

Members of the American Legion Drew Harmer (also a Veterans of Foreign Wars member), Art Pereira, Guy Langenfeld and Dale Stennett take part in a Veterans Day ceremony in John Day Nov. 11.

Local ceremony honors veterans

By Rylan Boggs Blue Mountain Eagle

Veterans and members of the public congregated at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day Friday for a Veterans Day ceremony.

John Day Elks Lodge exalted ruler Sandie Gilson spoke on the importance of remembering those who have served, followed by a prayer led by Elks Lodge chaplain Vern Flanary.

Members of the Elks Lodge then took part in a ceremony commemorating the service of veterans. Held on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the ceremony is an annual tradition for the Elks.

Vietnam veteran Robert Van Voorhis, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, also spoke and reminded everyone they owe their freedom to veterans from previous generations.

"Today and every day, we must take the opportunity to keep alive the memories, sacrifices and accomplishments of our nations veterans." Van Voorhis said. "We must embrace every occasion to educate future generations, the public and elected officials on the accomplishments importance and needs of our nation's veterans."

The ceremony concluded with a rifle salute from members of the American Legion and taps played by Ed Heiple.



Tom Winters (left) and **Chuck Howe (right)** take part in a ceremony honoring veterans at the Seventh Street **Complex in John Day** on Veterans Day.

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PRAIRIE CITY SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — OCTOBER



Contributed photos **Prairie City School** October student of the month seventhgrader Marcus Judd was nominated by his teacher, Mrs. Zweygardt, who said Judd is a reliable student who stays current with his work, is respectful and contributes to class discussions thoughtfully.



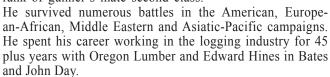
Prairie City School October student of the month junior Megan Camarena was nominated by Mrs. Merchant, who said Camarena was extremely helpful as a teacher assistant and as an FFA leader. Merchant also said she appreciates how kind Camarena is to everyone around her.

OBITUARIES

Elmer Lyle Thompson July 4, 1921 - Nov. 7, 2016

Elmer Lyle Thompson, 95, of Mt. Vernon passed away Monday, Nov. 7, at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. Services will be held at a later date.

Thompson was born on July 4, 1921, to Pearl and Lyle Thompson in Dalkena, Washington. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving on a destroyer and attaining the rank of gunner's mate second class.



He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Nora Jean Thompson of Mt. Vernon; daughter Peggy (Ed) Firkus of Bend; son David (Kathy) Thompson of Bonanza; brother Nelson Thompson; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Care Center, the John Day Elks Lodge or Bates State Park through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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As part of the national Every Kid in a Park initiative, the mas Tree campaign. Malheur National Forest has announced all fourth-graders are eligible for a free holiday tree permit from their local

Forest Service office. Every Kid in a Park is a national effort to encourage children to visit national parks, forests and public lands, according to a Forest Service press release. In November and December, the Forest Service is promoting

winter recreation on national forests, holiday tree permits and the annual Capitol Christ-

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Christmas trees on the Malheur National Forest, avoid cutting trees in or near developed campgrounds, tree plantations, stream site areas and marked old growth areas. Tree permits can be obtained at any Malheur National Forest office for just \$5 each, with a limit of five permits per household. The permit allows cutting a Christmas tree up to

12 feet in height. Only trees that have another tree within 20 feet may be cut to maintain disbursement of trees and optimum growth for the future. Harvesters are asked to not cut larger trees just to remove the tops.

For students to receive a free tree permit, they must present a valid paper voucher printed from the Every Kid in a Park website, everykidinapark.gov, at a Forest Service office. For more information, call 541-575-3000.

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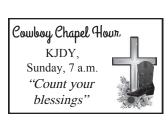
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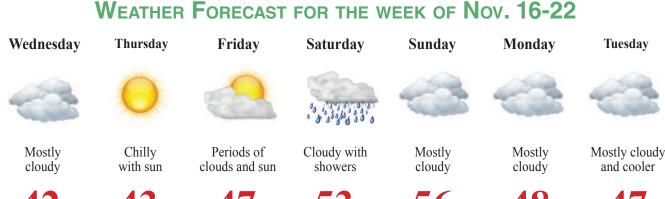
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