

# Gwen Coffin appointed to Oregon House of Representatives

**100 YEARS AGO**  
April 17, 1919

All men of Wallowa county who have had experience in playing any band instrument are requested to notify band leader, Enterprise, at once. All those having band instruments or knowing the whereabouts of any instruments, uniforms, music, etc. are also requested to notify leader.

Notice from the City Recorder: After May 1st, all dogs not having a "license tag" on are likely to be shot. Secure it before May 1st.

A state road will be built from Minam, thru the valley, to Joseph, by the county, state and federal government, provided the people of the county approve by voting bonds at the June election. It is estimated that the road will cost \$485,000.

Machinery for a cheese factory will arrive this week and be installed by the Enterprise creamery which thus will start a new industry in town. Manager Garfield Voget hopes to begin making cheese in two or three weeks.

**70 YEARS AGO**  
April 14, 1949

The opening dance of the 1949 season will be held at Edelweiss inn at the head of Wallowa lake. The road and parking grounds are said to



Social women of Wallowa County.

be in good condition and the hall will be heated.

A lively discussion was held at the Enterprise chamber of commerce meeting on proposed changes in the routing of the highway from La Grande to Wallowa Lake through Enterprise. A motion was carried recommending to the state highway commission that the highway enter the west end of Main street and proceed directly through the business

section to River street.

One of the largest ranch sales, if not the largest, recorded in Wallowa county, was consummated the past week when the Kelsay Berland and Hazel Hillman holdings, known as the Steen place, beyond Zumwalt, and the Corral and Horse Creek ranches were sold to Sorweide and Denney. Included in the transaction were approximately 800 head of cattle. Total con-

sideration was reported at approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
April 17, 1969

Gwen T. Coffin, publisher of the Wallowa County Chieftain, was appointed Tuesday by the County Courts of Union and Wallowa counties to the Oregon House of Representatives to fill out the term of Keith Wilson who resigned

Wallowa County Chieftain Archives

last week.

A community shelter plan has been prepared for Wallowa county telling what to do and where to go in the event of an enemy attack on the U.S. The plan is explained in a 16-page booklet to be distributed by mail. Each home in the county will receive a copy.

Sandra Williamson and Jim Morse were announced this week as the top students of the 1969 graduat-

ing class at EHS. Sandra will be valedictorian and Jim will share in the honors as salutatorian.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
April 14, 1994

Red's Horse Ranch, located in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, was acquired this week by the US Forest Service as part of a multi-million dollar land exchange involving 18,000 acres of land in Wallowa County. The deal will release up to 45 million board feet of timber for harvesting.

Over \$7,000 was raised at the very successful auction held by the Wallowa Lions Club at the Wallowa Grange Hall Saturday. The auction was held to provide scholarships for graduating seniors at WHS.

Championship performances by Jason Parks and Chris Peil and a gold-medal time in the 400 relay helped lift the Enterprise Savages to an 87-1/2 point overall finish at the 14-team track meet in Elgin.

The construction of a building in Enterprise that would house local social service agencies has been delayed as the Wallowa County Court and the agencies involved in the project look for ways to make up for a \$104,000 shortfall in the building budget.

# Wallowa Resources names resource center after Doug McDaniel

Enterprise, Ore. – The Wallowa Resources Stewardship Center, home to the innovative nonprofit created in 1996 to address the competing needs of the natural resource industry, the local economy, and environmental concerns, has a new name: The Doug McDaniel Stewardship Center.

"Doug McDaniel was an original founding board member of Wallowa Resources," said Wallowa Resources Executive Director Nils Christoffersen. "He has been instrumental in advancing land stewardship, and has a long history of making a positive impact on forest and range management, as well as animal husbandry," continued Christoffersen. "We wanted to honor Doug for his many contributions."

McDaniel was born and raised in Wallowa County, and his family was among the first new settlers in the valley. Growing up, Doug hunted, fished – and worked. "I started working 30 hours a week on a dairy ranch when I was 13 years old," remembered McDaniel, now in his 80s, who lives in Lostine with his wife, Gail Hammack.

The need to work led to a near full time job during high school working in a garage and delivering fuel to a remote sawmill, and



Courtesy photo

New Name for Wallowa Resources Stewardship Center Honors Doug McDaniel

working from age 17-30 as a logger when not earning a degree in Production Technology at Oregon State University. From then on, McDaniel created and then sold various companies engaged in logging, ranching and construction, providing as many as 120 jobs along the way. "I consider my strongest asset my

knowledge of what a working man has to go through to get a paycheck," said McDaniel.

When tensions were at their highest between the natural resource industry and the environmentalists, resulting in the closure of all three mills in Wallowa County in the mid 1990s, McDaniel wanted to get

involved in finding solutions. He believed he had a unique background that helped him understand the concerns of both sides of the debate around use of natural resources – both the industry and the environmentalists. "I believed that everyone's goals were closer than most people believed," McDaniel said. "I believed if we

got the working people – the foresters, loggers, ranchers, recreationalists and environmentalists – together, they would develop a relationship built on trust and get the work done."

McDaniel brought this philosophy to the back room of Cloud 9 Bakery in Enterprise where a group of people were meeting to try to find solutions to the major economic crisis that resulted from the mill closures. From those meetings of concerned citizens from a variety of backgrounds, Wallowa Resources was born.

One of McDaniel's most notable accomplishments was the national award-winning Wallowa River Restoration Project he developed with Wallowa Resources to restore over a mile of the Wallowa River near Lostine. The goal was to return the river to its natural state, which had been changed in the 1950s when the common thinking was to save pastureland and promote flood control by placing bulldozers in smaller streams and rivers and straighten out channels. Restoring the river back to

its original gentle meander was critical in promoting fish habitat and improving the overall ecosystem of the watershed.

"McDaniel has played such a pivotal role in developing good land stewardship policy and community-based solutions for Wallowa Resources, and Wallowa Resources in turn has become a national model for other rural communities facing similar issues," said Christoffersen. "We are excited to rename our building, and carry forward his legacy."

**Births**  
A daughter, Skyler Shea Fuchs was born April 2, 2019, in Enterprise to Jesse Fuchs & Raelynn Wallace of Enterprise.

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## Enterprise FCCLA hosts carnival

The Enterprise High School chapter of FCCLA will be sponsoring a K-12 school carnival on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The carnival is a fundraiser for FCCLA members attending the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California this summer. Recently, 23 members attended the State Leadership Conference in Portland, Ore-

gon, with 22 qualifying for nationals and 19 planning to attend the upcoming conference.

The event will be held in the multi-purpose room at EHS. Admission is \$2 per person and \$10 per family with over five members. Tickets are 50 cents each with most booths charging one ticket.

For more information, contact Enterprise High School at (541)-426-3193.

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