

Stangel Industries

Kathryn Stangel, 35, of Enterprise is the daughter of Chris and Dennis Gisi of Walla Walla. He father was a banker and her mother was the first woman to graduate in the construction school in Walla Walla and became the first woman construction contractor in Walla Walla. She built houses.

Kathryn went to school at Walla Walla High, graduating in 2001. Then it was on to Gonzaga and WSU where she majored in business and social sciences. She didn't find the job path she wanted, so quit university in 2004 and got her real estate license and started out with Windermere Real Estate in Walla Walla. She still holds her Washington State real estate license.

Soon her whole family was in real estate and the family opened the John L. Scott Real Estate offices in Pasco, Milton Freewater, and Walla Walla. Kathryn still does the books for the family business, though she now works for Stangel Industry & Machine Shop in Enterprise.

She came to Stangel Industries and Wallowa County because of her husband, Eric Stangel. Kathryn and Eric met in 2007 in Walla Walla when he was attending Walla Walla Community College and working at Douglas Gisi Fabrication - Kathryn's brother's business.

The couple married in 2011, and now has two daughters, Quinn, 4 and Lilly, 2.

Eric belongs to the Elks Club and volunteers through that organization and the family also enjoyed coaching t-ball this year. They keep busy volunteering to support community events including the Main Street Show and Shine car show (coming up Aug. 17-18) and the Wallowa County Fly-in (there are a number of pilots in the extended family)

Q. Why live in Wallowa County?

A. We came to help out in the family business. Eric grew up here, it's beautiful, the weather is cooler, I like the small community. I thought it would be hard to live in a small community but I love it here. It helps that we travel back to Walla Walla now and then to visit family.

Q. What have you learned from living in Wallowa **County?**

A. I love it here. I think it taught me slowed down, laid back living. Everything closes here by eight or nine o'clock at night. There's no traffic light. There's no fast food. There's no late night shopping. (But) there's not really an adjustment (between Walla Walla and Wallowa County) as far as entertainment. We go to Terminal Gravity and listen to music and letting the kids play in the water and hang out.

Q. Can you recall an early book that really had an impact on you? Can you recommend a book you've read recently?

A. I remember "Hatchet" (Brian's Saga Series No. 1) by Gary Paulson. It stuck with me. A boy survives a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a hatchet. That's probably the earliest one I remember.

I just finished "The Scavenger's Hunt" by local writer Mike Rich. It was good. You should read that."

Rev. Tim Barton

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this so that they would seek

him and perhaps reach out for

him and find him, though he

is not far from any one of us."

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that is of the utmost impor-

tance. God is nearby and my

life is about something it's not

random, he does care, there is

We discover there is a great

It goes on to say, "God did

their lands.'

(Acts 17:26-27)

Who you are is an important part of what you are

Joseph Miller Barton moved his family from Blue Mound, Ill., to the village of Moscow, Idaho, in the 1870s and from there to Wallowa County, in the 1880's.

He was my great-great grandfather. Joseph's oldest child Harry Elmer Barton was my great grandfather and his son Everett Edson Barton, my grandpa. Gregory Fay Barton was my dad.

These men are increasingly familiar to me, but I wish I had paid a little more attention to the stories that I had been told over the years.

The older I get the more important it is to me to know who my ancestors were as men. I know my grandpa was born in Joseph in November 1891, my dad was born at Homestead on the Snake River in December 1920 and was raised at Imnaha and Joseph.

I'm thankful to have a long-standing family history in one place, but right now, I'm more concerned with the 'who" than the "where."

Even as I say that, I realize the place where I live and grow up is a great contributor to who I am as a person; the culture of a place is important.

Someone recently asked me why locals tend to say they are from Wallowa County rather than the town in which they live. I think it is because we feel the county defines us better than any single town. To each other, we are more specific, but generally we only want to know, "Are you from the county?"

Joseph Barton was born in Westmorland City, Penn., Feb. 3, 1838. He was 23 the year the Civil War began and served as a corporal in the cavalry Company G, 4th Illinois.

I can only imagine how that critical four years in our nation's history affected and shaped the man who later brought his family west to Oregon. Like many pioneers looking for a fresh start, he found a home in a place far removed from everything familiar.

I would guess his former place reminded him of the great losses of that time period, and he hoped this new place would help him forget.

I wonder though, "how do you find your way to Wallowa County, from McLean County, Illinois?" I will probably never know in this life, but it is fun to think about all the possible scenarios that led to the arrival of the Barton family.

I don't think it was accidental or purely coincidental. The Bible says "from one man He made all the nations of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in



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Everywhere I go, everything I experience, is another step in the direction of Him who said "I am the way, the truth and the life."

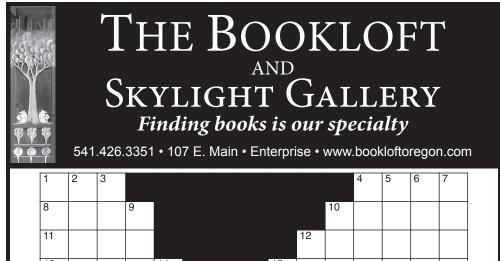
Joseph Barton passed away in 1897 at 59 and I wonder, did he discover that underpinning truth? Did Joseph discover the nearness of God?

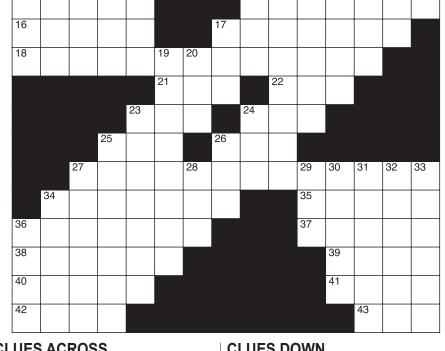
We know that he was a teacher at 22 before the war began and that a primary text book in the schools of that day was the Bible. In it, we read "all of my days were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psalm 139)

This psalm ends with "Search me, oh God and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way

Regardless of where I am in the journey of life, or how random my experiences seem to be, I have a certainty that I am being led to my destiny; and I know "in him I live and move and have my being."

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Political action committee
- 4. Where sauces cook
- 8. Type of horse
- 10. Heavy sword (Brit.)
- 11. __ Nui, Easter Island
- 12. A type of burner
- 13. Spanish island
- 15. Rapid alteration of a musical note
- 16. Where priests work
- 17. Most impoverished
- 18. Tom Petty's band
- 21. Luke's mentor __-Wan
- 22. No longer is
- 23. Mandela's party
- 24. Legislator (abbr.)
- 25. A type of "zebra"
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. American icon
- 34. Hunting expeditions
- 35. What a princess wears
- 36. Switched gears
- 37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.)
- 38. Serves
- 39. Darken
- 40. Fencing swords
- 41. Middle English letter
- 42. Go slowly
- 43. A type of flute

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who is rejected
- 2. Suitable for crops
- 3. Per __, each
- 4. Indulges
- 5. Preoccupy
- 6. NIN frontman Reznor
- 7. Posted
- 9. Infamous Ukraine village
- 10. Bizarre
- 12. One who loves to read
- 14. The products of human creativity
- 15. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 17. Famed Chinese American architect
- 19. These can be used to burn trash
- 20. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Offered as a prize
- 26. French river
- 27. Young woman
- 28. A pot has one
- 29. Of the ears
- 30. Full of parasites
- 31. Dole out incrementally
- 32. Citrus fruit
- 33. Hearty
- 34. External form
- 36. Turn violently

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