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Students are preparing for a 2017 Philly Trip by chopping wood to sell. Several other fundraisers are in the works, including the sale of pepperoni and teriyaki sticks.

Big trip to Philly planned for students

Organizers plan to make trip an annual event

By Angel Carpenter
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CANYON CITY – Young students are enthusiastically fundraising for a big trip to Philly.

Humbolt Elementary students who finished sixth grade in June will have the opportunity to travel in spring 2017, as Grant Union eighth-graders, to see the sights of Philadelphia, Penn., Washington, D.C., and New York City.

Humbolt Elementary School sixth-grade teacher Casey Hallgarth is organizing the Philly trip, involving interested 2014-15 sixth-graders in fund-raisers to make the journey possible.

Hallgarth, who began teaching at Humbolt last year, moved to the area from Elgin where he taught at Elgin School District.

He said Georgia McKee has been organizing similar trips for students in Elgin for the past 25 years, and one of his sons and his wife Heidi traveled with the group in 2014.

“It’s going to be a great opportunity to venture out of Grant County and explore the

country,” Hallgarth said.

Planned activities include a Broadway play, a visit to Amish country in Pennsylvania, as well as trips to historic sites such as the 911 Memorial and Museum in New York and national monuments in Washington, D.C.

Each student will keep a journal of their trip and describe highlights from their experience in a presentation to the Grant School District No. 3 board of directors.

Cost of the 10-day trip is \$2,700 which includes airfare, bus travel and meals.

Fund-raisers for the trip are getting off the ground. The students and some parents have

split 15 cords of pine wood – for sale at \$150 a cord. Two car washes are planned for August, and the students are selling pepperoni and teriyaki sticks for \$1 each.

Also, neon green can donation bins will soon be set up, and a tail-gating gift basket will be raffled at an upcoming Grant Union football game.

Hallgarth said he plans for the trip to be an annual event.

“Next year’s sixth-graders will move into the slot, and we’ll hopefully have it going for another 25 years,” he said.

For more information, contact Hallgarth at 541-786-3276 or Kimberly Neault at 541-620-2034.

PC School board elected

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PRAIRIE CITY – Two new Prairie City School board members and two returning ones were sworn in on July 15.

New to the board are Ryan Williams and Lindsay Rausch, and re-elected members are

Marge Walton and Doug Emmell.

Walton was re-elected as the board chair, and Mike Wall as vice-chair.

Prairie City School District board meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, in the school library.

Alzheimer’s Association to offer class in John Day

JOHN DAY – The Alzheimer’s Association Oregon Chapter will be holding a class, The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer’s Disease, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the John Day DHS APD office, 725 W. Main St., Suite E.

Alzheimer’s affects people in varying ways and ripples out to impact the lives of those who interact with them. Understanding

what is happening to a person with Alzheimer’s is key to interacting effectively and providing quality care. This class includes information from expert professionals in the field and first-hand accounts from people diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

The class is free, but registration is required. To register, call 800-272-3900. For a list of upcoming classes, visit www.alz.org/oregon.

ATTENTION GRANT COUNTY VETERANS:

Did you know there may be VA benefits available for you as a result of your spouses’ military service?

See your Grant County Veteran Services Officer today for more information, located at Grant County Court House.

Call 541-575-1631 for an appointment

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OBITUARIES

Paul Bennett

Sept. 19, 1924 – July 3, 2015

Paul Bennett, 90, a former longtime resident of Long Creek, died July 3 in Longview, Wash. A Celebration of Life will be held in September, date to be announced, in Long Creek.

Mr. Bennett was born Sept. 19, 1924, in Cottage Grove, to Ivy Hetrick and Elmer Bennett.

He served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. After his return, he spent most of his career driving log and chip trucks in Grant County.

He was an avid hunter, and spent 30 years hunting moose in Canada. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Roberta Bennett of Kelso, Wash.; children, Jack (Judy) Bennett of Dayton, Gail (Larry) Menenga of McMinnville, Elmer (Jan) Bennett of Castle Rock, Wash., and Dixie (Craig) Shartner of Vancouver, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bertha Berry and Audrey Christenson.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, WA 98632.

Arrangements are under the care of Crown Memorial Center, 832 N.E. Broadway St., Portland, OR 97232.



Nelda Louise Coe

Dec. 4, 1937 – July 25, 2015

Nelda Louise Coe, 77, of Prairie City, died July 25 in Bend. A Celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at the John Day United Methodist Church. A potluck luncheon will follow.

Mrs. Coe was born Dec. 4, 1937, in Prineville.

On Nov. 28, 1999, she married Tim Coe.

Her hobbies included canning and gardening, and she was active in the Wheeler County Fair.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, and volunteered for many years at the church’s thrift shop in John Day.

She was a coach and board member of the South Suburban Little League in Klamath Falls, and was a member of the Lions Club in Mitchell for 10 years.

Survivors include her husband, Tim; children, Robert (Shelly) Nichols, Donna (Mike) Fritch, TJ Evans, Tony Boyd, Terry (Candy) Evans and Timothy Evans; and five stepchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the John Day United Methodist Church thrift shop.

Austin Drewett

Feb. 6, 1925 – July 7, 2015

Austin Drewett, 90, died July 7 at his Mt. Vernon home. Per his wishes, there will be no funeral. A private interment will be held at a later date.

Mr. Drewett was born Feb. 6, 1925, in Austin, to Elmer and Jane (Abemathy) Drewett.

On July 17, 1945, he married June Lawrence in Emmett, Idaho.

He was a mechanic who worked for various companies throughout Oregon, including Grant County. His last job was for Thunderbolt Fire Service.

He enjoyed going to yard sales and trading items. He loved to hunt, fish, camp and ride around in the hills.

Survivors include his son, Duane (Vicki) of Mt. Vernon; daughter, Diane (Ron) of Sweet Home; grandsons, Ron Freeman of Albany, Ted Freeman of Sacramento, Bryan Montague of Mt. Vernon, Michael Montague of John Day and Austin Drewett of La Grande; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; son, Kenneth; six sisters; and two brothers.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Dorothy E. Beason

HERMISTON – Dorothy E. Beason, 88, formerly of Mt. Vernon, died July 24 in Hermiston.

A Celebration of Life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at First Christian Church in Hermiston.

Arrangements are under the care of Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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Dick Wilson Tureman

Dick Tureman, 88, of Ellensburg passed away on Monday, July 20, 2015. He was born October 23, 1926, in Prairie City, to Harry Tureman and Ruby Wilson Tureman. He graduated early from Prairie City High School and enlisted in the Navy reporting for service November 1944. Combat service included the Philippines, the South Pacific, and Leyte during World War II. The highpoint of his military service (something he always spoke of) was witnessing the surrender of Japan on the USS Missouri from the crow’s nest of the USS California. After 22 months of service, he returned to the John Day Valley in Eastern Oregon to work on the Joe Oliver Ranch. He was a saddle bronc rider, a bull rider and a bull-dogger in Northwest rodeos.

Dick married Janette J. George in Dayville, on May 27, 1951. They had three daughters, and remained in the John Day Valley until the spring of 1967. The family then moved to Ellensburg, Wash. where Dick enjoyed his work ranching for others while his wife attended Central Washington State College. Many Kittitas Valley residents will remember Dick as a volunteer placing/collecting cans of money for the community Christmas baskets every December.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking. He made numerous hikes into the Grand Canyon and on his last one, at the age of 78, he took six of his grandchildren with him. He has always liked anything to do with horses, so a favorite trip of his was a twelve-day horse trip into the Andes of Peru. He also enjoyed reading and spending time with his family. Family always came first!

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Byron H. Tureman, and a sister, Veda Mae (Tureman) Campbell. He is survived by his wife, and three daughters, Debi (Jim) Mengelos of Kennewick, WA, Jana (Patrick) Blewett of Redding, Calif., and Rebecca (Bob) Gubser of Mesquite, Nev.; nine grandchildren, Michael Jarmin, Sara Jarmin, Sheila Blewett, Kraig Blewett, Mandy (Blewett) Brush, Jenna Mengelos, Andy Mengelos, Tom Mengelos, and Mark Mengelos; five great-grandchildren, Zeek Brush, Ivy Brush, Austin Mengelos, Drew Mengelos and Myles Mengelos.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Steward & Williams Tribute Center located at 301 East Third Avenue, Ellensburg, Wash. on Friday, July 31, at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow at the Ellensburg United Methodist Church located across the street. Condolences for the family can be left at <http://www.steward-williams.com/>.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Sunny		Wednesday 94/53
Sunny		Thursday 98/57
Sunny		Friday 99/59
Slight chance of T-storms		Saturday 99/54
Slight chance of T-storms		Sunday 97/56
Slight chance of T-storms		Monday 96/53
Partly sunny		Tuesday 91/58

LAST WEEK

	JULY 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
John Day	91/57	83/55	88/54	87/52	84/55	74/56	72/53
Sheep Rock	95/55	95/52	86/51	91/52	92/55	87/57	79/52

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