

Grant County pie bakers take home awards

JOHN DAY — It is confirmed: LaRue Broughton is a champion pie baker.

Broughton's open face peach streusel pie took home the honor of "Best of Show" in the Grant County Fair pie baking contest last week.

But that wasn't all: Her peach pie claimed first place in the single crust division, and her apple pie won first in the double crust division.

She attributes her winning pies to "lots of years of experience" and lessons learned from her mother and grandmother.

"Let's see, I've been married for 56 years, and I was making pies before that, so I guess I've



Judge Jerry Webb, who is about to take his first bite of a pie, said appearance was among the top considerations.

Eagle photos
Nancy McCarthy

been making pies for 60 years," Broughton said.

The John Day resident has placed in the contest for the past several years. She began competing after her daughter, who had been claiming first or second in the fair, urged her to enter. "She told me I probably

would win third place," Broughton recalled. "That year, I came in first."

The five lucky judges to taste the pies took bites out of a small piece cut by contest assistant Rick Thompson. They examined each pie's appearance, then tested its moistness and crumb



This double crust apple pie, baked by LaRue Broughton, won first place.

texture, consistency, the crust's flakiness and the fruit's tartness-to-sweetness ratio.

Comments ranged from "Yum" to "That's a good one!"

Most of the judges agreed that a pie's appearance was the No. 1 consideration, but the crust's flakiness was a close second.

"If you don't like the way the pie looks, you may not want to eat it," said judge Jerry Webb.

"But those can be the ones that fool you."

Judges Virginia Kendall and Melody Field had an advantage over the other judges: Both were judges last year, and both were former home economics teachers.

As he sampled still another piece, judge Tony Gardner summed up his first-time judging experience.

"We've got a tough job tasting all these pies," he said, smiling.

This year's winners are:

Youth Division

Morganne Wyllie, first place (\$25)

Adult Division

Best of Show

LaRue Broughton, open face peach streusel pie

Adult Division Single Crust

LaRue Broughton, open face peach streusel pie, first place (\$50)

Tiffnie Schmadeka, pecan pie, second place (\$25)

Shana Hunt, blueberry nectarine crumb top, third place (\$15)

Adult Division, Double Crust

LaRue Broughton, apple, first place (\$50)

Susan Wyllie, huckleberry, second place (\$25)

Andrea Officer, classic cherry, third place (\$15)

Judges for the contest were: Virginia Kendall, Melody Field, Jim Carpenter, Tony Gardner and Jerry Webb. Marsha Delaney chaired the event, assisted by Rick Thompson.



Charles George Amling, aged 73, of John Day and Mt. Vernon, suffered heart failure July 30, 2015, while tending the Mt. Vernon Community Presbyterian Church garden he'd designed and planted for the congregation. Chuck was born December 23, 1941 in Orange, CA, where he attended grammar school at St. John's Lutheran. He then went on to graduate first from Rancho Alamitos High School, Garden Grove, Calif. where he played football, basketball, baseball and was active in FFA, and then California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA. where he earned a degree in agricultural business. Growing up he worked alongside his mother and two older brothers in the family rose business, Amling Roses, in Westminster, Calif.

After graduating from college, Chuck and his first wife, Jan, moved to Glencoe, Minn., where he worked for The Jolly Green Giant Company. There they had two daughters, Becky and Babs. The family then moved to Daton, Wash., where he worked for Statin Cannery as a field man. Lastly he moved the family to Albany, Oregon where he worked for Albany Frozen Foods. Prior to his retirement, he owned and operated Amling Farm, raising row crops and lastly raised flowers. Chuck and Jan divorced in April 1997.

Chuck retired to Temecula, CA., where he married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Perry Arthur, December 25, 1997. They lived in Temecula until her retirement from teaching in June 2003. Chuck and his wife Patsy retired to "God's Country", Mt. Vernon / John Day in 2003. He loved the John Day community and was known by "his boys" as Coach A. He enjoyed helping coach the line of the Mt. Vernon Middle School football team that eventually went on to win the state championship. He never missed attending a Grant Union football game and watching "his boys" play unless he was away filming other games for the coach. Even after their graduation, he continued to follow their activities. He also liked attending baseball tournaments at the sports park and Grant County School District Board meetings. He spent numerous hours planning and tending his church garden. He enjoyed spending time with his church family. He attended the weekly early morning Men's Bible study and led the Sunday morning Bible study. He loved spending time with his children, stepchildren, grandchildren and stepgranddaughter, hunting and fishing the local lakes with his buddies. He was a member of the John Day Elks Lodge and the Mt. Vernon Community Presbyterian Church and also served as an Elder. He was an avid reader. He always looked forward to attending the bingo games at both the Elks Lodge and later at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. He could always be found in the early morning hours and again in the afternoon at the Silver Spur Restaurant in Mt. Vernon having coffee with and enjoying the company of his numerous friends. They loved and respected the caring and integrity that Chuck demonstrated in his life and his efforts to solve the educational problems in the schools. He was recently elected to the ESD board of directors. He was generous in providing scholarships to athletes. Chuck demonstrated his strength of convictions in more ways than most people will ever know.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Albert John Amling, mother, Marie Isobel (Jardine) Amling; grandparents; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Patsy Amling, and his daughters, Becky (Kirk) Stock and Babs (Brad) Niva; grandchildren, Piper and Riley Niva; Patsy's son Bob (Stacey) Arthur; granddaughter Hannah Arthur and daughter, Lori Arthur; former wife Jan Amling, his brothers, A. John and Norman Amling; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, and his dog Muffy.

He was a blessing to and loved by many. We will always carry our memories of you with us. **Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 29, at the Mt. Vernon Community Presbyterian Church.**

Following the service, there will be a potluck lunch at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. All are invited to share a meal, enjoy pictures and tell stories of Chuck and his life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Patricia Amling for the Coach "A" Scholarship Fund to be set up at a later date. One scholarship will be awarded to the Grant Union High School lineman of the year.

Paid for by the family of Charles Amling.

Swim and a movie

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JOHN DAY — All are welcome to a free family movie night at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Gleason Pool in John Day City Park.

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OBITUARIES

Donald Roy Harvey May 19, 1952 - Aug. 5, 2015

BEND — Donald Harvey, 63, of Monument, died Aug. 5 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Monument Cemetery, with a potluck lunch to follow at the Monument Senior Center.



Mr. Harvey was born on May 19, 1952, in Caldwell, Idaho, to Clarence and Virginia Harvey. When he was a teenager, he moved to Nebraska to live with his grandparents, Pete and Fern Huff. His grandfather taught him many things, but hunting and fishing were his favorite activities while living there.

After he moved back to Idaho, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving off the coast of Vietnam on the USS Wichita. He served four years in the Navy.

He married Valerie, with whom he had two daughters, Tiffany and Tatum. They later divorced.

While working in Long Creek, he met Diana, whom he married a few years later.

He enjoyed being outdoors. Before retirement, he worked as the groundskeeper for the Monument Cemetery. He took great pride in caring for the lawn and received many compliments on the upkeep and beauty of the grounds.

His hobbies included hunting, camping and fishing. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren and working in his garden and yard.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Diana Harvey, of Monument; daughters, Tiffany (Lyle) Issacson and Tatum Harvey, of Moses Lake, Wash.; stepdaughters, Kristi Emerson and Rebecca Grassl, of Monument; brother, David (Sue) Harvey, of Cascade, Idaho; sisters, Peggy (Roger) Jacobson, of Meridian, Idaho, and Phyllis (Warren) Fitzgerald, of Nampa, Idaho; nine grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his uncle Bill (June) Huff, of Elvaston, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Harvey and Virginia and George White; and his grandparents, Pete and Fern Huff.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Monument High School student body.

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98/55

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94/48

Sunny  **Friday**
81/43

Sunny  **Saturday**
85/42

Sunny  **Sunday**
90/43

Mostly sunny  **Monday**
87/39

Sunny  **Tuesday**
89/40

LAST WEEK

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