

Kids win prizes while reading

By Angel Carpenter
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Children had incentives to check out books from the Grant County Library this summer.

The library had two programs to encourage youth to read, the summer reading program at the John Day City Park and the reading program at the library.

Devrie Delaney, 9, and Orean Maurer, 4, won bikes donated by the Grant County Library Foundation through the program at the park.

Maleah Archibald, 8, and Huntur Wright, 7, won kids edition Kindle Fires through the reading program at the library.

Children entered to win the Kindles by reading five books a week for the past five weeks, and smaller weekly prizes were also given away, including book bags, T-shirts and bicycle lights.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Orean Maurer, 4, won a bicycle through the Grant County Library's summer reading program. Two bikes were donated by the Grant County Library Foundation.

Maleah Archibald, 8, at the Grant County Library in John Day, holds a Kindle Fire Kids Edition she won through the reading program.

Devrie Delaney, 9, wins a bike while participating in the library's reading program.

Hunter Wright, 7, wins a Kindle Fire Kids Edition. He entered to win the prize after reading five books each week this summer.

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OBITUARIES

Betty Irene Palmer
July 11, 1936 - Aug. 8, 2016

Betty Irene Palmer, 80, of John Day passed away Monday, Aug. 8, in Canyon City at the Serenity Adult Foster Home. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 17 at Driskill Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City.



Palmer was born on July 11, 1936 to Gerald and Doris (Vanskyke) Edwards in Klamath Falls. Betty attended and graduated from high school in Hereford; she then went on to become an LPN. She married Orin F. Palmer on Dec. 19, 1953, in Unity; they then had four sons.

She truly enjoyed golf, family, friends and traveling to Hawaii. She was a lifetime member of the John Day Golf Club, the Elks Lodge and the Lions Club. She had two great joys in her life: her family and her friends. She was an amazing wife, mother and was very proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by sons Joseph Palmer of Seligenstadt, Germany, David Palmer of Baker City and Jerry Palmer of Lincoln City; brothers Gerald Edwards of Milwaukee, Oregon, and Richard Hailstone of Kerrville, Texas; six grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Orin F. Palmer; son Randall W. Palmer; and brother Kenneth Edwards. Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Frederick Mathew Gardner
April 13, 1927 - Aug. 15, 2016

Frederick Mathew Gardner, 89, of Canyon City passed away Monday, Aug. 15, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. At his request, no funeral services will be held.

Gardner was born April 13, 1927, in Medford to F.H. and LaVesta Gardner.

He excelled in grade school, skipping two grades, and went on to graduate from Medford High School in 1944. He then joined the U.S. Navy and served 18 months in the South Pacific. After receiving his honorable discharge, he completed two years of college at Menlo Park Junior College of California, majoring in aeronautical engineering.

After transferring to Oregon State University, he changed his major to business and technology and graduated in 1950. After graduation, he worked for Harry and David Co. of Medford, then established what became his lifelong career with Pacific Power and Light Corp., retiring as an executive in 1990.

Gardner met his wife, Vyvyan Freeman, while they were working at Harry and David. They were married Feb. 13, 1948, and had two children, Teresa and Brian.

Gardner was active in the Boy Scouts of America for years. He also became master of the Warren Lodge No. 10 A.F. and A.M. in Jacksonville, Oregon, in 1949 and went on to become the worthy patron of Adarel Chapter No. 3, Order of Eastern Star, in Jacksonville in 1960.

After his retirement, he fulfilled his dream of returning to rural Oregon where he and Vyvyan built a new home on their property on Canyon Mountain Trail near Canyon City. He then became active in the John Day Valley, becoming president and chairman of several local organizations.

Later in life, he enjoyed participating daily in a breakfast group at the Squeeze-In Restaurant. He enjoyed the friendship of many people, and likewise, many people at every level enjoyed a sincere and productive relationship with him over the years. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife, Vyvyan; daughter, Teresa; son, Brian, and wife, Lyn; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

Thomas Lee Anderson

Thomas Lee Anderson, 69, of John Day passed away Saturday, Aug. 13, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Canyon City Cemetery.

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

To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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John Day native promoted to lieutenant colonel

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A John Day native has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force.

Lt. Col. Carl B. Pitts was born and raised in John Day and was promoted July 8.

Son of proud parents Larry and Lynn Pitts, he has over 34,000 hours of flight time logged in a number of aircraft and drones. Pitts is the assistant director of operations of the 542nd Global Vigilance Combined Test Force at the Edwards Air Force Base in California.

He is a veteran of operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Unified Protector.

A family with a history of military service, the Pitts are very excited about their son's promotion.

"We were told that only 20 percent of those qualified for



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Lt. Col. Carl B. Pitts

lieutenant colonel are promoted," Larry Pitts said in a letter. "We are very proud of him."

Carl Pitts graduated from Grant Union High School in 1996 and from University of Portland in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

He lives in California with his wife, Trish, and their four sons.

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/L
TUESDAY	96/57
WEDNESDAY	95/58
THURSDAY	96/59
FRIDAY	90/57
SATURDAY	93/53
SUNDAY	93/56
MONDAY	82/56

RIVER FLOWS ON AUG. 23

Discharge	Last year	Avg.	% of Avg.
JD River near John Day	19	25	36
Middle Fork @ Ritter	15	26	31
North Fork @ Monument	51	88	120
JD River @ Service Creek	28	86	153
JD River @ McDonald Ferry	35	106	159

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 24-30

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny and beautiful	Sunny and beautiful	Sunny and beautiful	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sunshine and very warm	Partly sunny and delightful	Clouds and sun
83	87	86	89	91	89	84
53	53	56	58	58	45	45

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