

COMMUNITY VOICES

What's new at the DeWitt

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For the Blue Mountain Eagle



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The Sumpter Valley Railway Depot and DeWitt Museum in Prairie City.

The Sumpter Valley Railway Depot and DeWitt Museum in Prairie City opened for the season on May 13.

We have a new member on the museum crew: David Ranseen is our new operations supervisor in charge of the volunteer scheduling, plus many other responsibilities. He is a great addition to our staff.

Over the winter months, our volunteers, Bob and Dotie Miller, Luke Hollowell and Joy Waterhouse, have put more than 200 hours into the repairs and cleaning of the second story windows, moving two of the rooms to create a better display, and painting the cattle car to get ready for an additional outdoor exhibit.

Also new this season are several signs, created by

Redmond Sign Company, pointing the way to the museum from the highway, and at the museum, to let visitors know they have arrived. New entry steps have also

been installed. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, through mid-October. The museum is at Bridge and Main streets. For a family-fun experi-

ence, come see what's new at the DeWitt Museum. Kathy Smith is director of the Sumpter Valley Railway Depot and DeWitt Museum in Prairie City.

IN THE MILITARY

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Midshipman Bianca Thomas, a student at Oregon State University, earned several academic honors at the May 1 spring awards ceremony at OSU.

Thomas, a Marine option midshipman enrolled in OSU's Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program, received two scholarships: the Captain Darrell S. Tipples scholarship, for exceptional determination and desire to serve the United States as a Marine Corps officer, and the Lt. Col Nelson Olf award for Marine students with outstanding overall performance.

She also received a certificate of academic achievement for earning a GPA of 3.51 during the 2015 winter term.

Thomas is majoring in fermentation science, with a minor in food science. She is a 2012 graduate of Monument High School.



MIDN Bianca Thomas

ENGAGEMENT

Modey - Lake

Gordon and Sherrie Modey of Burns announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Mae Modey, to Tyler Jacob Lake of Medford.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Jim and Carol Modey of Burns, and Smokey and Loretta Overton of Mt. Vernon. She graduated from Western Oregon University with a bachelor's degree in communication studies. She is employed as the office manager with Belle Fiore Winery in Ashland.

The prospective groom is the son of Glen and Marci Lake of Medford, and the grandson of Larry and Beverly Keith of Medford, Harry Lake of Montague, Calif., and Bonnie Lake of Medford. He graduated from Corban University with a bachelor's degree in business management, and works as project manager for Sharefaith in Medford.

The couple plan a Sept. 12 wedding in Medford.



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~Thank you~

The family of Nadine Carr would like to thank everyone for their kindness and care of our mother and grandmother over the past several weeks. The Gifts of time, food & prayers were invaluable & very much appreciated.

Thank you from
Margie Parker & Family
Vicki Cartwright & Family
Butch Carr & Family
Mary Jane Melink & Family
and Patti Powell & Family

~Thank You~

The Conard Johns family would like to thank all of our friends and family for their love and prayers. Thank you also, for the cards, food and money gifts. All were greatly Appreciated. A special thanks to Eldon Johns and Ken Lively for their part in the services for Conard. May God bless each and every one of you.

Wanda, Eveylyn, Russell, Duane and Rosie, Curtis and Family, Juanita and family and Naomi and family.

With Fondest Memories

We remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us.

Mackenzie Jo Dyer
Mar. 1, 1992 - Mar. 7, 2013

You are so missed and so loved Kenzie.

Your Life Long Friend,
Kandice

Tom E. Elliott
Feb. 5, 1939 - Sep. 28, 2011

Hard working cowboy - now at rest. Missed every day.

Your Daughter,
Tammy

A memorial service will be held for Olive Catherine (Criger) Morgan, at noon on Saturday, May 23, at Long Creek Cemetery, with a potluck following at Long Creek City Hall.



DRISKILL MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Troy Hanson, Kayln Burril ~ Funeral Directors
Jackie Osborne
241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day
541-575-0529

OBITUARIES

Nadine W. Carr

Oct. 30, 1933 - May 11, 2015

Nadine W. Carr, 81, died May 11 at her John Day home. A graveside service was held May 15 at Canyon City Cemetery. Mrs. Carr was born Oct. 30, 1933, in Hartshorne, Okla., to Willie and Jessie (Campbell) Vanderpool. Two months premature, and weighing only 1-1/2 pounds, her first crib was a shoe-box next to the woodstove, to keep her warm.

She was raised in Oklahoma, surrounded by a large family, and learned the value of hard work. She began picking cotton as a girl, but even at a young age, refused to wear a bonnet in the hot sun, showing determination to make up her own mind.

The family moved to Oregon, traveling by train with limited money and food, to find work in sawmills.

It was while working as a waitress in a Prairie City restaurant that she met the love of her life, George Carr, whom she married on Sept. 5, 1952.

She only completed school through grade 8, but decided at age 59 to complete her education and earn her GED certificate.

The biggest part of her life was raising her family, and the friends they brought home. She was strict when necessary, but also provided a hot meal or a bed to anyone needing a safe place.

When her children were older, she worked at the Grizzly Bear Pizza Parlor, where she made new friends and enjoyed socializing with everyone who came in. She and her husband took a job traveling to Pendleton every week to have the newspaper printed and brought back.

During retirement, she helped raise two of her grandchildren, Laci and Dylan, and kept busy volunteering at the school, and helping with class parties and field trips.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, working in the yard and taking daily walks. She had a great love for the Lord, and was an example of living her faith.

She never knew a stranger, and is remembered for her strength and friendliness.

Survivors include her five children, Margie (Denver) Parker, Vicki Carr Cartwright, Butch (Gin) Carr, Patti (Scott) Powell, and Mary Jane (John) Melink, who came to live with the family while in high school and became a member of the family; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Polly Horrell, Peggy Beck and Charlsie Scott; and brother, Andy Vanderpool.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, George, in 2013; brothers, Dallas, Hank and Nathan Vanderpool; and sisters, Bernice Tacket, Verna Schaefer and Myrtle Valade Turner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice or any local veterans organization.

Arrangements are under the care of Loveland Funeral Chapel and Crematory, 1508 4th St., La Grande, OR 97850.

Michael 'Mike' Bentz

BURNS - Michael "Mike" Bentz, 51, died May 14, in a single-occupant airplane crash near Juntura.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, and Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Friday, May 22, both at Holy Family Catholic Church in Burns.

A luncheon will follow the Mass at Harney County Fairgrounds. Private interment will be in Juntura.

Bentz was a well-known Eastern Oregon rancher who had many ties to the Grant County area.

Memorial contributions may be made to Young Ranchers Land and Livestock Fund through LaFollette's Chapel, P.O. Box 488, Burns, OR 97720.

Charles 'Pete' Pickle

A Celebration of Life for Pete Pickle will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at First Christian Church in John Day.

The family welcomes friends and acquaintances to bring a dish and memories to share at a potluck dinner afterward. For more information, call the church, 541-575-1202.

About Obituaries

News obituaries are a free service of the Blue Mountain Eagle. The paper accepts obituaries from the family or funeral home. Information submitted is subject to editing. Obituaries submitted to the Eagle with incorrect information may be corrected and republished as paid notices. Send obituaries by e-mail, cheryl@bmeagle.com; fax, 541-575-1244; or mail, 195 N. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. The deadline to submit an obituary is noon Monday for the Wednesday paper. For more information, or to inquire about a paid memorial, call 541-575-0710.

WEATHER FORECAST

Chance of T-storms		Wednesday 70/45
Chance of T-storms		Thursday 70/47
Chance of T-storms		Friday 70/42
Chance of T-storms		Saturday 70/40
Chance of T-storms		Sunday 71/40
Slight chance of T-storms		Monday 72/42
Chance of T-storms		Tuesday 76/42

LAST WEEK

	MAY 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
John Day	60/43	56/41	63/37	50/47	61/44	64/43	62/43

24/7 FORECAST
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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; WWW.TRIPCHECK.COM
WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY — 162.500 MHZ