

EAGLE ON VACATION



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Carl Lino of Canyon City took the Eagle on vacation to Palmer Station, an American exploration station at the Antarctic Circle. Lino says the temperature there was -3 (Celsius) degrees and the wind blowing at a brisk 70-plus mph. His cruise was a 28-day venture through Argentina, Uruguay, the Falkland Islands, Antarctica and Chile. Lino said the trip was fantastic, and he enjoyed every minute. He has now visited all seven continents.

Take a photo with the Eagle (print or mobile editions) while on vacation, and email it to cheryl@bmeagle.com or bring it to the Eagle office.

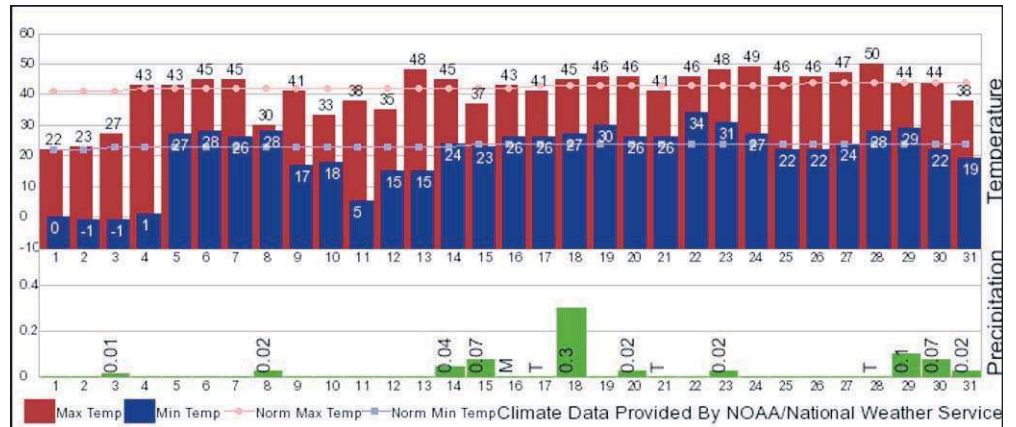
January was colder than normal in John Day

According to preliminary data received by the National Weather Service, temperatures in John Day averaged colder than normal during the month of January.

The average temperature was 31 degrees, which was 2 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 41.1 degrees, which was 1.4 degrees below normal. The highest was 50 degrees on Jan. 28. Low temperatures averaged 20.8 degrees, which was 2.6 degrees below normal. The lowest was -1 degrees on Jan. 2.

There were 30 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were four days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.67 inches during January, which was 0.31 inches below nor-



mal. Measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — was received on 10 days with the heaviest, 0.30 inches, reported on Jan. 18.

Snowfall totaled 2.5 inches with at least one inch of snow reported on two days. The heaviest snowfall was 1.5 inches reported on Jan. 3. The greatest depth of snow on the

ground was one inch on Jan. 15.

The highest wind gust was 53 mph, which occurred on Jan. 19.

The outlook for February from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near- to below-normal precipitation. Normal highs

for John Day during February are 47.4 degrees, and normal lows are 23.9 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.75 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

OBITUARIES

Enola Mary McCoy Benson
Jan. 8, 1920 — Jan. 26, 2016

Enola Mary McCoy Benson, 96, longtime resident of John Day, died Jan. 26 at Northside Nursing Home in Murfreesboro, Tenn., after a long illness. A stroke last March left her partially paralyzed and unable to speak.

At her request, she was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Canyon City Cemetery.

Benson was born Jan. 8, 1920, in Sedgwick, Colo., to Bert R. and Flora M. McCoy.

She and her husband, Jack, owned and operated Benson Shoe Store in John Day for several years. After retiring, she enjoyed working in her yard and with her flowers, and fished occasionally out the back door.

She was a member of First Christian Church in John Day. In 2011, she left John Day to live with her son, Bert, and his wife, Mary, in Murfreesboro.

Survivors include her daughter, Annetta (Keith) Huffman of John Day; son, Bert (Mary) Hutchinson of Murfreesboro; granddaughters, Michelle Huffman of Portland and Holly Hutchinson of Murfreesboro; grandson, Gary (Connie) Hutchinson of Murfreesboro; and two great-grandchildren, Garrick J. and Rhiannon G. Hutchinson of Murfreesboro.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack R. Benson; son, Gary Hutchinson of Portland; sister, Nella M. Furness of Tacoma, Wash.; and brothers, Clinton McCoy of Salinas, Calif., and James McCoy of Nexa, Mo.



Alfred Cotham
Sept. 23, 1935 — Feb. 5, 2016

Alfred 'Al, Amps' Cotham, 80, died Feb. 5 at his John Day home. A celebration of life will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the John Day Country Club, 27631 Golf Club Road, John Day.

Cotham was born Sept. 23, 1935, in Homedale, Idaho, to BB and Irene (Riggs) Cotham. They moved to Dayville, where he graduated from high school in 1953. As a young man, he worked in his parents' restaurant in Dayville.

On Nov. 7, 1953, he married Patricia Kay Cummings in Winnemucca, Nevada. They were married for 62 years and had one daughter, Pamela "Pam" (Cotham) Pallus; three grandchildren, Trudy (Paullus) and Miles Hendon, Jason and Heidi Pallus and Allesha (Paullus) and Paul Swigert; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

He started out as a logger in Izee. Then they moved to John Day, to his current home. He owned Al's Auto Service and Body Shop on Highway 26 for 20 years. After selling the body shop, he went into real estate and partnered in Little Mac's Motel and Bear Valley Ranger District building. He was also a volunteer firefighter in John Day, in addition to helping fight numerous wildland fires over the years in Grant County.

He loved being with his family and friends, being in the mountains as a forester and especially at his legacy "The Cabin." His passions were hunting, camping and fishing in Alaska, and he enjoyed traveling, whether it was going south for the winter or some other exotic place.

In his free time, he enjoyed rock hounding and lapidary work, gardening and sharing the fruits of his labor. He was a "people" person and loved to visit with friends, especially going to coffee. He had a real talent for fixing and rebuilding things and was everyone's "handyman." He made everyone, regardless of who they were, feel as if they were the only one who mattered.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Donald and Charles Cotham.

In lieu of flowers or money, the family requests people bring or send a favorite story about Cotham. They may be included in a memory book for the family.

Betty J. Cook
June 27, 1932 — Feb. 10, 2016

PENDLETON — Betty J. Cook, 83, formerly of Long Creek, died Feb. 10 at a Pendleton care facility. A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton Chapel.

Arrangements are under the care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, 336 SW Dorion Ave., P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801. For condolences, visit www.burnsmortuary.com.

Beverly Eddy
Feb. 8, 2016

Beverly Eddy, 88, died Feb. 8 at her John Day home. Services are pending at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
PRAIRIE CITY SCHOOL
— FEBRUARY



Prairie City High School senior Amaya Zwegardt was named student of the month for February by special education teacher Marnie Mediger, who said Amaya, as senior class president, demonstrates tremendous leadership skills. "She shows independence that will help her achieve her goals in life," Mediger said.



Prairie City High School senior Garrett Hitz was named student of the month for February by science teacher Louanne Zwegardt, who said, "Garrett uses his time well, and is always very respectful and helpful."

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CARRIE DAWN STOVALL-KENYON
1958-2016

Jesus gently took our precious daughter, sister and friend into His arms on January 5, 2016. She was born in John Day, Oregon on August 23, 1958 to Jim and Toddy Stovall. She spent her formative years in Eugene, Oregon after moving there with her parents and 4 siblings in 1961.



In 1974 her family moved to The Dalles, Oregon where she graduated from The Dalles High School.

She lived in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida for more than 20 years before returning to John Day where she worked at the John Day Golf Club.

Carrie achieved her sobriety in 1997 and celebrated her 18th year sober in November of 2015. She would always say that it was her greatest accomplishment.

Carrie is survived by her parents, Jim and Toddy Stovall; her brother, Mike (Sue) Stovall; her sisters, Margaret (Art) Hill and Cindy (Dave) Schlager; a niece, two nephews, five great nieces, a great nephew, a multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins, and her cats; Frankie and Simba. She was preceded in death by her brother, Kelly, and both her paternal and maternal grandparents.

Celebrations of Life will be held in Eugene, John Day and Indian Rocks Beach at later dates. Her final resting place will be in Canyon City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to any of the following: The American Cancer Society, ASPCA, your local Animal Shelter or simply "pay it forward" (Carrie's Motto).

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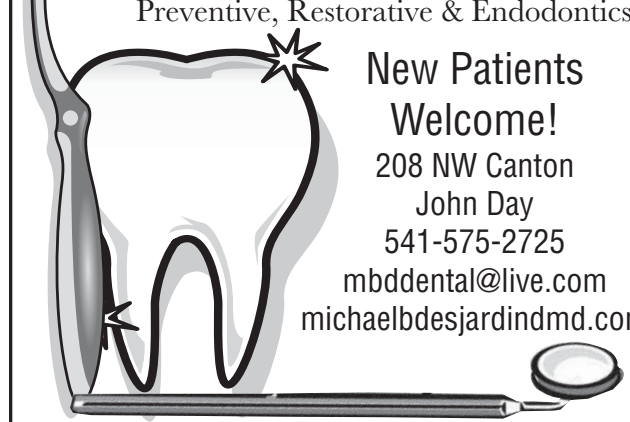
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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	HI/LO
TUESDAY	66/34
WEDNESDAY	60/35
THURSDAY	58/41
FRIDAY	61/38
SATURDAY	50/34
SUNDAY	49/35
MONDAY	59/44

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 17-23

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
53	49	52	50	52	50	48
32	34	32	28	28	21	28

Ski Report: Anthony Lakes: Base 62 inches; 4 inches of new snow.