back to the La Grande area and worked in potato fields to try to support herself and her two children.

She was 28 when she met "a keeper." She and Russell Eoff of Wallowa have now been married for 38 years.

Russell Eoff worked at Rogge's Mill, and Linda worked in various senior homes throughout her working life.

She continues to work with seniors and sometimes multiple generations of a family, minding tiny babies, young children and seniors with disabilities.

"I like to help elderly. I'm a person who likes older people over younger people. I've worked in nursing homes for years so I've helped a lot of people take care of their husbands with dementia, and I'm caring for a lady with dementia now. I babysit a baby that is just 10 months in the same family and help with an eight-year-old I've known since she was adopted at three. They're just like family to me," she said.

She's organizing the Wallowa Senior Center Christmas Bazaar this year as well.

**Q. What was it about Wallowa County that made you want to stay?**

**A.** It's peaceful, it's quiet, the mountains, the trees, the greenness. I like it because it's small. I was always raised out in the country, and to me, this is "the country." It's just always felt like home. I enjoy working with my chickens, selling the eggs, working outside. I grew 87 onions in my little garden and I've got a patch of parsnips.

**Q. What has Wallowa County taught you?**

**A.** I've learned to respect people and give them their leeway. Big cities are too big and there are too many people, and they don't know how to get along. Here they're more like a family that knows how to get along. If you have a problem, you go to the other person and say, "Hey, please don't do that again." Big city people don't seem to know how to do this. I've had a lot of friends here.

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

**A.** Sweetie, I don't read books, but I can recommend one: The Bible. I like the Song of Songs, Psalms, the Book of John. I like Revelation; it's really dramatic. I think my favorite prayer to say is the one they call the Serenity Prayer.

## Nobel Prize in Physics has Wallowa County connection

By Paul Wahl

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The 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics has a Wallowa County connection.

The award went to a team of scientists that first observed the universe's gravitational waves. The waves, which were predicted by Albert Einstein a hundred years ago, came from a collision between two black holes. It took 1.3 billion years for the waves to arrive at the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, or LIGO, detectors in the USA. The gravitational wave made a distortion in space/time that was less than one proton in diameter and less than one second in time -- but LIGO detected it for the first time in human history.



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**Matt Evans has a long history of involvement with this year's Nobel Prize in Physics award winners.**

Matthew Evans has been working on the LIGO project since he entered graduate school at Caltech in 1997, and over the last two decades has worked on most parts of the

LIGO instrument.

He is the son of Anita Van Grunsvan of Wallowa. She and her husband moved to the county in 2016, having relocated to a ranch on Upper Dia-

mond Lane from Idaho.

"I helped to design the current version of the LIGO detector, which made the first detection of gravitational waves, and spent a lot of time at the observatories helping to make that design work," said Evans, who is an assistant professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "Let me be very clear though: this is a big project and many people worked on the design and construction of the detectors, so I am certainly not trying to take credit for doing it all myself."

The three pioneers who brought the project to completion — Rainer Weiss, Kip S. Thorne and Barry C. Barish — have been cohorts of Evans' throughout the years.

Evans and his brother, Dan, were raised in the Hillsboro, Ore., area. Matt Evans is a 1992 graduate of Newberg High School. Dan is one of the top programmers in IKEA's IT

department, based in Norway.

Van Grunsvan said both children had a typical upbringing on the family's Chehalem Mountain acreage.

Evans had an early interest in science, sparked by an orange '67 Camaro with a big white stripe.

"It required a lot of mechanical work to keep it going, so at a fairly early age, he learned how to take a car apart, fix it and put it back together again," Van Grunsvan said.

"I like to think of that car as red, despite what the pictures show," Evans quipped. "Working on cars is just one part of the bigger picture of understanding how things work. Of course, that is also what physics is all about; understanding how things work."

After high school, Evans received his B.S. from Harvey Mudd College in 1996 and his Ph.D. from California Institute of Technology in 2002. He

did his post-doctoral work at Caltech, and in 2006, he began at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a research scientist for the LIGO project, taking his current post in 2013.

The project is more closely aligned with scientific research for the sake of knowing rather than providing a major technological development.

"Our aim is not really a better mouse trap or technology development though some of that happens," Evans said. "We have helped to drive laser and vibration isolation technologies, for example. But our main public impact, and our primary goal, is about the basic human desire to know; our innate curiosity about the world we live in."

"People didn't flock to see the eclipse because it would make their lives better, but because it is an awesome thing which helps you know your place in the universe."

Advice for mothers raising future scientists?

"If they were crying, I snuggled them and did what I could," Van Grunsvan said. "I had as few rules as possible but those were strictly enforced."

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. "Be back later"
4. Zhou dynasty state
7. Mineral
8. \_\_\_ and gagged
10. One of Lebron's former sidekicks
12. Ivory Coast village
13. Caffeinated beverage
14. Without armies
16. Intention
17. Sulfuric and citric are two
19. Supplement with difficulty
20. & & &
21. George and Weezie
25. Liquefied petroleum gas
26. Immortal act
27. Ancient Greek sophist
29. Aids digestion
30. Comedy routine
31. Actress Thurman
32. Adult beverage
39. Amounts of time
41. An awkward stupid person
42. \_\_\_ Walker, "The Color Purple"
43. Covers babies' chests
44. Parts per billion (abbr.)
45. Ottoman military title
46. More skilled
48. Natives to New Mexico
49. Indigent
50. Illuminated
51. Very fast airplane
52. Devoid of cordiality

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Comedian Goldthwait
2. Worn by women
3. "Naked Gun" actor Nielsen
4. Processes fatty acids
5. Mortals
6. Not invited
8. Show \_\_\_: entertainment
9. Darkens
11. Pilgrimage
14. Danish krone
15. Savior
18. Midway between south and east
19. Electroencephalograph
20. Henry's wife Boleyn
22. Hairstyle
23. Frames per second
24. Sinclair novel
27. Basics
28. A person's life story
29. Luxury automaker
31. Ultrahigh frequency
32. Island and antelope are two
33. Taxi
34. Farm state
35. Fence part
36. Rwandan capital
37. Onomatopoeic
38. In a state of turbulence
39. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
40. Flowering plants
44. Inquire too closely
47. Sun up in New York

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 Kaye Garver - Pastor  
 102 West 1st Street, P.O. Box 53  
 Wallowa, Or 97885  
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 Discussion Group 9:30 AM  
 Worship Service 11:00 AM  
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