

OUT OF THE PAST

Dec. 20, 1917
Grant County Journal
98 years ago

Kight Hear From
 Walter Kight is a member of the aviation corps and is in training in New Jersey. His father received the following letter from him this week:

December 11, 1917
 Dear dad:

I am on guard duty today and am wondering what kind of weather you are having there. It is blowing about 40 miles per hour here, with dust and snow. I am lucky, though, as my post is around the garage and I only walked four hours during the night, and it was warm. To keep my mind occupied and have something to do, I counted nineteen cars going to the camp and heard four different trains pass. Was talking to a hospital corps man who was in the guard house for 30 days for going absent 12 days and to another who overstayed his pass and got a \$30 fine.

It makes me sore to think that the (Germans) got my old friend, Harry Watkins, and I sure wish that we would hurry up and leave for France because I would like to meet the (Germans) on business matters. When Harry and Six Bits (Young Lyons, of Canyon) left Fort Bliss we had it all fixed up to meet "Over There."

I wish you would get me Bob Damon's address, if you can. Harry and Six Bits are the only fellows I have met from home since leaving you don't know how glad I was to find them in Texas.

When you answer this tell me what all the kids and mamma want for Christmas and I will try to get them something.

Those knitted things are sure warm and I use them every time I go on guard, which is about once a week. I am going to take out ten thousand dollars worth of insurances the first of January or any time we may leave before then. I am insured by the government for four thousand dollars until the 15th of February, so don't need to take the other now. Must close as the sergeant of the guard will be after me.

With love and happiness,
 Walter.



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IDEAS PAY — Alfred Patzer, maintenance worker for the Malheur National Forest road department, recently received a cash prize of \$25 for an employee suggestion. Patzer developed a masonite chain saw guard to provide safe transportation of chain saws to and from the job. Rex Resler, supervisor, presented the award to Patzer Friday. The saw supervisor, seen adjacent, for use by the Malheur National Forest.

Dec. 13, 1940
Blue Mountain Eagle
75 years ago

Old Time Christmas: In the old time Christmas, Pa got a mustache cup from Santa and grandpa got a porcelain spittoon, all flowered up. Sis got her ears pierced and Junior got a jewsharp. Those were the days when Ma got a nice wool shawl; grandma did the knitting and polished the apples while the hired man took on an overdose of applejack. It is a little different now; Ma wants a fur coat, Sis a new car and Junior a flying machine and Pa gets an electric cocktail mixer, and grandma a new cigarette holder. Wonder what the next generation will want?

Dec. 16, 1965
Blue Mountain Eagle
50 years ago
Tailings and Slash
 Even an old bull elk's tooth

can be gold filled, we found out this week. Joe West shot a big old bull during elk season, and extracted a tooth from it for a keepsake. He later found out it had a cavity, but Dr. Curtis Boulet came to the rescue and gave it a beautiful gold filling.

John Day city police have stuck decorative tape over the coin slots on downtown parking meters to give shoppers free parking during the Christmas season. Some of the motorists aren't getting the hint, though, as they break the tape to put money in. Officer Dick Scholes says some of the parking meters are getting their insides all gummed up with tape.

Dec. 13, 1990
Blue Mountain Eagle
25 years ago

Langs retire after 28 years
Restaurant changes hands
JOHN DAY — Ray and Stella Lang are retiring after owning and operating Mountain Side Cafe in John Day for 28 years. The restaurant was originally built by Fred and Easter Lang for use as an A & W fast food restaurant.

Mountain Side currently is closed awaiting removal of old equipment.

Prior to opening the restaurant, Ray worked in the local area doing tire recapping. The Langs have resided in Grant County since 1951. They have three grown children: a son in Tigard, a son in Arizona, and a daughter in California.

As of January the new operators, Steven and Janet Pang, plan to open a Chinese restaurant. The Pangs have operated a Chinese restaurant in Enterprise and in Canyon City previous to that.

The Pangs plan to begin moving in equipment within the next few days.

Comfort by candlelight

Loved ones remembered at hospice event

By Cheryl Hoefler
 Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Memories of loved ones radiated all the brighter as names were read and candles lit during the Dec. 10 Light up a Life remembrance at Valley View Assisted Living in John Day.

The annual event, organized by Blue Mountain Hospice, honors loved ones who have died.

Hospice director Sylvia Dowdy-Ross began the evening by welcoming those gathered. Pastor Michael Harvey from Grace Chapel in



The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler

Members of American Legion Post 77 led a flag ceremony during the Dec. 10 Light up a Life service.

Prairie City offered a heartfelt and encouraging message.

Loved ones' names and photos were projected on the wall above, while Ken and Linda Kowing recited the list and Jessie Saul and Shannon

Winegar lit candles for each one.

Sgt. Maj. William Wyllie of the Oregon National Guard Land Component Command read names on the list of local veterans who have died. Members of American Legion Post 77 performed a solemn flag folding ceremony while Ed Heiple played "Taps" on trumpet.

Recorded hymns performed by Jamie Cernazanu were played, and closing out the service, hospice nurse Richard Smarr read a poem, "I Forgot to Say," by Adam Kowing, and offered the closing prayer.

Light up a Life has been held in December each year since 2005.

For more information about Blue Mountain Hospice, call 541-575-1648.

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The Eagle Office will be CLOSED Jan. 1st

Blue Mountain Eagle

EARLY DEADLINE

for the Dec. 30th Edition Classified Liners, Legals & Display ads

DEADLINE

Thurs., Dec. 24th at 9:00 AM

To place an ad, contact Kim Kell at 541-575-0710 or kim@bmeagle.com

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Embrace the spirit

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Prairie Baptist Church

238 N. McHaley • Prairie City

Christmas Eve

Traditional Candlelight Service.....8:00 pm
 541-820-3696

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

311 NE Dayton St. • John Day

Sunday, Dec. 20th

11:00 a.m. Service
Music, Communion and Christmas Story

Strawberry Mountain Christian Fellowship

170 SE Dayton St. John Day

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with "Kid's Church"

Christmas Play Dec. 24th 6:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve Service at 8 pm

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

110 Valley View Dr. • John Day

Bible Classes (all ages)

Saturday at 9:30 am
Worship
 Saturday at 11:00 am

UNITED METHODIST

126 NW Canton John Day

December 24th

Christmas Eve Service.....7:00 pm

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

139 NE Dayton St. • John Day

Sunday, Dec. 20

Breakfast.....9:00 am
 Service.....10:00 am
Christmas Eve Service
 at 6:30 pm
Old-Fashioned Christmas

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil John Day- 6 pm
Friday, Dec. 25th
 John Day
 9 am
St. Anne-Monument
 12:30 pm
St. Katherine-Dale
 2:30 pm
 Corner of S. Canyon Blvd. & SW 2nd., John Day

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

521 E. Main • John Day

Sunday Morning Worship

Dec. 20th at 10:45 am
 featuring sanctuary choir
Christmas Eve Service
 at 6:00 pm

Living Word Christian Center

Hwy 26, Mt Vemon 541-932-4910

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Sunday, Dec 20th 5:30pm
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
 Christmas Eve, Dec 24th 6:30pm
www.livingwordcc.com

Christmas Eve Traditional Lamplight Service of Carols & Holy Eucharist

7 pm at the Historic St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Sunday, Dec. 20

Eucharist and Children's Christmas Play 10 a.m.
 139 Washington St. Canyon City
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...the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. I John 4:14

SUNDAY, DEC. 20TH

Sunday School.....9:45 am
Sunday Preaching & Junior.....11:00 am
Sunday Evening.....3:30 pm