

Old banknote worth a pretty penny

Rare \$5 bill is included in auction

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GREENVILLE, SC – When is a \$5 bill worth \$5,000?

When it's over 100 years old – and printed for a Prairie City bank.

In 1963, Gary Latimer, who is from the Monterrey, Calif., area, was clearing out his deceased great uncle's safety deposit box when he came across the old \$5 banknote. Latimer's uncle was from the Bend area.

The bill, dated as 1902 and 1910, has the First National Bank of Prairie City printed on it, along with the signatures of the bank president F.W. Peet and cashier D.E. Hughes.

Someone offered Latimer \$10 for it at the time he found



Contributed photo

This 1902 Prairie City banknote, valued at about \$5,000, will go up for auction this weekend.

it, but he decided to hang on to it – he was 23 at the time.

Fast forward to 2015, Latimer found out the banknote is worth a pretty penny – about \$5,000.

Manning Garrett of Manifest Auctions in Greenville,

SC, which specializes in rare bank notes, said they were excited to see the bill.

His business will have the banknote up for auction July 11, and it can be viewed at www.manifestauctions.com along with many other items.

"There weren't many of these printed," Garrett said. "It's one of the best pieces in this auction."

History of banknotes

National banknotes could be issued by any bank in the

country between 1863 and 1935, as long as that bank had a national charter with the federal government. There were 12,635 banks which chose to issue their own money.

Oregon had just 127 national banks in 72 different towns. The banknotes were printed in Washington, D.C., then mailed to local banks where they were signed by the cashier and president of each bank. The money was then circulated throughout the town and beyond just like money is used today.

If a person walked into the local Prairie City bank in 1910 with a \$15 check, they would likely receive three \$5 bills back drawn off the First National Bank of Prairie City.

Because it was commonplace and just a part of everyday life, very few people thought to save these banknotes.

Today many of them are

extremely rare and worth thousands of dollars to the collectors who specialize in them.

The most sought after notes are from small community banks like Prairie City.

Prairie City only had one national bank.

In 1928, all U.S. paper money changed to its current size. Before that, money was about 40 percent bigger than it is today.

One can imagine, when paper money changed sizes, people tried their best to get rid of the old over-sized money because they were worried it would be devalued. That never happened; in fact over-sized money is still legal at its face value. However, the collector value is of course much greater than the face value.

- Information provided by Manning Garrett, owner and president of Manifest Auctions, LLC.

New faces in Grant County

Andrea Mesple, 34,
11 months

Mesple moved to John Day from Reno, Nev.

She was living in Hood River when she met her now-husband, Lennis Herburger, who was born in John Day.



Andrea Mesple

She is young, has tattoos, and a face that is new to nearly everyone in Grant County. She stands out. In some small towns, that can be difficult. Mesple said the community of John Day has been "overwhelmingly positive and welcoming, if a little inquisitive."

It helps that her husband

has roots here.

"I like to bring that up a lot," laughed Mesple. "It gives me a little street cred."

The couple has lived here since August 2014. Mesple said the Strawberry Striders running and bicycling club has provided a great way to meet new people.

Mesple teaches two yoga classes a week at the Canyon Mountain Center in John Day. She is also a massage therapist.

In addition, Mesple is the Grant County representative of the Central Oregon Trail Alliance, which is working to increase and improve mountain bike trails in the area. She volunteers her time teaching children

how to safely ride mountain bikes.

Zeke Langum, 37,
almost a year

Langum moved with his family to John Day from Oakridge almost a year ago. His wife, Brandy, is a fish biologist for the U.S. Forest Service and their two children, Rowen and Ashlynn, now attend school in John Day.



Zeke Langum

Zeke grew up in Redding, Calif., so he was raised on triple-digit temperatures. But a few years in wet western Oregon seems to have sapped his toughness.

"I'm not used to this anymore," he said on a re-

cent hot day. "It's exhausting."

Zeke is putting most of his energies into his work. He is a road manager and project engineer for the Forest Service, and when he has free time he finds himself shuttling his children where they need to go.

His wife has gotten involved in local exercise clubs and the two have found friends, neighbors and coworkers they enjoy.

Rowen and Ashlynn, 14 years old and 10 years old, have too.

"It's a great place for kids," said Zeke. "They were disappointed to leave their old friends. But once they got here and saw the system and how easy it was to get into, they've loved it."

OBITUARIES

Richard 'Rick' N. McGuire

July 30, 1954 – July 5, 2015

Richard "Rick" N. McGuire, 60, died at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City after a long battle with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), a rare degenerative neurological disorder which causes symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease.

A private family remembrance will be held at a later date.

Mr. McGuire was born July 30, 1954, in Billings, Mont., to Robin (McGuire) Dahl and the late Robert "Mac" McGuire. They moved to John Day in 1967.

He graduated from Grant Union High School in 1974, and from the Oregon Institute of Technology in 1976.

After graduation, he moved to Eugene, where he worked as a BMW master technician for 20 years. He enjoyed dabbling in mechanic and electronic projects, camping and fishing, and was an avid Oregon Ducks football fan.

Survivors include his daughter, Hayley McGuire, of Los Angeles; his mother, Robin Dahl, of John Day; sisters, Kathy (Frank Stinnett), Laurie (Charlie Stinnett) of John Day and Karin (Steve Pappadakis) of Grand Junction, Colo.; brother, Steve (Sherri Preston-McGuire) of John Day; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Throughout his illness, his good friend and college roommate, Monty Bond, of John Day, visited nearly every week.

In 2002, Rick was the recipient of a kidney and pancreas organ transplant from a generous donor which provided him with over a dozen additional years with his family.

The family requests donations be made to the charity of ones' choice.



About Obituaries

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Cleve Hinton and daughters of Dolores Hinton, would like to thank all our friends and family for their generous support and love during our time of loss. We gratefully acknowledge each and every one of you, and want you to know that you are deeply appreciated.

~Thank You~

Melvin & Harriet Crum's
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Date: July 18, 2015
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Location: Clyde Holliday State Park, Hwy. 26
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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make our June 2015 yard sale a success. We appreciate everyone who donated, purchased, helped set-up, loaned tables and displays, and priced items. The funds raised help keep the Grant County Genealogical Society Library and Research Center open for Genealogical Research.

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Chance of T-storms	⚡	Friday 84/54
Chance of T-storms	⚡	Saturday 83/49
Slight chance of T-storms	⚡	Sunday 83/46
Slight chance of T-storms	⚡	Monday 84/48
P.M. T-storms	⚡	Tuesday 92/46

LAST WEEK

	JUNE 30	JULY 1	2	3	4	5	6
John Day	96/NA	99/61	99/NA	99/63	94/62	92/61	95/60

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