

OBITUARIES

Carmen Kay (Lewis) Wickam
January 10, 1952–November 6, 2019

Carmen Kay (Lewis) Wickam, 67, of Baker City, passed away due to complications from ALS, Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at her home with husband Rod by her side. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019–11:00 a.m. at the Baker City Christian Church (675 Hwy 7) in Baker City. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck immediately following the service at the church.

Carmen was born on January 10, 1952, to Robert (Bob) Lewis and Esther (Jeffords) Lewis in Enterprise, Oregon. She was the oldest of three children; brothers Vearl and Bobb Lewis followed. Carmen grew up in beautiful Wallowa County, hanging out with her brothers, grandparents and cousins and watching her brothers play sports. She was involved in 4-H; participated in cooking, sewing and showing Herford steers, which were raised on her grandfather's ranch. She enjoyed comparing pictures of her prize winning Herford steer with her granddaughters' prize winning Angus steers. She graduated from Wallowa High School, class of 1970.

Carmen met her husband Rodney (Rod) Wickam at the park in Baker City. They married December 18, 1971 at a small ceremony in Wallowa. They had three children. They lived in Keating Valley for many years before moving into Baker. Through her children, she kept her love of 4-H going

as their 4-H leader for many years.

Carmen started volunteering at the Baker County Public Library in September 1986 and was hired full time June 30, 1988. She worked faithfully for 30 years, retiring June 30, 2018 as the Library Administrative Manager. In her free time she loved being "Gram" to her two granddaughters Morgan Marie and Carley Kay; She and Rod enjoyed going to their cabin and gardening. T December 2018, they celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary having pizza overlooking the Pacific Ocean from Kauai.

She is preceded in passing by parents Robert and Esther Lewis, grandparents Edgar and Effie Lewis and Wendell and Myrtle Jeffords.

Carmen is survived by her husband Rod, daughters' Rhonda Wickam, Heidi Johnson (son-in-law Sam), son Adam Wickam, granddaughters' Morgan Johnson and Carley Johnson (grandson-in-law Stephen Schott), brothers' Vearl and Bobb Lewis and Stubby their faithful slipper watching, ice cream eating dog.

For those who would like to make a Donation in memory of Carmen, the family requests OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Keith Douglas Moffit
January 11, 1930–November 5, 2019

Keith Douglas Moffit passed away of natural causes November 5, 2019, in Enterprise, Oregon. Age 89.

He was born 11 January 1930. Son of Velma Latimer Moffit and Mike R. Moffit in Lostine, Oregon. He is survived by 3 brothers — Kenneth, Max and Milo Moffit, Kenneth's wife Roberta, daughters, sons, nieces, nephews, grandkids and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Letha Moffit Frazier, November 6, 2007.

Keith attended and graduated from the Lostine School District. He was a veteran of the Korean War, Korea Army Engineers.

He was a perfect gentleman when dealing with the ladies, even agreeable to mending his ways and moving to a place in the desert with Bonnie by his side.

But there he couldn't leave (run away from) some people, places, loved ones and Wallowa County home. Always giving what people wanted, what they expected — and what they needed.

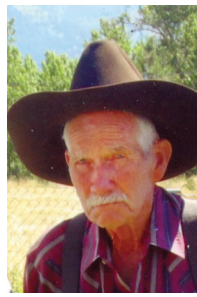
Remember Keith Moffit — A man may die but his work will remain in the present tense.

Best of all he loved the fall. The mountains and hunting. He could spin a rifle like a six-gun. The leaves turning and the tamarack shedding.

Now, he will be part of them forever the door closes.

For Keith, it will never open again.

Memorial services for Keith Douglas Moffit will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday November 16, 2019 at the Lostine Cemetery, followed by a get together of food and beverage provided at the Lostine Grange.



Delores Mae Benson
September 5, 1928–November 6, 2019

Delores Mae Benson, 91, of Joseph, Oregon passed away at the Alpine House Assisted Living Wednesday, November 6. Delores was born September 5, 1928 in Lignite, North Dakota, to Anita Vera Sloan and Alvin Anderson.

She graduated from Lignite Public School in 1946. Delores grew up on a small farm and later the family relocated to the town of Lignite. There were nine kids in her family. Delores married Ralph Elvin in 1946 and they moved to Idaho and Oregon, where her husband worked a series of road construction jobs. In 1949 they settled in Hillsboro as Ralph took a job with Portland General Electric PGE.

Delores will be remembered for many things she loved to do. She was a dancer! Delores and Ralph loved to square dance and round dance. Later in life, in her 80's, she loved to both line dance and clog. There were many great memories made friends during these years.

Delores was an incredible seamstress. She sewed all of their square dance dresses and Ralph's matching western shirts. They were quite a stunning couple. Delores had a flair for knitting, crocheting, bead jewelry, and macramé. She was very creative and loved color. What-

ever it took to learn a new craft she was able to master the challenge.

Both Delores and Ralph loved to travel to Arizona each winter. They spent 20 years in Apache Junction enjoying a warmer climate. They also enjoyed countless trips to the beach and mountains. Simply taking a drive in the country was an enjoyable experience. Ralph passed away in May 2012.

Delores is survived by her two daughters, Sheryl Allen (and her husband Glenn) and Vicki Searles (and her husband Kerry). Delores had three grandchildren David Allen, Rachelle Gray, and Mia Hannah (and her husband Grady) and Melissa McWalters (deceased). There are five great grandchildren Thomas McWalters, Mariah McWalters, and Ian McWalters, June Hannah, and Vivian Gray. Delores has one surviving sister Francie Noe (and her husband Wayne) and their very large and wonderful family.

Delores attended the Church of God in Aloha, Oregon. This is where she was baptized. The Church was a good family for her. Later, in these past 3½ years she has attended the Enterprise Christian Church and this became her new family and the favorite part of the week.



MEMORIALS

Janet (Leffel) Tippett Uhler

Janet (Leffel) Tippett Uhler was born on August 1, 1931 to her parents, Homer Leffel and Lois Comstock Leffel. She passed away on November 4, 2019, age 88.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
National Pickle Day

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

PILATES IN WALLOWA:
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center. Sponsored by Community Connection.

FREE HEARING EVALUATION CLINIC: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wilderness Inn, 301 W. North St., Enterprise. Free hearing evaluation, cleaning of hearing aids, demos of digital instruments.

LIBRARY STORY TIMES: 10:30 a.m. Enterprise City Library. Parents and children 0-5. Circle time, story-time and activity at the Library.

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY: Noon, St. Katherine Catholic Church, 301 E. Garfield St., Enterprise. Public is invited.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Noon to 6 p.m. Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise. Contact Alicia for appointment at 541-663-6096, or schedule online at www.redcrossblood.org.

ADULT CERAMICS CLASS: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Josephy Center. \$20 includes materials.

WALLOWA COUNTY CHESS CLUB: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Josephy Center, Joseph. Free. Tourists and players of all levels are welcome.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day

ZUMBA: 6:30 a.m. The Place,

Joseph. No experience needed. Instructor: Tammi Chapman.

PARENT/CHILD PLAYGROUP: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Building Healthy Families, Enterprise. Songs, stories, snacks and activities focusing on developing kindergarten readiness skills. For parents and children 0-5.

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

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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
National Fast Food Day

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wallowa Christian Church, 104 S. Spruce St., Wallowa. Homemade crafts, baked goods, gift bags. Homemade chicken noodle soup, rolls, pie & coffee will be for sale. Raffle prize.

OLD-TIME COMMUNITY DANCE: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Hurricane Creek Grange Hall. Live

string band and caller. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, all dances taught and called. \$5 per person, under 12 free. For info call 541-398-0800.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
National Take a Hike Day

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18
National Princess Day

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

WALLOWA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wallowa County Courthouse.

JOURNEY TO EQUITY WORKSHOP: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. La Grande. Second day of a 2-part workshop for rural non-profit staff, board, and volunteers who need to take steps to demonstrate their organization's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and be able to communicate progress to funders and community members. Sponsored by NEOEDD. Register at <https://bit.ly/330zH1s>

KICKBOXING FITNESS CLASS: 6:15 p.m. Oddfellows Hall in Enterprise. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
National Play Monopoly Day

PILATES IN WALLOWA: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wallowa Senior Center.

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

WECARE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wallowa Memorial Hospital, Enterprise.

ADULT CERAMICS CLASS: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Josephy Center. \$20 includes materials.

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, NOVEMBER 20
National Absurdity Day

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

LIBRARY STORY TIME: 10:30 a.m. Wallowa Public Library. Circle time, story-time and activity for parents and children 0-5.

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.

VFW TACO NIGHT: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. VFW Hall, Enterprise. \$8. **KICKBOXING FITNESS CLASS:** 6:15 p.m. Oddfellows Hall in Enterprise. Hurricane Point Fitness. No experience necessary. Certified instructors. 541-398-2131.



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The Blue Nile Falls fed by Lake Tana near the city of Bahir Dar, Ethiopia.

Scientists probe puzzle of Nile River course

Monica Kortsha
University of Texas, Austin

AUSTIN, Texas — Ancient Egyptians considered the Nile River to be the source of all life. The steady northward path of the river has nourished the fertile valleys of northeast Africa for 30 million years without changing course, shaping the course of human civilization as well.

The Nile's unchanging path, however, has been a geologic mystery because long-lived rivers usually move over time. Researchers at The University of Texas at Austin have cracked the case by linking the river's flow to the movement of rock in the Earth's deep mantle. In the course of their investigation, they found the eternal river to be much older than anyone realized, with the scientists estimating the age of the Nile to be 30 million

years — about six times as long as previously thought.

The research, published on Nov. 11 in the journal Nature Geoscience, found that if it weren't for the mantle movement keeping the river on course, the Nile would have turned west long ago, probably changing the course of history along with it.

"One of the big questions about the Nile is when it originated and why it has persisted for so long," said lead author Claudio Faccenna, a professor at the UT Jackson School of Geosciences. "Our solution is actually quite exciting."

The results should settle a long-running debate about the age of the river and provide evidence that the slow movement of the deep mantle is one of the key forces shaping our Earth's landscape and geological processes.

Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Nov. 14	51	29	Mostly cloudy
Nov. 15	49	27	PM Showers
Nov. 16	46	32	Partly cloudy
Nov. 17	49	32	Showers
Nov. 18	41	25	Rain/snow showers
Nov. 19	37	22	Few snow showers
Nov. 20	38	20	Partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 11
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET NOV. 7-13
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:46	6:47	6:49	6:50	6:51	6:53	6:54
4:20	4:19	4:18	4:17	4:16	4:15	4:15

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Saturday, November 16th from 10 - 5

- Enter drawing for a Gift Certificate
- Yummy treats & hot spiced cider
- Come and enjoy the Magic of Christmas!

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WALLOWA COUNTY
Health Line

Wallowa Valley Eye Care
519 W. North Street, Enterprise
541.426.3413
Mon-Thurs 9 to Noon/1-5pm; Fri. 9-1