

OBITUARIES

Loreene Dee Bates

Nov. 23, 1934 – Jan. 17, 2015

Loreene Dee Bates, 80, of Prairie City died Jan. 17 in John Day. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at First Christian Church in John Day. A reception will follow at the John Day Senior Center.

Mrs. Bates was born Nov. 23, 1934, in North Bend, to Daniel Franson and Hannah Nay. She was the youngest of 10 children, and was a twin. After her graduation from Bandon High School in 1953, she and a sister moved to Prairie City to live with another sister.

On Dec. 5, 1953, she married Delton Bates in Prairie City. She worked for a short time as a telephone operator at the drug store in Prairie City. Soon after, she became a stay-at-home mother and wife. She took care of their children, tended large gardens and sewed clothing. She always provided a delicious meal every evening.

She enjoyed helping on the ranch, reading, watching TV, gardening, sports, sewing, and spending time with her family. She was caring and giving.

Survivors include her daughters, Glenna (Darrel) Stultz of Union and Linda (Ken) Kowing of John Day; sons, Scott Bates of John Day and Joe (Jordanne) Bates of Yakima, Wash.; sisters, Edna and Doreene; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

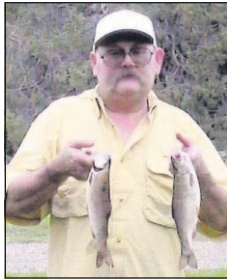
She was preceded in death by her husband, Delton Bates; five brothers; and two sisters.

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

Ersal 'Gene' Hickerson Jr.

Aug. 6, 1956 – April 21, 2015

Ersal "Gene" Hickerson Jr., 58, died April 21 at his John Day home, with his family by his side. At his request, no services will be held. A family gathering in his honor will be held at a later date.



Mr. Hickerson was born Aug. 6, 1956, in Prairie City, to Ersal "Roy" and Norma Hickerson. His early years were spent at the family home in Mt. Vernon, until they moved to John Day. He graduated from Grant Union High School in 1974. After graduation he began working in local sawmills: Edward Hines Lumber Company, John Day Lumber and Grant Western Lumber Company.

He had many interests and was an avid reader from a very young age. He also had a great love of music, and often entertained his family with his beautiful voice. He had a strong interest in photography, was a dedicated fisherman, and often said his best days were spent fishing with friends and family. He enjoyed time spent with his sisters, nieces, nephews and many cousins.

Survivors include his sisters, Gayle (Bill) Fields of Canyon City and Linda (Jerry Wayne) Pettyjohn of Seneca; special cousin, Carolyn (Roger) North of Boise, Idaho; nieces, Melinda Hammond and Jennifer Lindley; and nephews, Ryan Pettyjohn and Mathew Fields.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew L.J. Pettyjohn.

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

Marie F. Lyman

Nov. 13, 1921 – April 6, 2015

Marie F. Lyman, 93, died April 6, 2015, at Valley View Assisted Living in John Day. A service was held April 13 in Salem, with Chris Williams of Fairview officiating.

Mrs. Lyman was born Nov. 13, 1921, in Tomah, Wis., to Ray and Matilda (Winkleman) Bowers. She attended grade school in Tomah.

She married Alvin Lyman on Oct. 9, 1939, in Wisconsin. She worked as a homemaker. Her hobbies included reading, cooking, baking and taking care of others.

Survivors include her son, Earl (Vicky) Lyman of Medford; daughters, Carolyn Elliott of John Day and Marilyn Osborn of Redmond; 11 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin; daughter, Margie Schatz; brothers, Harold and Melvin Bowers; and sisters, Marge Stevens and Betty Alsdorf.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memory Care center at Valley View in John Day.

Arrangements are under the care of City View Funeral Home and Cemetery, 390 Hoyt Street South, Salem, OR 97302.

SIGNS POINT THE WAY

A big, bold sign now lets visitors know they have arrived at the Sumpter Valley Railway Depot/DeWitt Museum in Prairie City. Here, a worker from Redmond Sign Company mounts a large "Prairie City" sign on the building on April 17. Another sign on the Masonic building at the corner of Front and Main streets points the way for westbound travelers on the highway. Museum director Kathy Smith led the signage project, along with other upgrades – repairs to the building, new entry steps, and reorganization of some artifacts – in preparation for the museum's opening in mid-May.



The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler

Spelling contest coming May 12

Home-schoolers can compete in local district

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The 2015 Grant County Spelling Bee is coming up at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at the John Day Elks Lodge.

Interested home-schoolers must participate through their home school district, and should call their local district office for information on that school's contest.

To be eligible for the county bee, students must first win at the local level and be listed on the form sent in by the home district.

To find out your home school district or for more information, call the Grant County Education Service District, 541-575-1349.

Figaro's doles out dough

Two Humbolt teachers receive grants for iPads

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Two Humbolt Elementary School teachers each received a \$600 grant from Figaro's Pizza restaurant owner Pete Teague.

The grants were made available through the company's charitable program called "HELP" (Helping Education with Love & Pizza).

Sixth-grade teacher Lorie Croghan said she and Marci Judd, special education teacher, plan to use their grants to purchase iPads for their classrooms. Teague said funding from the pro-



Contributed photo

Figaro's Pizza owner Pete Teague presents Humbolt Elementary teachers Marci Judd, (center) and Lorie Croghan grants through the company's HELP program.

gram supports nonprofit organizations, including schools and churches.

Other organizations such as youth groups, bands, athletic teams, and local affiliates of national health organizations could also qualify for the grants.

Decisions for grant funding are made based on need, creativity, and a priority is given to innovative projects designed to improve student learning.

"With every dollar spent at Figaro's, a percentage is put in the fund for our community," Teague said. He added that for this grant cycle, there were only two applicants.

Anyone interested may pick up an application at Figaro's in John Day, 825 S. Canyon Blvd., or visit www.figaros.com/h-e-l-p/ online.

For more information, contact Teague at 541-575-5500 or 541-575-2328.

Market meeting on tap

Farmers Market ready for 2015 season

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – An introductory meeting to kick off the 2015 John Day Farmers Market season will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in the Forest Room at the Out-

post Restaurant in John Day. Current vendors can sign up for booths, and prospective vendors can get information.

The rate is again \$50 for the season, or \$5 per Saturday that you plan to attend.

This is the sixth year for the Market, which provides a Saturday outlet to purchase local produce and crafts.

Those who can't attend

the meeting can call to reserve a spot, and make a payment by mail.

For more information, call Jim and Sandy Bay at 541-932-2725 or 415-748-8697.

Visit the John Day Farmers Market on Facebook.

WEATHER FORECAST

20% chance of A.M. rain		Wednesday 64/32
Sunny		Thursday 69/36
Sunny		Friday 68/39
Mostly sunny		Saturday 68/30
Mostly sunny		Sunday 73/31
Sunny		Monday 70/38
Partly sunny		Tuesday 76/36

LAST WEEK

	APRIL 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
John Day	74/41	58/39	60/32	54/39	52/32	58/29	72/35
Sheep Rock	78/43	79/42	64/33	64/38	60/35	56/29	65/40
Seneca	71/23	64/33	61/19	50/32	46/20	53/11	70/22

RIVER FLOWS

	Discharge	Last Year	Average	% of Avg.
John Day (Mainstem)	163	339	378	43
Ritter (MF)	250	604	753	33
Monument (NF)	959	2690	3740	26
Service Creek (Mainstem)	1470	4080	5340	28
McDonald Ferry (Mainstem)	2030	4300	5830	35

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