

## **OBITUARIES**

**Donald Garth Tippett** March 20, 1926-April 11, 2019



Donald "Biden" Garth Tippett passed away peacefully at the age of 93 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital on April 11, 2019.

He was born March 20,1926 in Lewiston, Idaho to James Harrison (Jidge) and Jessie L (Wilson) Tippett. He was the fifth of six Children. He was raised on his father's ranch in the steep and rugged canyons on Joseph Creek in the Southwest corner of Asotin County, Washington.

He attended the first through eighth grades at the one room Joseph Creek School House. He boarded out while attending high school, going home to work on the ranch on the weekends. He played football. He participated in track and cross country. He graduated from Charles Francis Adams High School May 25, 1944.

He entered into active service in the US Navy, July 20, 1944. He was honorably discharged June 7, 1946. He served on the USS Gallatin in the Pacific Theater. His awards were the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal and the Phillippine Liberation Medal. While in the Navy he was on their cross country track team.

After being honorably discharged from the service, he returned to work on the family ranch on Joseph Creek.

When he came home from WWII, his parents had a plan that they gave him a dollar for every dollar he saved and sent home while in the service. As he began ranching he had about 20 head of his own cows, which he could keep on the ranch without charge. In 1947 the family formed a partnership where he and his brothers received half the calf crop in exchange for doing the work and taking care of the cattle. The partnership included his father JH "Jidge" Tippett and brothers Jack, Bob, Doug and brother-in-law Don Fouste.

He met his future Wife Betty Charlott Heasty at a dance held in the old Edel- purchased a house on South B.P.O. Elks, 1948-1960;



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**Biden Tippett** 

wiess Building at the head of Wallowa Lake. They were married June 12, 1948 at the Community Church in Enterprise. He took his new bride and moved to the Jim Creek Ranch on the Snake River in Hells Canyon in the Northeast Corner of Wallowa County, Oregon. They rode in by horseback since there wasn't a road into the ranch at that time. The road wasn't built until the winter of 1951-52. In 1958 they contracted to buy the ranch from his parents. They took their share of the cattle and left the partnership and went out on their own. They lived there for 44 years. He also ran cattle on the USFS Cold Springs and Wild Horse allotments in Wallowa County. The Teepee Butte Fire in 1988 forced him out of the canyons he loved so much and was the beginning of the end of that way of life in the canyons. The Jim Creek Ranch was sold to the USFS in 1992. The rest of the Ranch also included deeded pasture land in the Zumwalt country and farm and pasture land in the Wallowa Valley near Enterprise.

His Daughter Donna Kav was born in 1949 and his Son Steven Tracy "Casey"

He and his wife Betty

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Last week, the Wallowa County Chieftain made an egregious error in its

failure to publish the obituary of longtime Wallowa County resident

Donald "Biden" Garth Tippett.

The management of the Chieftain wishes to express its deepest regret and

most heartfelt apologies to his family and many friends. It is our intention

to ensure such an error never occurs again that would cause any

additional grief for a family already mourning the loss of a loved one.

We pledge to do better.

To the family of Donald Garth Tippett, we extend our most sincere

condolences for your loss. Sincerely,

Christopher Rush

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River Street in Enterprise, Oregon in the Fall of 1957 where he lived until November of 2017 when he moved to Alpine House Assisted Living in Joseph, Oregon.

able and a peacemaker. He said many times that "it wasn't every man who could take his hobby and spend his life doing what he loved." He was blessed to be able to live out his life doing exactly that. He loved ranching and he was a good steward of his cattle and land and treated them with respect. He lived and breathed ranching. To sum it up, ranching was his passion, hobby, and life. Over the years he came to be respected by his peers and those in the cattle industry and local community.

A few of his accomplishments were: lowa County Stock Growers; President of the Wallowa County Stock Growers the Year-1962; Grassman of the year, 1973; served on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Livestock ation (PCA), 1973-1985; Federal Land Bank, 1977iston, Idaho Lodge No. 896, and the Enperprise Oregon Lodge No. 1829, B.P.O. Elks, 1960-2019; Grand Marshall of Hells Canyon Mule Days, 2010.

In 1977, he, Betty and his son Steven Tracy "Casey" Tippett formed a partnership, Tippett Ranch Inc. and Tippett Cattle Company. He retired at the age of 85 in 2010. His son Casey continued to run the ranch from then on. Then in 2014 the Zumwalt land was sold.

He was preceded in death by his parents J.H. Jidge and Jessie Tippett; wife Betty of 65 years; brothers Bob, Jack and Doug Tippett; sisters, Betty J. Fouste and Barbara Fredrick; brothers-inlaw Don Fouste, Lee Wiggins, Arnold Fredrick, and Mitch Heasty; sisters-inlaws Patricia Tippett, Dora Heasty, and Claudine Willis; niece Joan Fouste; and nephew Erv Tippett.

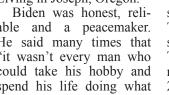
He is survived by his daughter Donna (Wayne) Bronson; Tracy son "Casey" (Kim) Tippett; sisters-in-law Blanche Tippett, Janet (Jim) Uhler, Janie Tippett; grandchildren Clayton (Lisa) Bronson, Grady (Brandy) Bronson and Quintin Bronson, Crystal Bronson; great-grandchildren Charlie, Ella, Barrett, Madysen, Delaney and Sorrin and Baby Bronson on the way; as well as numerous nephews and nieces; and Bob Rush and all of his many dear iriends that visited him regularly while he was in the hospital and at

Alpine House. In September of 2018 he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. We are comforted to know he is at rest and home with his Lord.

Memorial Services were held Saturday, May 18, at the First Baptist Church in Enterprise and followed by a dinner.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Wallowa Memorial Hospital Foundation, and Alpine

House Assisted Living.



Labor Days Feeder Chairman, 1958; Member of the Wal-1961-1962; Cattleman of Production Credit Associ-Served on the Board of the 1986; member of the LewWHAT'S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

### **THURSDAY, MAY 23**

Kickboxing Fitness Class: 5:15 a.m. The Vault in Enterprise. Hurricane Point Fitness. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.

Project Heartbeat First Aid/CPR/AED class: 8:15 a.m. Park at the River RV park at Wallowa Lake. Participants will be trained to assist in medical emergencies until more advanced medical care arrives. Cost of the 7-hour class is \$48. To register call 541-432-0259.

Pilates in Wallowa: 9 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center. Sponsored by Community Connection.

Tai Chi: 9 a.m. Enterprise Senior Center.

Library Story Times: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Enterprise City Library. Parents and children 0-5. Circle time, story-time and activity at the Library.

Tai Chi: 11 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

Wallowa County Chess Club: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Free. Tourists and players of all levels are welcome.

Adult Clay: to 7 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. \$65 for first class, \$20 each class after. classes@josephy.org 541-432-0505.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 24

Zumba: 6:30 a.m. The Place, Joseph. No experience needed. Instructor: Tammi Chapman.

Parent/Child groups: 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Building Healthy Families. Targeting parents and children 0-5. Songs, stories, snacks and activities focusing on developing kindergarten readiness skills. Restorative Yoga:

9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Above the Lostine Tavern in Lostine. A gentle style of yoga. Instructor: Esther Petrocine. salutationsstudio.com Food Giveaway:

11:30 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center in Wallowa, 11 a.m. Enterprise Senior Center and noon at The Place in Joseph. Sponsored by Wallowa Fresh Food Alliance. Perishable food available. Lower Valley Farmers

Market: Noon to 6 p.m. Held indoors, on Main Street, across from Wallowa Food City in Wallowa. Produce, eggs, grass fed beef, handcrafted items.

Wallowa County Alternative School Graduation: 5:30 p.m. The Place, Joseph.

## **SATURDAY, MAY 25**

Hurricane Creek Half Marathon & 5K: Marathon starts at 8:30 a.m., 5K starts at 9 a.m. Joseph City Park. To register: www.runnersofthesage.com.

Zumba Gold: 9 a.m. 30 minute seated class; 9:30 a.m. standing class. Enterprise Senior Center. A fitness class for seniors that combines Latin dance music with fitness moves. A doctor's note releasing you to participate in Zumba Gold is required. Call Becky McAuliffe for info at 541-263-0224.

Lower Valley Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held indoors, on Main

Bollman Funeral Home

entrusted with arrangements.

Street, across from Wallowa Food City in Wallowa. Produce, eggs, grass fed beef, handcrafted items.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Grand Opening: Noon to 5 p.m. Visitor Center, 209 E. 2nd St., Wallowa. Interactive exhibits, Native art, refreshments.

Enterprise High School Graduation: 1 p.m. EHS gym.

"Sharing Blankets" Exhibit: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wallowa Longhouse on Whiskey Creek Road, Wallowa. Five Native textile artists will display their handmade blankets. Refreshments, discussion and stories of the tradition of sharing blankets will start at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 26**

Lower Valley Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held indoors, on Main Street, across from Wallowa Food City in Wallowa. Produce, eggs, grass fed beef, handcrafted items.

Bingo: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. VFW Hall, Enterprise.

### **MONDAY, MAY 27**

VFW Memorial Day Services: 9 a.m. at Bramlet Cemetery; 10 a.m. at Wallowa Cemetery; 11 a.m. at Lostine Cemetery; Noon at Enterprise Cemetery; 1 p.m. Reading of the Fallen & Services: At the fountain on the Courthouse lawn.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 28**

Pilates in Wallowa: 9 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

Sewing Group: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center, 204 E. 2nd St., Wallowa. Sponsored by Community Connection.

Tai Chi: 9 a.m. Enterprise Senior Center.

Diabetes Clinic: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

Adult Clay: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. \$65 for first class, \$20 each class after. classes@josephy.org 541-432-0505.

Gentle Yoga: 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Ideal for beginners, people with injuries, pregnant women, mothers or anyone seeking a calming, therapeutic practice. The Place, Joseph. Esther Petrocine.

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**

Zumba: 6:30 a.m. The Place, Joseph. No experience needed. Instructor: Tammi Chapman.

Food Giveaway: 11:30 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center in Wallowa, 11 a.m. Enterprise Senior Center and noon at The Place in Joseph. Sponsored by Wallowa Fresh Food Alliance. Perishable food available.

Rotary Club of Wallowa County: Noon, St. Katherine Catholic Church, 301 E. Garfield St., Enterprise. Public is invited.

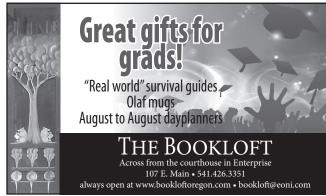
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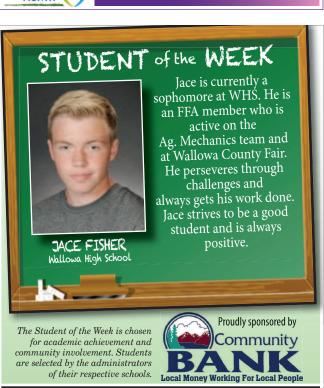
Yoga Rotation: 6:30 p.m. The Place in Joseph. Classes vary from week to week. salutationsstudio.com



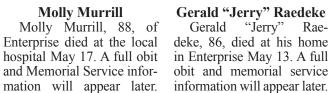
Jennifer Cooney

Chieftain General Manager









Gerald "Jerry" Raedeke, 86, died at his home in Enterprise May 13. A full obit and memorial service information will appear later. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

# **ABOUT OBITUARIES**

**DEATH NOTICES** 

News obituaries are a free service of the Wallowa County Chieftain. Obituaries are accepted from family members or a funeral home. No handwritten obituaries will be accepted. Information submitted is subject to editing. Obituaries that exceed 400 words will be referred to the advertising department for paid memorials. Send obituaries by email to editor@wallowa.com; fax to 541-426-3921 or mail to P.O. Box 338, Enterprise, OR 97828. Deadline to submit an obituary is 10 a.m. Monday for publication the same week. Obituaries submitted after deadline will be queued for publication in the next edition. Info: 541-426-4567.