

OBITUARIES

Jay Danny Nance
July 11, 1960 - July 27, 2016

Jay Nance died unexpectedly at his home in Boise, Idaho, July 27. He was born and raised in Prairie City and graduated from PCHS in 1979. He worked on the family ranch until allergies and injuries prompted him to move to Ontario, where he owned and managed a motel. In 1999, he moved to Boise, where he continued to work throughout Idaho correcting problems at motels.



He was an enthusiastic outdoorsman. In the summer of 1976, he crewed on the salmon troller ILHAVO. He greatly enjoyed a hunting trip to Alaska in 1988. Nance recognized and frequently mentioned the need to restore and give back to the land we use. He was an avid collector of rare cartridges with an encyclopedic knowledge of classic hunting firearms. He collected and loved the art of Thomas Kincaid. He learned great details of any subject that interested him. Woodworking was a special interest he excelled at. He loved animals and was especially good at training and using dogs.

Nance was a kind, loving, honest man. He had deep, long-lasting friendships. He will be sorely missed and forever loved.

He is survived by his parents, Bonnie Nance of Prairie City and Ralph Nance of La Grande; brother, Ivan of Juneau, Alaska; and half-sister, Leslie of Richland, Washington. He was predeceased by niece Madeline Nance.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at the Prairie City cemetery.

Betty Irene Palmer

Betty Irene Palmer, 80, of John Day passed away Monday, Aug. 8, at the Serenity Adult Foster Care home in Canyon City. Services are pending. Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To leave a a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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Drexel talent show in Vale set for Thursday

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The Drexel H. Foundation's free annual talent show is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Rex Theater in Vale. The only requirements are family-appropriate acts, pre-registration (signed by guardian) and mandatory attendance at the dress rehearsal

at 6:15 p.m. Aug. 10. The show is split into four age categories: children, 4-11; middle school, 12-14; young adults, 15-19; and adults, 20 or older. The first-place winner in each category wins \$100 and prizes. Each contestant goes home a winner, with a grocery sack full of prizes and gift certificates.

Elliott receives fire district award

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Bill Wilcox presented an Outstanding Service Award to Dean Elliott for more than 40 years of service to the John Day Rural Fire Protection District.

Wilcox, who is board chairman of the fire district, and board members Mary Walker, Dale Stennett, Todd McKinley and Eric Julsrud met Elliott and his wife, Betty, at their Prairie City home on Saturday surprising him with the award.

The plaque states, in part: "... his vision and effort toward a new fire station in John Day has been realized in no small part by his unrelenting pursuit, while serving on the Board of Directors."

Elliott was the board chairman for many years.

"All my life, one of the



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Dean Elliott received this plaque for outstanding service to the John Day Rural Fire Board on Saturday, accepting the award at his Prairie City home.

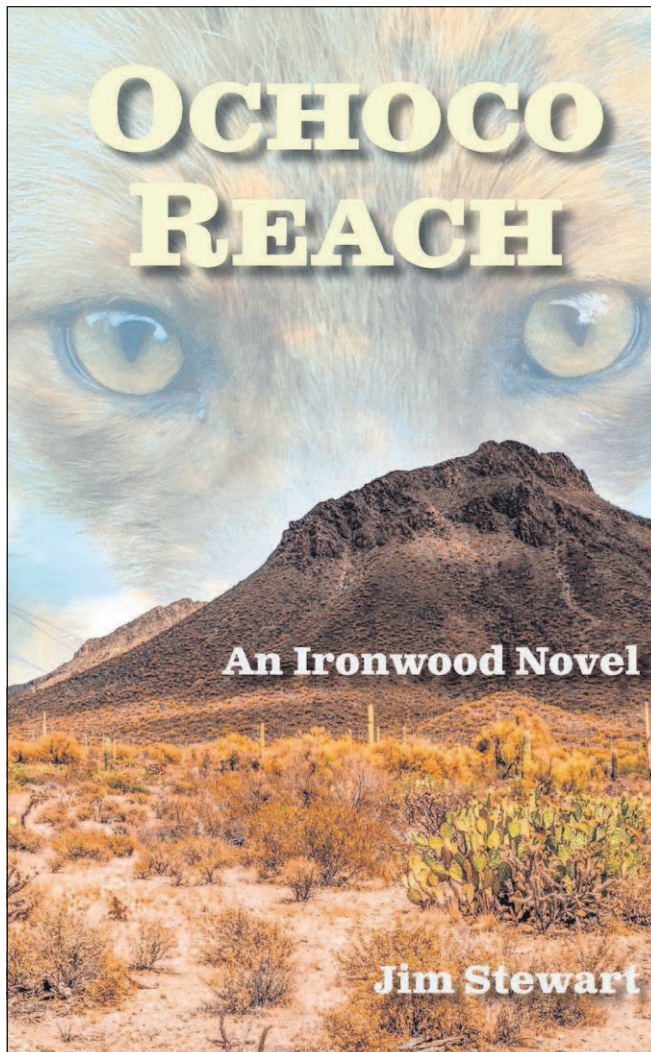
things I wanted to have get done before I died was to see that fire station built," he said. "We have a beautiful, functional fire station that we needed desperately for years.

"The community can be really proud of the efforts that everyone has done — all you guys can be proud of all that you have done."



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Dean Elliott, center, received an Outstanding Service Award Saturday for his years of work with the John Day Rural Fire Board. Surrounding Elliott at his Prairie City home are Mary Walker, board chairman Bill Wilcox, Dale Stennett, Todd McKinley and Eric Julsrud of the John Day Rural Fire Board.



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Oregon author Jim Stewart released his first novel set in the mountains of central Oregon in January.

Oregon author pens novel set in state's central mountains

Blue Mountain Eagle

Oregon author Jim Stewart spent decades building experience in writing jobs before his first novel was picked up by Word Hermit Press.

"I think all aspiring writers cherish the tales of authors who burst into fame from obscurity, like JK Rowling," he said. "But a more common story is one of a long, slow journey."

In Stewart's debut novel, *Ochoco Reach*, the action follows a Portland-based private eye from the moment he is approached by a lovely new client. She asks him to get to the bottom of suspicious happenings on her cattle ranch not far from Prineville, in the Ochoco Mountains, where the smells of juniper and sage wrap the characters in place.

The case is intriguing, and the client even more so. Six days in, the case has turned up three dead bodies and an alphabet soup of secretive federal investigators. The private eye is thinking the client just might be the one. When she is kidnapped by a corrupt DEA agent, the story heats up.



Jim Stewart

Ochoco Reach betrays the author's obvious affection for the forested mountains and high prairies of central Oregon as well as the people who live there. The second installment of the series is already underway, and the third is taking shape in Jim's imagination. All that practice is paying off.

A professional writer for more than 25 years, Stewart has published dozens of stories and essays, technical manuals and poetry. He lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Laura. *Ochoco Reach* was released in January and is available in paperback and on Kindle from Amazon.

- In loving memory of Larry Daniel (Boonie) Martin -

Larry (Boonie) Martin, 73, of John Day, passed away July 28 at Blue Mountain Hospital. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Canyon City Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Michael Harvey officiating. Thank you Pastor Mike, job well done.

Larry Daniel (Boonie) Martin was born on Feb. 28, 1943 in Prairie City, to Harold Martin and Verna (Jones) Martin. He attended Dayville School and spent two years at Grant Union.

Larry was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy at age 6, but that never slowed him down. When he was a young boy, a neighbor custom built his first "chair," which was such a wonderful gift and helped Larry become independent. Then in his early 20's, Grant County had a fundraiser to help Larry get his first real wheelchair. Grant County loves its people. Thank you.

Larry loved people, and made friends with everyone he met. His smile and personality drew everyone to him. He left an emptiness that can't be filled here in Grant County or in his friends and family's hearts. Larry loved trucks of any kind, but since this is a logging community, he especially loved log trucks. Les Schwab was his second home. He spent a lot of time there and every person who worked there made him comfortable and welcome. Les Schwab people are awesome!

Larry also loved old cars and went to the car shows in Prairie City and at the Elks Lodge here in John Day. He collected die cast cars and had a big collection. He and I talked about how he and I wanted to give his cars to family members if anything happened to him, so we had a lot of memories and laughs as they picked the ones they wanted. Several of them said they felt guilty for touching them because as little kids, there were told they could look but not touch. His CB handle was "Roll Away" because of the fact that he spent most of his entire life in a wheelchair.

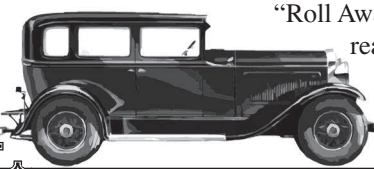
Larry, your friends, family and I will miss your bright smile, love, compassion and warmth when you were around. I miss my calls day and night and most of all, I miss you. In my heart, memories and thoughts you live forever. Love, Mary!

Larry is survived by his sister, Nancy Martin and her partner Dave Hight, companion of 29 years; Mary Bennett and her family, Fawn, Josh and Carson; nieces, Marla Mattz, Pattie (Mike) Luttrell, Julie (Vic) Solus and Judy (Will) George; nephews Jim (Debbie) Burril and Jeff Downing; many, many great and great-great nieces and nephews; his aunt Jean Jones and her sons Curt (Kath) Jones and Johnny (Becky) Jones and too many friends to count.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harold (Happy) Martin and Verna (The Classy Lady) Martin; his uncle Hilmer Jones; his cousin, Hilmer Martin; many more aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

"Roll Away" is no longer stuck in a wheelchair but a bright shining star in the sky. If you look real close, he has a smile for you. Bye now!

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



Paid for by family of Larry Martin and Mary Bennett.

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John Day, OR 97845

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DEBBIE VOTAW, HOUSING MANAGER OF
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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	HI/LO
TUESDAY	85/52
WEDNESDAY	82/46
THURSDAY	91/51
FRIDAY	95/60
SATURDAY	89/61
SUNDAY	84/56
MONDAY	74/48

24/7 FORECAST

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162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 10-16

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunshine	A full day of sunshine	Sunny and very warm	Mostly sunny and hot	Partly sunny	Sunny and very warm	Plenty of sunshine
83	90	93	97	93	94	91
49	51	54	56	54	55	48