Theatre

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As for her path in theater? She knew all about MCT because she did shows as a child in Peterstown, West Virginia.

"I got into theater because of MCT," she said. "It is because of them that I'm here."

But, again, it's kind of by accident.

She's attending West Virginia University, and went to an audition conference to perform a monologue and song for various theater companies.

Maddy didn't know MCT was in the audience — until she got a call for an interview.

So this summer she's touring with MCT and, along with Bradford, is teaching a full musical of "The Little Mermaid" to a new cast every week.

She's just starting her senior year, and aims to complete a BFA in musical theater and a BA in dance.

"I technically start classes tomorrow," she said with a laugh on Tuesday, Aug. 16, just as youngsters streamed into the auditorium for afternoon rehearsal.

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A group of actors practice lines for Missoula Children's Theatre "The Little Mermaid" on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022. Standing, from left, are Ellie McQuisten, Rebecca Cannon and Eva Hicks. Sitting are Sadie Christensen, left, and Taylor Lee.

Second Baker City show this summer

Missoula Children's Theater, which tours musicals around the United States and beyond, comes to Baker City every summer, thanks to Crossroads Carnegie Art Center.

This is the second MCT production in Baker City this year — "Jungle Book" was performed in June.

"The Little Mermaid" features a cast of 39, ranging in age from first grade through high school.

The youngsters rehearse all week to learn lines, songs and movements for the performance.

All their work culminates with shows for the community at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Baker High School auditorium, 2500 E St.

Admission is $5, and children age 12 and younger get in free with a paid adult.

Wolves

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Last fall the agency believed that the pack, which roams the area between Highway 86 on the north and Interstate 84 to the south, consisted of just two wolves — the breeding female and one juvenile (now a yearling) born in the spring of 2021.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at ODFW's Baker City office, said this spring that an adult male wolf, about 3 years old, joined the breeding female at the end of January 2022. ODFW officials captured the male on Jan. 31 and fitted the animal with a radio tracking collar.

Ratliff said it appeared, based on movements from the breeding female, that she had mated and had pups this spring.

The male wolf was found dead in the Little Lookout area on July 15, Ratliff said on Wednesday, Aug. 17. It's not clear how the wolf died, but there was nothing suspicious about the circumstances to suggest someone illegally killed the animal, he said.

With the breeding male dead, Ratliff said he believes the pack consists of the breeding female, the yearling and most likely an unknown number of pups born this spring.

Ratliff said the female's movements, returning frequently to the same location, suggests she had a litter of pups and that they remain in a den.

The recent attack on the calf is the second confirmed depredation by the Lookout Mountain pack in 2022.

In early June ODFW biologists concluded that wolves from the pack had attacked and injured three calves in the Daly Creek area, east of Little Lookout Mountain, in late May.

Heat

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Including, potentially, a broken record.

Through the first 17 days of August, the average high temperature at the Baker City Airport was about 91.8 degrees (the official high for Aug. 17 had not been reached by press time on Wednesday, Aug. 16).

That's just above the all-time record for August. In 2017 the average high for the entire month was 91.7 degrees.

The current runner-up is 2002, at 91.2 degrees. The third-hottest August was in 1967, with an average high of 91.1.

The National Weather Service is forecasting highs of 90 or above through at least Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Even a middling cold front during the month's final week could push the monthly average high below its current record-setting pace. And the first of those harbingers of autumn occasionally do barge in as August is waning.

But even if that happens, the summer of 2022 certainly won't be the anomaly it seemed destined to be as late as Independence Day.

June was the third consecutive month with temperature below average at the airport. During June the temperature reached the 90s only once — 97 degrees on June 27.

A year ago, by contrast, there were 11 such days during June, culminating in a record-breaking heat wave at the end of the month that included a high of 103 on June 29 — the hottest June day on record at the airport.

But in 2021, June was merely the opening act.

July 2021 was the hottest month on record at the airport, with an average high of 92.3 degrees and 22 days with a high of 90 or more.

August 2021 had a similar start but couldn't maintain the momentum throughout. A cool stretch in the second half of the month pushed the month's overall average high to slightly below average, at 84.1 degrees.

But September brought another, albeit brief, spate of torrid temperatures, including three days with a high of 90 or above.

The year ended with 47 such days at the airport — breaking the record of 42, set in 2017.

(The long-term annual average is 26 days with a high of 90 or higher at the airport.)

This year, with the heat so tardy, almost certainly won't threaten the record set in 2021.

There was only the one 90-plus day in June. And July started slow, with no such days through the 11th.

But the roster of 90-degree days has been growing steadily ever since.

The temperature topped 90 on 15 of the final 20 days of July, and 12 of the first 17 days of August.

That sizzling streak has boosted the 2022 total of 90-degree days to 28 — two above average. Based on the forecast for hot weather to continue, that number is likely to reach the low 30s by early next week.

The past six weeks have been noteworthy not only for the number of 90-degree days, but also for the unyielding nature of the heat.

During the first 17 days of August, even the five days that didn't reach 90 could hardly be described as cool. The lowest maximum was 84, on Aug. 6. Two of the four other sub-90-degree days had highs of 89 and 88, respectively.

July was much the same. Since Independence Day, when the high was well below average, at just 74 degrees, only one day failed to reach 80 degrees — 78 on July 18.

Richard "Dick" Emele Sr.

April 3, 1945 - July 30, 2022

The Emele family, with heavy hearts, announces the passing of Richard Donald Emele Sr. "Dick" passed away Saturday, July 30th, 2022 at 11:05 a.m. PST after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Dick is survived by his wife, Alice Emele, daughter, Ronda Sherwood and son, Richard Donald Emele Jr.

Dick was born on April 3rd, 1945, in Baker City, Oregon, to Dorothy and Donald Franklin Emele. He served in the United States Navy as a gunner's mate and was a Vietnam vet. This service was followed by jobs ranging from ranching to restaurant dishwasher; he finally was hired by Cascade Natural Gas where he worked for 42 years. His career lead him from Baker City, Oregon, to Ontario, Oregon, and finally Shelton, Washington, where he retired in 2008. He worked as a Class "A" serviceman and many in the community affectionately referred to him as "The Gas Man."

Dick was helpful and kind, and enjoyed life through working with his hands in building and creativity. As a young adult he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping with family and friends. He was a master at organizing everything from nuts and bolts to paperwork. Dick enjoyed coin collecting and even tried his hand at making his own cheese and cheese presses. Music albums ranging from Johnny Horton, Charlie Pride, Patsy Cline, and Neil Diamond to the instrumental music of Billy Vaughn were found in his collection. Conway Twitty's "Danny Boy" and "Seven Spanish Angels" sung by Ray Charles were two of his favorite songs.

Dick was very generous to his family, not only financially, but through passing on wisdom, insights, stories from "the Old Days" and of course humor. He will be missed so much by us, his family, but we are confident that he is in a better place; a place of unspeakable joy and reunion to those that passed before him. Our lives will forever be enhanced and comforted by his memory.

Joan Chandler Fowler

June 9 1932 - August 6, 2022

Joan Chandler Fowler passed away suddenly at her home on August 6, 2022, at the age of 90. She was born on June 9, 1932, in McCloud, California, to Orville and Bell Chandler. Soon after, the family moved to the foothills of the Elkhorn Mountains just outside of Haines, Oregon."

Her childhood on the Chandler Ranch was of another era - Joan and her three siblings, Dan, Pat and Janet, all pitched in to hay the fields and raise the cattle. Starting at the young age of eight, she worked a team of draft horses by herself. She and her younger brothers had many early mornings milking jersey cows before they rode their horses to school.Twice, while riding her beloved mare, Shodie, to school they slipped on the ice and Joan broke her femur, a serious injury in those days. It must be said Joan was truly a child of her Chandler ranch whose ways and loves and values she never left.

After graduating from North Powder High School, Joan attended the University of Oregon - where she was a member of the Delta Zeta sorority and met her future husband, Earl Fowler. Shortly after graduating with a Master's in English, Earl and she married and moved to Hood River to teach high school. Joan spent her career as an English teacher first at Wy'East High School and later at Hood River Valley High, where she oversaw the yearbook. She loved animals and raised many horses, cows, cats and dogs. Joan and Earl lived out their lives at their home on Wy'East Drive in Odell, where they raised their two children, Brad and Jacqueline. She had a remarkable breadth and depth of knowledge and was known for her wit and humor.

Joan was preceded in death by her two brothers, Dan and Pat Chandler; her sister, Janet Skarsett and her husband, Earl Fowler. She is survived by her children, Brad (Kathryn Klein) and Jacqueline (Marcus) Lampros; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, most of whom still live in the Hood River Valley.

A celebration of her life will be held 4:30 p.m., Saturday, October 1st at Stave and Stone Winery 3827 Fletcher Drive, Hood River, Oregon 97031.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River, Oregon 97031.

Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Marian Taylor

January 27, 1944 - August 11, 2022

Marian Maxine Taylor, a longtime resident of Baker City, passed away on August 11, 2022, at the age of 78. A memorial service was held on August 16, 2022, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Baker City, Oregon. Bishop Mike Smith officated the service. The inurnment followed the memorial service at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Marian was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 29 years, Timothy L. Taylor, and her brother, Bud Montgomery. Marian is survived by her brother, Jerry Bird of John Day, Oregon, her sister, Donna McEntire of Meacham, Oregon, her children, Ronald Naillon of Baker City, Oregon, Christy Slack of Union, Oregon, James Naillon of Gillette, Wyoming, Jay Naillon of Issaquah, Washington, Timothy M. Taylor of Albany, Oregon, Les Taylor of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, Melanie Fronk of Kingwood, Texas, Michelle Robarge of San Antonio, Texas, Nathan Taylor of Vancouver, Washington, and her many grand and great-grandchildren.

Marian was born in Enterprise, Oregon, and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1964. Her family was her greatest joy. Marian loved serving God and the joy that came with serving others. She loved doing puzzles and embroidery. Marian was the youngest of 4 children.

Marian was adept at handling adversity and was an inspiration to many. At the age of 16, she was involved in a horrific car accident. The accident would leave her with a badly crippled leg, bed-ridden and wheelchair-bound for over a year. She did not wallow in self-pity but rose and walked again and ultimately walked across her high school graduation stage two years later to receive her diploma. Whatever challenges faced Marian, she met them head-on.

Marian's life was dedicated to serving others. She loved caring for her special needs residents as well as taking care of children of all needs. Her house was always open to those who needed her, be it for a few hours, days, or months.

Marian found the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1981. It would forever transform her life. Her testimony would grow with each new challenge, becoming her rock. She loved her work in primary and the library. She always had a smile for those she greeted and, on occasion, a Lifesaver candy. Marian considered Jesus her friend and the church her home.

Marian met the love of her life, Timothy L. Taylor, in 1987; they married a year later in September of 1988 and spent the next 29 years together.

Marian found joy in the little things, flowers blooming, a sunrise, or the smell of the rain. A reminder and comfort to us that God is in control of everything.

Those wishing to honor Marian may do so by donating to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation through Grays West and Company Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for the family of Marian, please visit: www.grayswestco.com.

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