



OBITUARIES

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



Dylan Coulter

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 Kay was born in 1949 and his Son Steven Tracy "Casey" in 1952.

He and his wife Betty purchased a house on South

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.

Biden was honest, reliable 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: Labor Days Feeder Chairman, 1958; Member of the Wallowa County Stock Growers; President of the Wallowa County Stock Growers 1961-1962; Cattleman of the Year-1962; Grassman of the year, 1973; served on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Livestock and Production Credit Association (PCA), 1973-1985; Served on the Board of the Federal Land Bank, 1977-1986; member of the Lewiston, Idaho Lodge No. 896, B.P.O. Elks, 1948-1960;

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-in-law Don Fouste, Lee Wiggins, Arnold Fredrick, and Mitch Heasty; sisters-in-laws Patricia Tippett, Dora Heasty, and Claudine Willis; niece Joan Fouste; and nephew Erv Tippett.

He is survived by his daughter Donna (Wayne) Bronson; son Tracy "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 friends 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.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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

Parent/Child Playgroups: 9:30 a.m. to 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.runner-softhesage.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

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

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 or 541-432-0505.

Gentle Yoga: 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Ideal for beginners, people with injuries, pregnant women, new 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.

Kickboxing Fitness Class: 6:15 p.m. Oddfellows Hall in Enterprise. Hurricane Point Fitness. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.

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

Wallowa County CHIEFTAIN



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,

Jennifer Cooney
Chieftain General Manager

Christopher Rush
EOMG Regional Publisher

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STUDENT of the WEEK

Jace is currently a sophomore at WHS. He is an FFA member who is active on the Ag. Mechanics team and at Wallowa County Fair. He perseveres through challenges and always gets his work done. Jace strives to be a good student and is always positive.

JACE FISHER
Wallowa High School

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MAY 26TH, 2019

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for advertising is 5pm Thursday, May 23rd.
Ad copy is due on Friday, May 24th at 10am.
Ads must be approved by Tuesday May 28th at Noon.

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DEATH NOTICES

Molly Murrill
Molly Murrill, 88, of Enterprise died at the local hospital May 17. A full obit and Memorial Service information will appear later. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

Gerald "Jerry" Raedeke
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 entrusted with arrangements.

ABOUT OBITUARIES

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.