

Eunice Wickert

Pilot Rock

Feb. 26, 1935-May 3, 2014

Eunice Lorraine Stoolfire Wickert 79, resident of McKay Creek Road in Pilot Rock passed away on May 3, 2014. She was born in Tuttle, Idaho to Wallace and Hazel Stoolfire on February 26, 1935.

She left behind brothers and sisters: Lyle Carlton of Vancouver, WA; Lila Hudson of Hermiston, OR; Clara Ganoë of Matawa, WA; Mary Stautar of Oklahoma; Lee Stoolfire of Pendleton, OR; George Stoolfire of Pilot Rock, OR; Becky Stoolfire of Milton-Freewater, OR; children, Edward Wickert of Madras, OR; David Wickert of Pilot Rock, OR; Rick Wickert of Pilot Rock, OR; Shelli McDonald of Pendleton, OR; Ernie Wickert of Spokane, WA; and many grandchil-

dren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was a wife, mom, and grandmother. She was a Bluebird leader, did Home Extension and loved to work crossword puzzles. She always had a smile and a hug.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. A Celebration of Life reception will follow the service at the Grace Baptist Church in Pendleton. Private inurnment will take place at Olney Cemetery where she will join her husband, Frank Wickert.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

county library meant. Letters between the two entities were often frosty in tone.

"I feel sure that this act on the part of the Hermiston Board is a result of a lack of understanding of the purpose of a County Library system and the terms of the Carnegie gift," county librarian Anna G. Hall wrote in 1924 in response to Hermiston ignoring her instructions to not allow community entities to hold meetings in the library.

In another letter, the Hermiston library board wrote their state representative in 1919 to say that the county library's support of a proposed law did not reflect Hermiston's and was prompted by a "small Pendleton clique" involved in a "long-standing, entirely personal and extremely petty feud."

"I think it was the age-old struggle between Pendleton and Hermiston, honestly," Baldo said. "Hermiston always felt they didn't get a fair share of everything."

Baldo said she thinks the long history of disagreement between the two entities is what contributed to Hermiston not joining the modern-day county library district. But she said today the "working rela-

This unlabeled photo shows the Carnegie library that was built for the library's 100th anniversary.

tionship with the district is not even known by many people who even know they are separate entities.

Hermiston continues to use the Carnegie library building next door to today's library on Gladys Avenue, until a new library from funded by a new library from funded by citizen-driven capital campaign is built.

"The vast majority of the people used to build this library were people who lived here," Baldo said.

As part of the library's 100th day celebration on Monday, Baldo will have a map for people to sign where friends' and family members are noted. Librarians will offer tours of the old Carnegie library door.

Baldo and her staff will display a few specific artifacts from the library. One was the photo of the Carnegie that Baldo said was in an early Hermiston and finally located in the old library.