

OBITUARIES

Delores 'Dee' Noah

May 2, 1929 – Feb. 24, 2015

Delores "Dee" Noah, 85, died Feb. 24 at her Dayville home. No services are planned at this time.

Mrs. Noah was born May 2, 1929, in Woodland, Calif., to Gerald and Florence (Perkins) Bradley. She attended Santa Rosa High School, and graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College in 1946.

In 1950, she married Jerry Noah in Vancouver, Wash.

Throughout her life she was a homemaker, and also was a grocery checker for Carter Foods and worked for herself as a deli owner. She retired in 1994.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Noah of Dayville; son, Jeffery Noah of Aloha; daughter, Kathleen Noah of Puerto Rico; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Charles Pickle

Charles Pickle, 91, of John Day, died March 1 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Canyon City Cemetery. Pastor Al Altnow will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church of John Day through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

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Rose Bertha Gohlinghorst

Aug. 6, 1907 – Feb. 18, 2015

REEDSPORT – Rose (Rosa) Bertha Gohlinghorst, 107, died Feb. 18 in Reedsport. The former Grant County resident had lived at Aidan Senior Living the past 11 years.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 627 S.E. Hillcrest Dr. in John Day, followed by a graveside service at Canyon City Cemetery.

Mrs. Gohlinghorst was born Aug. 6, 1907, at home in Enola, Madison County, Neb., to Otto and Lisetta (Maurer) Dittberner.

She was raised on a farm with four older brothers and four younger sisters. She developed a hard work ethic at an early age, and being the oldest girl, cut her education short to help out on the farm.

She attended a parochial school in Madison, where she first met her future husband, Ernest (Ernie) Gohlinghorst.

They married on June 18, 1940, in Buffalo Creek Lutheran Church in Tilden, Neb.

While in her 20s, she and a sister worked for a time as waitresses in California. After marriage, and after her husband finished his military service, they lived in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Pendleton, before purchasing the Western Auto Store in John Day.

She worked alongside her husband, and after his death in 1959, ran the store before selling it in 1964. She then spent several years working at Quisenberry's Department Store and Len's Rexall.

She was active in her church, and her hobbies included sewing, baking, gardening, canning, reading and handwork. She was named "Senior Queen of the Kitchen" at the Grant County Fair. Most of what she made, she shared with others. Family was of utmost importance to her.

Survivors include her daughters, Sue (Gary) Groen of Lakeside and Beth (Bob) Piette of Applegate; grandchildren, Tim (Kelly) Piette of North Plains, Mark (Heidi) Kincaid of Roseburg, Doug (Marisol) Piette of Alpine, Calif., and Amy (Bruce) Henderson of Hillsboro; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church in John Day through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.



Scott Lloyd Lee

Feb. 27, 1974 – Feb. 25, 2015

CHILOQUIN – Scott Lloyd Lee, 40, formerly of Dayville, died Feb. 25 after a car crash near Klamath Falls. At his request, there will be no service.

Mr. Lee was born Feb. 27, 1974, in Prineville, to Jan Elaine Valade Lee and Doug Lee. He was raised by Jan and Elmer Dickens Sr. near Dayville, and attended schools in Dayville and John Day.

He enjoyed motorcycles, hunting, fishing and being with his wife, Corrina. The couple had lived in Chiloquin for the last 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Corrina Taylor of Chiloquin; his mother, Jan Valade Dickens; daughters, Melissa Anne Lee Haynes and Celeste Donna Lee; son, Scott Lloyd Lee Jr.; grandchildren, Dominick and Bentley; brother, Elmer Dickens Jr.; sister, Terri Dickens Landreth; great-grandmother, Fern Turner of John Day; and grandfather, Duane Turner of Mt. Vernon.

Memorial contributions may be made to a custodial account for his grandchildren through Old West Federal Credit Union.



Humbolt to get new principal

Nash retiring after 18 years with District 3

Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY – Humbolt Elementary Principal Monty Nash has announced he will retire at the end of this school year.

Kim Smith, who has worked for Grant School District No. 3 for 17 years, has been chosen as Humbolt's new principal, starting with the 2015-16 school year.

Nash, a longtime educator, has been with the District for 18 years.

According to District No. 3 Superintendent Mark Witty, Nash has filled many leadership and administrative roles during his time with the District, and will be sorely missed.

Smith began her career with the District in 1998 teaching grades 5 and 6 at Mt. Vernon.

She has also taught special education and Title I at Humbolt and, Witty said, every grade level from Kindergarten through sixth.

She has been the Special Education director at Humbolt since 2010.

Witty said, "Smith is highly qualified and has a great vision for the school."

The family of Jerry Mills wishes to express a heartfelt "Thank You" for the kindness and thoughtfulness shown during our recent loss. Thank you for the flowers, cards and support. We deeply appreciate everything. A special thank you to Evelyn Cates, Ersela Dehiya, Rhonda Burdick and Red Iler - your generosity will never be forgotten. May God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
The family of Jerry Mills



BIRTHS

Collins Jennelle Derrick

Chad and Kiley Derrick of Canyon City announce the birth of their daughter, Collins Jennelle Derrick, at 8:22 p.m. Jan. 31, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

Grandparents include Roger and Darla Derrick of John Day, and Cork and JoAnn Humphrey of Mt. Vernon.

Irene Louise Ferguson

Jan. 11, 1919 - Feb. 24, 2015

Irene Louise Ferguson was born January 11, 1919, in Merrill Oregon and died quietly on February 24, 2015 in LaGrande Oregon. Her sons, Dennis, Doug, and Doug's wife Charlene were present with her large family kept close by phone and e-mail.

Irene was born to Phobe and William Anderson. She was the last surviving sibling, with two older brothers, Richard and Russell, and a younger sister, Jean. The family resided on a farm which had been homesteaded by Irene's father William (Bill), in the community of Tulelake California, just across the state line from Merrill.

Irene spent her early life here going through grade school and high school in Tulelake. She was a typical farm girl growing up in an early 20th century agricultural community. Irene is the best cook ever, apparently learning from her mother. It is probably here that she developed the love of horses and cattle. Her parents purchased a piano for her early in life. She didn't just learn to play, she was a student of music for the rest of her life, bringing untold pleasure to everyone who was fortunate enough to listen or dance to her music. Around 1937, a large itinerant family by the name of "Ferguson" moved into the area. One Max Ferguson, who was trying to complete a hit and miss education, came to Tulelake School to try to complete high school. Max was 21 years old at the time. A love affair began there and continued for the rest of their lives. Max and Irene were married in Reno Nevada in 1937. That union lasted until Max's death in 2006, having been married 70 years.

After their marriage, Max worked on the reclamation project which was developing additional farm ground in the area. Along with the construction, Max farmed on leased land near Tulelake. During the War years, Max was deferred from serving because he was providing more good farming for the cause than by fighting for it. First Doug came along, then Denny during the war years.

Shortly after the end of World War II, the large Ferguson family, consisting of several grown couples and their children, began migrating north into Eastern Oregon. This exodus resulted in Max, Irene and two small boys owning 1200 acres at the mouth of China Creek, on the North Fork of the Burnt River. Living was completely primitive. They lived and thrived in an old Army Surplus tent. Max felled trees, and begin carving a small ranch out of an isolated 1200 acres known as the King Ranch. The team of Max and Irene landed the school bus contract for hauling the kids who lived on the "Big Flat" road to school in the small settlement of Hereford. During the school day Irene worked in the tiny telephone exchange, the "Juniper Telephone Company". Irene was an operator for the old hand crank phone system. She also worked in the school cafeteria and gave piano lessons to quite a few kids who are old timers today. Eventually a log cabin was built and that became the home at the King Ranch. Living was a lot better in a house, and none of the family missed the convenience of plumbing or electricity. They could dip all the water they needed out of China Creek, and a cozy outhouse faced east so the morning sun could warm body and soul on a summer morning. For light they had plenty of gas lanterns.

In 1955 Max Irene and the boys moved to a small ranch at the mouth of Fields Creek, on the John Day River in Grant County. Irene worked at the local medical facility in John Day, and was a waitress at Marion's

Cafe in downtown John Day. Max worked for the Highway Division out of John Day. Eventually Irene went to work in the office of the Highway Division, and as a dispatcher for the Oregon State Police.

Around 1960 after getting Doug graduated from Dayville High School, Max and Irene moved to LaGrande, with advancements and more opportunity for each of them in their work for the State Highway Division. Irene left the highway division while in LaGrande and went to work at the College in LaGrande. This was also a State position, where she was executive secretary to the Dean of Administration and later became director of personnel. In the early 1960's they purchased a 40 acre piece of raw land at the base of Mount Emily, near Summerville. They carved out a showplace here, with a beautiful "A" frame house, productive hay land, and corrals to keep the ever present cattle and horses. This was the family place where Max and Irene's grown children brought their kids. It was home away from home for family and extended family for many years. Both Max and Irene retired while living on this place. It was a place of much love for family and friends. Denny and Doug's kids grew up near this place and it became a lasting influence on their lives.

In the early 1970's Max and Irene got the wanderlust again and ended up at Sekiu, Washington, on the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The fishing was good and there was abundant bounty from the sea. They had a good comfortable boat, and the harvest was good.

After a few years it was apparent that they were just too far away from what was becoming a large and growing family being produced by their sons. They moved to Sumpter, where they begin to build a beautiful home and place out of nothing. *That pioneer spirit is still present.* No more than getting it just right in Sumpter, a move was made back over to the John Day Valley out on the Moon Creek Road.

By this time Max and Irene were getting along some and actually slowing down a little, however there was a large garden, plenty of horses, and kids and grandkids. Always plenty of good food, and love.

Around 2005, Max and Irene moved back to LaGrande and took up residence in the Grande Ronde Retirement Residence.

Max passed away in May of 2006, and Irene resided there until shortly before her death. She had just been waiting to go find Max. Their large family believes they are finally together.

Irene is survived by her sons Dennis Ferguson, daughter-in-law Kath Ferguson, Dennis's wife of nearly 50 years, of Summerville, Douglas Ferguson of Mount Vernon and his wife Charlene, Grandchildren including (little) Doug Ferguson of Arlington, D. Mitchell Ferguson of Mount Vernon, Lindy Temple of California, Amber Ferguson of Prineville, and Mollee Wood of Powell Butte. Irene has 11 great grandkids, and 11 great-great grandkids.

Irene's favorite and best things were music. She and Max entertained untold number of people, playing their music from the late 1940's to the 1980's and played at home until after the millennium. She loved the outdoors, horses, wild country, the pioneer spirit, traveling over new ground on a good horse, and cooking good food.

The love of Irene's life was Max Ferguson, her sons, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Paid for by the Ferguson Family



OVER THE RAINBOW



The Eagle/Scotta Callister

Changing weather brought rain and a rainbow or two to Grant County last Thursday. This shot was taken from Highway 26 at Dog Creek Road, just east of John Day.

WEATHER FORECAST

Weather	Icon	Day	Temp
Sunny		Wednesday	48/24
Sunny		Thursday	53/30
Mostly sunny		Friday	56/33
Sunny		Saturday	60/34
Sunny		Sunday	61/36
Sunny		Monday	57/33
Cloudy		Tuesday	61/36

LAST WEEK

	FEB. 24	25	26	27	28	MARCH 1	2
John Day	56/25	47/32	46/36	40/33	38/22	42/17	43/26
Sheep Rock	49/26	58/26	53/27	54/39	47/36	44/20	49/27

RIVER FLOWS

	Discharge	Last Year	Average	% of Avg.
John Day (Mainstem)	173	404	247	70
Ritter (MF)	258	1050	312	83
Monument (NF)	1020	4890	1750	58
Service Creek (Mainstem)	1660	7070	2740	61
McDonald Ferry (Mainstem)	1990	4300	3000	66

SKI REPORT

Anthony Lakes: Base 50 inches; no new snow.

24/7 FORECAST

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