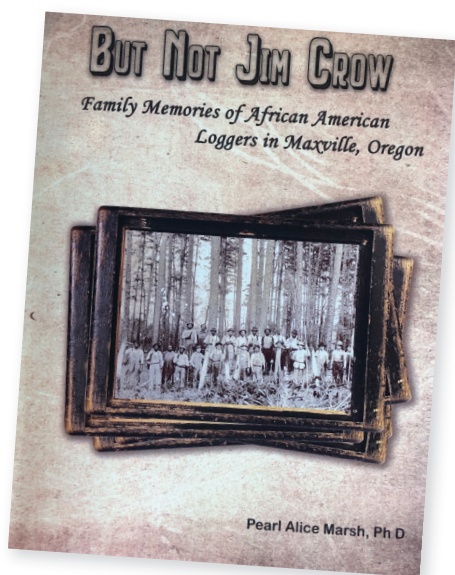


AUTHOR PEARL ALICE MARSH SPEAKS ABOUT MAXVILLE

But not Jim Crow

The Josephy Center
Joseph, Oregon



Marsh's book details black lives that mattered, and life in general, in Maxville.

In a special Brown Bag lunch meeting at the Center at noon on Thursday, July 18, Pearl Marsh will speak and sign copies of her new book, *But Not Jim Crow: Family Memories of African American Loggers in Maxville, Oregon*. Pearl grew up and went to the first six grades in Wallowa, Oregon, later moved with her family to California, and then earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California. She retired in 2013 as a Policy Advisor on African Affairs with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on International Relations.

Since retirement, Pearl has worked to trace the families and tell the stories of Maxville, the Bowman-Hicks logging town outside of Wallowa that brought African-American workers to the country in the 1920s. Two years ago she held a riveted crowd of Joseph junior and senior high students in their chairs with stories of friendships—and hardships of growing up black in Wallowa in the 1940s and '50s. As tough as things sometimes were, Pearl told them, their lives were much better than those of relatives and friends they left behind in the true South.

It's hard to not mention Amos Marsh, Jr, when talking about Pearl and her book. Amos was a stellar athlete at Wallowa, and then at

Oregon State University, where he starred in football and track. Amos went on to play for the Dallas Cowboys, probably the only professional football player to come out of Wallowa County.

But the book—and the family—is much more, with young sister Pearl going on to her own fine professional career. Contributors to the book are many, and members of both white and black families who grew up, played, and worked together in a special time and place.

Eastern Oregon University writing program is reborn — with Fishtrap's help

By April Baer
Oregon Public Broadcasting



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Fishtrap, the annual gathering of writers in Wallowa County, draws writers and writing teachers from around the West.

LA GRANDE — Oregon's rural university and a storied Wallowa County writers' retreat are teaming up to revive a degree program and cross-pollinate each other's programs.

Eastern Oregon University, based in La Grande, has reestablished its writing track, after a one-year hiatus. It signed a memorandum of understanding Wednesday at the Summer Fishtrap gathering, so that its Master of Fine Arts students can benefit from the wealth of talent that convenes at Wallowa Lake each summer and winter.

Fishtrap executive director Shannon McNerney says her organization had wanted to reboot an academic program that provided college credit for high schoolers attending its gathering. She got to talking to an EOU English

professor, Nancy Knowles, over beers at Enterprise's popular brewery Terminal Gravity — as McNerney calls it, "the official meeting spot for all partnership initiations in Wallowa County." Their conversation ultimately resulted in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Like several Oregon writing programs, EOU's MFA is a low-residency course. It only requires students to be on campus in

Eastern Oregon for a few weeks per year, as they work on fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. The revived curriculum focuses on wilderness, ecology and issues specific to Western communities.

Fishtrap, founded in 1988, has a long history of concentrating on those same issues. McNerney says it was a natural to explore how the two groups could complement each other.

Unbroken: Marino doesn't consider himself disabled

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with his handshake firm. He shakes with his right hand and one hardly notices a difference. He is relentlessly positive (in a good way), and it's easy to tell after a few minutes that nothing gets him down for long.

You can't call him recovered, because he didn't venture very far down the path of self-pity or self-recrimination. He doesn't consider himself handicapped or disabled.

Marino said he stayed in the children's cancer ward while at the hospital, which helped give him perspective on his injury.

"I said, 'I'm just missing a few fingers; I'll be out of here eventually,'" he said.

After he returned from the hospital, Marino went through a certain amount of physical therapy.

According to Marino, one of the toughest day-to-day obstacles he faced after the accident was learning to tie his shoes.

"It wasn't a difficult thing or hard to do," he said. "It was really time consuming. I still can, but I prefer my slippers." He added that learning to write with his left hand took about six months of intensive practice.

"Now it's better than it was prior," he said with a laugh.

Wightman noted that the community helped in a huge

way after the accident.

"Thank God we live in Wallowa County," she said. "Everyone in Wallowa County says that they help their own, and they truly do."

A trumpet player at the time, the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance paid to convert his trumpet to a left-handed instrument. He subsequently learned to play tuba, drums, guitar and bass. He also plays "Taps" on the bugle for VFW occasions when asked.

Not long after his return, Marino started working with irrigation hand lines.

Branch Pharmacy and fell in love with being a pharmacy technician. He went back to school in Tacoma and obtained qualifications to become as close to being a pharmacist as possible without the additional agonizing six years of school.

He still records all the Olive Branch Pharmacy commercials for KWVR.

Marino isn't uncomfortable talking about the accident or even showing his hand. He has a prosthetic that he seldom wears because he's gotten so adept at grabbing things. He also goes

find positive aspects about the accident.

"There's a lot of people talk about things they can't do," he said. "Can't is used a lot in a lot of places where it should be 'won't.'"

He also said he sees a lot of people exhibiting a lack of civility because they won't make the effort to be polite, while he sees people far worse off than himself acting nicer than he can imagine.

The biggest lesson he's learned in the aftermath of the accident is simple:

"There's no greater joy than in doing what others say you cannot." Marino said that the only things he hasn't learned to do is shuffle cards and use chopsticks.

Wightman said she's never seen her son display a negative attitude and that his sense humor, including his ability to laugh at himself, keeps him in a good frame of mind.

"It's hard to be mean or nasty or vindictive toward somebody when I know that people have had the chance to do that with me — and haven't."

Marino shared some advice he's learned along the way for others facing adversity.

"If I let it get to me, the accident wins," Marino said. "Then I'm just another accident prone 'woe-is-me' person, and that's not who I want to be."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment
Soil Stabilization and Forest Rehabilitation Project in Wallowa County**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund Wallowa County for a soil stabilization and forest rehabilitation project (Project). Funding would be provided by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act. FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA's implementing Instruction. The Draft EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives that are evaluated in the Draft EA are (1) no action and (2) soil stabilization and forest rehabilitation projects on private and state-owned parcels in Wallowa County (proposed action).

The Draft EA is available to the public for review on FEMA's Website at: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/181091> and also on Wallowa County's website at: <https://co.wallowa.or.us/>. Hard copies of the draft EA will be made available at the Wallowa County Courthouse at 101 South River Street Enterprise, Oregon and at the Enterprise Public Library at 101 NE 1st Street, Enterprise, Oregon.

If no significant issues are identified during the comment period on the Draft EA, FEMA will finalize the Draft EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. The FONSI will be posted to the same website above. Unless substantive comments on the Draft EA are received, FEMA will not publish another public notice for this project.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the Draft EA is August 16, 2019. Comments should be mailed to: Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to fema-r10-ehp-comments@fema.dhs.gov; please remember to include "Wallowa County" in your subject line.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Wallowa County Planning Commission on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Thornton Conference Room, 1st floor of the Wallowa County Courthouse. The agenda for this meeting will include the following items:

Clay CUP#19-06 Findings- The Conditional Use Permit application to permit a Home Based Occupation in the form of a Bed and Breakfast in the Timber Grazing (T/G) zone. The property is described as Township 3 South, Range 45, Section 0800, and Tax Lot 200, which is commonly known as 61442 Ski Run Road Joseph, Oregon 97846 and consists of approximately 60.23 acres. The review criteria will be Article(s) 5, 9, 16, 25, 35 and other applicable zoning ordinances or goals of Wallowa County and/or laws of the State of Oregon.

Eagle Cap Real Estate LLC & Associates CUP#19-04- *Withdrawn*

Rawls CUP#16-04 Review- Review of Conditional Use Permit for a Home- Based Occupation in the form of a Bed and Breakfast in an Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone. The property is described as Township 2 South, Range 45, Section 1900, and Tax Lot 800, which is commonly known as 83581 East Dorrance Lane Joseph, Oregon 97836.

Other Business:

The August Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2019.

These matters will be reviewed for conformance to the WC-CLUP and WCLDO Article 1, Article 5, Article 7, Article 15, and any other applicable goal, regulation or ordinance of Wallowa County or the State of Oregon. All applications and draft staff reports may be reviewed in the Planning Department Monday – Thursday from 7:00am to 5:00pm and Friday 7:00am-12:00pm. Written comments must be received by the Wallowa County Planning Department – 101 S River St. Room #105, Enterprise OR 97828 – by 5pm on Tuesday July 30, 2019. Oral comments may be given at the time of the hearing, which is open to the public. For persons with disabilities that wish to attend, please call at least 24 hours before the meeting so accommodations may be made.

Ramona Phillips, Chairman
Wallowa County Planning Commission