



Courtesy photo

Elijah Wilks, 11, of Enterprise smiles in joy as he contemplates summer camp. He won a scholarship to Grange Jr. Camp through Liberty Grange..

Grange awards scholarship

Elijah Wilks, 11, of Enterprise is going to Grange Jr. Camp in Pomeroy, Wash. Wilks, son of Shawna Wilks of Enterprise won a full scholarship to the camp on the Tucannon River thanks to Liberty Grange #613 and an agreement between Oregon and Washington Granges.

Oregon no longer has Jr. Grange Camps and so Washington said, "We'll help you with that," said Liberty Grange Secretary Jane Curry.

Grange campers enjoy all of the usual summer camp experiences in addition to learning about the Grange and being encouraged to become leaders. It is not necessary for the camper or their parents to be members of the Grange to attend camp.

Liberty Grange has been working on rejuvenating membership and will continue a focus on giving more children the chance to enjoy the Grange Camp experience, Curry said.

CARS

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The crowd waited in great anticipation for the announcing of the "Ragman" award, which is voted on by the family of James Tuschhoff, a co-founding member of the OMC. Tuschhoff passed away in 2005 after a long battle with cancer.

Several members of the Tuschhoff family appeared at the event for the judging duties, including Casey Tuschhoff, Andy Tuschhoff, and Jill Tuschhoff. Casey Tuschhoff explained what the family looks for in car:

"Something that stands out – something that catches your eye. Maybe a one-off kind of deal. Every year we have a toss up, and we have to break it down. Then we collaborate and pick one," he said.

Pointing at the 1957 Ford Thunderbird that won this year's Ragman award, he added, "The paint job on this

car really catches your eye. The guy (owner) actually painted it himself."

The 2016 winner was a startlingly beautiful 1957 Ford Thunderbird complete with a stunning two-tone magenta and black finish owned by Guy and Darlene Blakeslee of Boise, ID. The couple bought the car nine years ago, and has attended the OMC for 14 years.

"I just repainted it last year. It was all magenta before," Guy Blakeslee said.

He applied the awarding winning paint job. Asked how long it took to paint the car, he replies, "It's not the painting that takes so long, it's the prep work."

He estimated the process, which included painting the engine compartment and under the hood, took about three months.

"I'm the interior artist," said Darlene Blakeslee. "He lets me choose the colors and design the interior. Then I talk to the upholsterer, and he always thinks I'm crazy when I tell him what I want done,"

she added with a laugh.

The complete restoration process took about 18 months

Unlike many competitors, the Blakeslees eschew trailers, opting to drive their car back and forth from Idaho.

"We're so appreciative to be here, and this award is very special," Guy Blakeslee said shortly before the couple started the car and drove off to lead the annual Ragman Memorial Cruise to Enterprise and back, signifying the beginning of the end of the event.

As a long line of cars drove off in a roar for the memorial cruise, Kim Tuschhoff of Boise, who is also the event registrar, said the 200 cars were a little less than the 220 car average, but good considering the weather.

"Every year it seems like we have more first-timers as well as people who have been coming here for years," she said. "It's been a good year and everyone loves us being here," she concluded.

The winner of the "King of the Mountain" award was unavailable at press time.

UPGRADE

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The Courthouse Improvement Committee, formed of courtroom employees, county commissioners and other parties, attempted to find a solution to the problem. They initially investigated building a new courtroom facility separate from the courthouse. The project was deemed too expensive.

Roberts explained the committee's final decision, "We finally determined that we needed to put a roof on this building or lose it totally and that our citizens would not much care for that." The county's commissioners examined options to finance the roof. Among the options considered was a bond issue. After discarding the idea, the

commissioners visited several lending institutions and made the decision to borrow the funds to fix the roof.

This resulted in a \$700,000 long-term unsecured loan from Community Bank with the payments budgeted into the county's budget.

"It was as good a deal as we could get, even compared to the agency's state normal uses. Community Bank is local, and we want to keep it local," Roberts said.

She added the commissioners were doing the best they could for the citizens' pocket books and maintain the county's obligation toward the courthouse and the circuit court facilities.

For the renovations, the county is talking to The Ausland Group, a construction company from Grants Pass that specializes in renovations

and has the reputation of a company that does good work while keeping costs as low as feasibly possible.

"They've been very good to work with. They've flown up here once, and they'll be coming up the week of June 12," Roberts said.

Roberts is currently talking to some of the county offices that will be affected by the renovation, including the district attorney's office and the circuit court clerk's office. "We'll probably be temporarily quartering them elsewhere for the duration, and the county has to pay for all that," Roberts said.

In the meantime, Roberts is focusing on the roof project.

"These things take time to weed through. This is a top-down project. We need to figure out what those costs are and where we need to be," Roberts said.

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OBITUARIES

Cyril Albert Stevens

Oct. 18, 1931 to May 27, 2016

Rev. Cyril Albert Stevens passed away at his home in Christmas Valley, Ore., on May 27, 2016. He was born Oct. 18, 1931 to Albert James and Dorothy Maude (Fitzgerald) Stevens in Balham (London), England.

He attended schools in London during World War II, enduring the Blitz, and served in the British Army for two years. He attended art school in South Wales and studied the Bible with veteran ministers.

On Oct. 30, 1954, he married Rene Cheer Roberts. They had three children: Sharon (Umpleby), Paul Stevens and Judith (Heckenberg). Cyril and Rene were full-time pastor and wife of various churches, moving the family to the United States in 1969.

Pastor Stevens served several churches: Newtown Baptist Church in England; Lakewood Baptist Church, Tacoma; First Baptist Church, La Grande; First Baptist Church, Watsonville, Calif.; First Baptist, Molalla, Ore.; and Christmas Valley Community Church in Christmas Valley.

He was a much sought-after speaker for camps and special meetings. At La Grande, he encouraged the church to open Heidi Ho Christian Kindergarten, which is still operating. He also enjoyed hunting for elk, climbing mountains, backpacking and riding horses.

Cyril's greatest passion was preaching and sharing the gospel of Jesus with others and instructing them in Biblical principles for living. Spreading the gospel took him to various mission fields such as Brazil, India and Latvia. He first became acquainted with Americans at the Air Force bases in Upper Heyford and Croughton in England, which led to the move to Tacoma.

He had a great vision to have the word of God proclaimed over the radio airs. While in Chesham, he would take the sermons in a large tape recorder that he would transport in the baby buggy and push it around town for the sick or shut-in members to hear. During the ministry in La Grande, the morning worship service was aired live on the local radio station, and in California a weekly sermon was aired. Recently the program "Saints for Jesus" has been aired on KLGJ in Bend.

Cyril is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rene; his three children and spouses, Sharon and Lyle Umpleby, Paul and Joyce Stevens and Judith and Gene Heckenberg; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John Stevens.

A graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, June 10 at the Grandview Cemetery in La Grande, followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, corner of Sixth and Spring in La Grande. There will be a second memorial service at 2 p.m. June 18 at Christmas Valley Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons or Heidi Ho Christian Kindergarten through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR, 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

June Hughes

Jan. 16, 1935 to June 5, 2016

June Hughes (Beardsley) 81, died June 5, 2016 in Enterprise. June was born Jan. 16, 1935 in Ithica, New York. The youngest of 4 children, she moved with her family to Waldport when she was 8 years old. She graduated high school in Waldport, and married and raised a family in Philomath. The family moved to Corvallis and she worked as a receptionist at The Corvallis Clinic for 20 years. June retired and moved to Wallowa's #106.

She loved music and was her grandson, Brady Goss's #1 fan. She also enjoyed football and watching her grandsons, Jordan and Brendon play.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Randy Schaeffer, of Wallowa, and son and fiancée, Curtis Hughes and Angie of Tangent, grandchildren Brady Goss, Jordan and Brendon Hughes, Dusty, Jake, Trevor, Madison, Jasmine and one great-grandson, Preston.

Bollman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICE

John R. Bookout

John R. Bookout, 77, of Portland died June 9, 2016 at a Portland Care Center.

Graveside services are June 20, 11 a.m. at the Enterprise Cemetery at the Enterprise Cemetery with interment to follow.

Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
June 16	59	33	Rain
June 17	61	37	Rain
June 18	65	38	Chance of Rain
June 19	71	41	Partly Cloudy
June 20	79	44	Clear
June 21	81	44	Clear

Phases of the moon

June 20	June 27	July 4	July 12
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET JUNE 15-21

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
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