

2016 fair theme, grand marshals selected

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JOHN DAY — The Grant County Fair Board selected a theme and the grand marshals for the 2016 county fair.

The theme is "Kids at the Fair Everywhere," and the grand marshals will be Carl and Gale Sheppard of Prairie City.

The fair will be held Aug. 10-13.

Members are also being sought for the Grant County Rodeo Committee and the Fair Board. Applications are available at the fair office in Trowbridge Pavilion or online at grantcountyaigrounds.com.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11.

For more information, call the fair office at 541-575-1900.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH OCTOBER — LONG CREEK SCHOOL



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Elizabeth Camper is the October Student of the Month at Long Creek School.

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A 1988 Dodge Aires driven by Dale Gleason Larkin landed on its top in the Powder River after it ran off the road on Highway 7 near Baker City. The driver died in the incident. The Baker County medical examiner said Nov. 16 that the cause of death was drowning.

Victim died of drowning, medical examiner says

By Carl Sampson
Blue Mountain Eagle

BAKER CITY — The Prairie City man who died Nov. 11 in a single-car accident had been on his way to a medical appointment, the Baker County medical examiner says.

Dale Gleason Larkin,

51, was driving northbound on Highway 7 at about 10:40 a.m. when his 1988 Dodge Aries left the road near milepost 44.5, slid down the embankment and landed on its top in the Powder River, an Oregon State Police spokesman said.

He was pronounced dead

at the scene, according to an OSP press release.

The cause of death was drowning, Dr. James Davis, the county medical examiner, said on Nov. 16.

"As to what led up to that, I'm not certain," Davis said. "Why he lost control of the car I don't know."

Larkin was driving to La Grande for a hemodialysis appointment, Davis said. Hemodialysis is a treatment for kidney failure.

Larkin was wearing a

seatbelt, Davis said.

The fatal accident was one of two that took place on the same highway near Baker City last week.

Kenneth Ammons, a 69-year-old resident of Baker City, died at milepost 48 on Nov. 14. His car left the roadway and rolled several times, according to an OSP press release.

Davis estimated that five to eight fatal traffic accidents typically occur each year in Baker County.

Clarence A. Oster

Clarence Alfred Oster, 82, of Richland, WA passed away unexpectedly at home on November 2, 2015 after a fall. He was born on April 3, 1933 in his maternal grandparents' home in Madras, OR, and was the second of four sons of L. E. (Red) and Fannie Evalyn Messinger Oster who were homesteaders in the Fort Rock Valley. He grew up in ranching communities all over central and eastern Oregon.

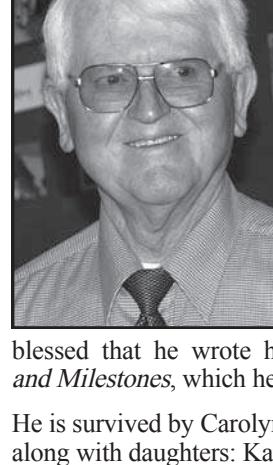
In 1951, he graduated from Crane Union High School, a four-year public boarding school. Clarence then entered Eastern Oregon College of Education in La Grande and worked on ranches and in mills to fund his education. Requiring further funds, he volunteered for the draft in 1953 and served in the US Army from January 4, 1954 until October 5, 1955. Before completing his service, he enrolled in Oregon State University. At the end of fall quarter, he transferred to the University of Oregon where he completed a BS (1957) and a MS (1958) in mathematics, with the help of the GI Bill.

While at the University of Oregon he met the love of his life, Carolyn Ruth Kelts, and married on June 20, 1958. They honeymooned while moving to his job with Cal Tech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and received partial reimbursed for the journey. The newlyweds settled in Montrose, CA and worshiped at the Montrose Community Church where Clarence was baptized. Their first daughter, Karen Ruth, was born the following year.

Longing to return to the northwest, Clarence began working at General Electric (GE) in Richland, WA on October 1, 1959 and the young family purchased a centrally located L-house. By the time Battelle's Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL) had replaced GE, daughters Barbara Lea and Helen Irene (Pete Elena) had completed the family. Shortly after moving to Richland, they transferred membership to West Side United Protestant Church and have remained active members to this day.

During his career, Clarence worked with computers, programming code to support astronomy at JPL, nuclear physics at GE, and a variety of projects at PNL. He also taught advanced mathematics courses at the Joint Center for Graduate Studies and WSU Tri-Cities. In 1987, he joined Boeing Computer Services, doing projects similar to what he did for PNL. He retired April 10, 1998 from Lockheed Martin Services, Inc.

Clarence enjoyed tromping through cemeteries with his wife while researching ancestors. Other hobbies included woodworking, caning



furniture, gardening, and reading. After retirement, Clarence enjoyed genealogical and wildflower photography, traveling, vacationing at the Oregon Coast, and most of all napping. Clarence and his wife have consistently supported children through World Vision since 1961. His family is blessed that he wrote his memoirs, *Anecdotes and Milestones*, which he self-published in 2005.

He is survived by Carolyn, his wife of 57 years, along with daughters: Karen (Brad) Barton, Barbara (Norm) Jones, and Petra (Robert) Eichelsdoerfer; grandchildren: Dan (Audrey), Evelyn, and Ed Eichelsdoerfer, KaraLynn (Renee) and Ben Barton; step-grandchildren: Casey (Debbie) and Emily Jones; 4 step-great grandchildren; and sisters-in-law Geri, Betty, and Kathy Oster, and Judi (Bob) Enstrom. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Arlie, Jess, and Leonard.

A Graveside Service with military honors will be Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 2:00pm at RestHaven Cemetery in Richland. A Celebration of Life Service will be Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 2:00pm at West Side Church in Richland. All are welcome to attend.

Memorial contributions may be made to West Side Church, 615 Wright Avenue, Richland, WA 99352, 509-946-4656 or to World Vision, PO Box 78481, Tacoma, WA 98481 (reference source code: 31003726), 1-888-511-6519, www.worldvision.org

The family invites you to sign Clarence's tribute at www.einansunset.com.

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Dale Martin

Dale Martin, 76, of Long Creek, died Nov. 8 in Bend. A memorial potluck will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Long Creek Community Church.

Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.



The Eagle/Kim Kell

Prairie City resident Nancy Akers was all smiles, winning a quilt made by Viola Rose and Latrona Smith in a drawing held by the Grant County Heritage Foundation. The money raised will benefit the Grant County Fairgrounds PA system fund.

Foundation raises funds for fairgrounds

Prairie City resident wins quilt

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The Grant County Family Heritage Foundation raised \$1,661 toward the Grant County Fairgrounds public address system with a quilt raffle.

Prairie City resident Nancy Akers' name was drawn Oct. 14 as winner of the quilt made by Viola Rose and Latrona

Smith of Quilts and Beyond in Prairie City. The tickets had been sold since last summer's Grant County Fair.

Tinka Oliver, Foundation secretary-treasurer, said the foundation also supported rebuilding the livestock wash racks at the fairgrounds for 4-H youths.

"We're still a very active group, working for youth in agriculture," she said.

For more information about the Foundation, call Julie Reynolds, president, 541-575-0414.

Duane L. Cheadle 1936-2015

Duane L. Cheadle went to be with his Lord at home on Sunday, November 8, 2015. The family will have a memorial service at a later date.

Duane was born on December 12, 1936, in Fryburg, North Dakota, to Curtis and Frances (Manthy) Cheadle.

He moved with his mother and brother, Jerry, to Yakima, Wash. When he was a freshman, he moved to Prairie City to live with his dad and stepmother, Nina. He married Marilyn Rutter on September 29, 1953. Duane helped his dad build the drive-in theaters in John Day, Mt. Shasta and Dunsmuir, Calif. He attended Prairie City High School where he played in district and state championship tournaments. He graduated from Prairie City High School in 1955.

He moved to Canyon City and worked for Herb McGetbrick, Gail Dieber and then ran Eddy's bread route. He then moved to west highway and bought Eddy's franchise, where he owned and operated it with his brother, Jerry, for 13 years.

He was the Grant Union booster club president, life-time member of the Canyon City Masonic Lodge #34 and Shriner's, was a member of the Rural Fire Department and on the John Day Grade School board.

He refereed ball games, and with the money he received, he bought Marilyn a beautiful Arabian mare. He was very active in the First Christian Church.

He moved to Newport, to manage Century Twenty-One where he made the two million-dollar club twice.

He then moved to Colorado to work as project director of the Tiger River RV Resort where he sold RV memberships and lots. Then he started Amity Sales and Marketing and Coast to Coast from Colorado to New York with Charles Younger.

He moved to Florida and ran Celebrity RV Resort sites and memberships. He also started church services at several RV resorts.

He drove the Baja pulling a 26.5 foot fifth wheel to Cabo San Lucas.

Duane then moved back to Oregon as Ordained Bible Way Church's assistant pastor to Rev. Jack and Betty Rutherford and Garth Johnson. He later became pastor of the First Christian Church for 10 years.

He moved to Prineville and was active in the Living Water Church of God.



Duane loved his Lord, wife Marilyn, his family, especially the grandchildren, her family, his church family, people, a good joke and his four dogs; Shag, Murphy, Corby and Buddy.

His hobbies included bird hunting, deer hunting, elk hunting, fishing, the mountains, reading his bible, Civil War and World War II history, old movies, watching football, woodworking and gardening.

He is preceded in death by his mother Frances Ulrich, father Curtis Cheadle, brother Jerry Cheadle and stepfather Paul Ulrich.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marilyn, son Mark, daughter Tammy, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Flora Cheadle, sister Vickie (Don) Kreis, one nephew, three nieces, four grandnieces and three grandnephews.

Duane will be greatly missed.

Contributions can be made to Living Water Church of God, I.Y.C. Scholarships through Living Waters or Shriners Children's Hospital through Whispering Pines Funeral Home, 185 N.E. 4th Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754. 541-416-9733.

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