

OBITUARIES

Karl 'Ken' Bremner

March 29, 1938 - Dec. 26, 2016

Karl "Ken" Bremner, 78, of John Day passed away Monday, Dec. 26, at Blue Mountain Hospital. Per his request, no services will be held.

Bremner was born March 29, 1938, to Karl Kenneth and Flora (Ward) Bremner in Republic, Washington. He graduated from Grant Union High School in 1957; he then served in the Army for four years. He was married to Alice Faye Sager, who passed away in 1980. He worked for Stan McKay Construction, USFS and Larkin Oil, but spent most of his career working for the city of John Day, first as the public works director, then city manager, and retired after 35 years there.

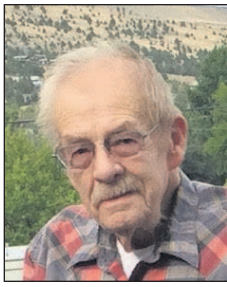
He enjoyed hunting, researching fire lookouts and taking his dog, Bo, for rides in the woods. He was a Kam Wah Chung Museum board member, and part of the Rural Fire Protection Board.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Alice Shawn of John Day; sons Greg (Tammy) Bremner of Canyon City and John Bremner of Canyon City; daughter Terri (John) Burke of Bates; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Alice Faye; and brother Dave Bremner.

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

To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Joan Bowling

Aug. 16, 1932 - Dec. 14, 2016

Joan Bowling, 84, of Canyon City passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A funeral service was held Dec. 21 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in John Day; a procession followed to the Canyon City Cemetery.

Bowling was born Aug. 16, 1932, to Russel and Harriet (Brown) Crane in Nampa, Idaho. She attended school there in Nampa, graduating in 1950. She married Andrew Jackson "Jack" Bowling on March 28, 1958, in Nampa; Jack passed away Dec. 13, 1994. Joan worked for the Grant County Sheriff's Office and the Tax Assessor's Office from 1970 to 1974, then spent the rest of her career working as a teacher for Humbolt Elementary School in Canyon City from 1974 to 1998, when she retired.

Bowling was a member of the LDS church, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, American Legion Auxiliary and whatever else she could do to lend a hand. In 1981, she was the first woman to receive the Golden Bear Award from the Boy Scouts of America. She received multiple volunteer appreciation awards from the Red Cross, and in 2015 she received the President's Volunteer Service Award.

She enjoyed piano, sewing, crocheting, cooking, embroidering and, of course, volunteering.

She is survived by her daughter Ilah Bennett of Dayville; sons Jeb Bowling of Canyon City, Rusty Bowling of Sun River and Lance Bowling of Chehalis, Washington; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Bowling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Red Cross through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.



Ralph Gano Miller

July 6, 1926 - Dec. 19, 2016

Ralph Miller, 90, died peacefully Dec. 19 after complications from a sudden illness.

His friends in the Monument area knew Miller for his warm, welcoming personality and generosity. He and his wife, Jeanne, loved ranch life and the rugged beauty of the area. They always kept a warm pot of coffee for anyone who dropped by, hosted annual dessert nights and enjoyed the July 4 fireworks show in Monument.

Miller purchased Top Ranch in 1979. Over the years, the ranch raised wheat, sheep, pigs and goats and is now back to a full-time cattle operation.

He grew up in San Diego where he piloted water taxis ferrying U.S. Navy sailors. As a deckhand on the family's sport fishing boats, he met his future wife, Jeanne Chalfant Watkins, from Amarillo, Texas. He enrolled at Stanford University at age 16 but after his first year left to serve in the Navy as a radioman on Guam during World War II.

After the war, he returned to Stanford to complete his bachelor's degree. Ralph and Jeanne married in 1949, and he graduated with an MBA from Stanford the same month that the first of their five children were born. He established a private law practice in 1959 and retired in 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; four children; and six grandchildren.



Robert M. 'Bob' Lesley

A celebration of life for Robert M. "Bob" Lesley, who passes away Nov. 5, 2016, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, at the John Day Golf Club. The family invites anyone who knew him to come and share stories and memories.

About Obituaries

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Grant deadlines approaching

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The deadline to apply for the next round of Oregon Community Foundation community grants is Jan. 15.

Those who apply are eligible for grants from the Shelk Advised Fund and have the potential to receive additional funding from other OCF donors, according to a press release from the Shelk Foundation.

March 15 is the deadline for the Autzen Foundation, which distributes more than \$1 million annually statewide, with average grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$15,000.

Nearly all funders request this information, in addition

to the project information:

- list of current board members and their affiliations
- copy of IRS letter of determination of 501(c)(3) status
- organization budget for current year
- project budget showing projected income sources and expenditures
- organization financial statement including balance sheet and statement of activity

Those interested in applying for OCF Community grants should visit oregon-cf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/community-grants and those interested in Autzen Foundation grants should visit autzenfoundation.org.



The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For meetings this week, see our list in the classifieds on Page A17.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JAN. 6-8

Seneca Winter Classic

• 10 a.m., Seneca
The Grant County Snowbalters will host its annual snowmobile races, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Friday will be a test and tune day, and registration for the races

starts at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, and 7 a.m. Sunday. For more information call 208-870-8216 or 541-792-1014.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Documentary viewing

• 7 p.m., Grantville Theater, Canyon City
The public is invited to attend a showing of a documentary film featuring Desmond Doss, the first non-combatant to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and the inspiration for the 2016 movie "Hacksaw Ridge."

Flu cases rising in Oregon

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Influenza cases are rising in Oregon, and although the increase is expected this time of year, Oregon Health Authority officials said it shows flu season is off to a strong and early start.

"The winter months are a time when we find ourselves indoors a lot, gathering with family, friends and colleagues, and it's also a very good time for the flu virus to spread," Paul Cieslak, MD, of the OHA Public

Health Division said in a press release. "People can get a vaccination now and be ready for the festivities."

During the week of Dec. 4-10, Oregon laboratories reported 207 specimens that were positive for influenza.

That's up from 134 positive flu specimens from Nov. 27-Dec. 3, and from 117 positive specimens during Nov. 20-27. Most of the cases have been influenza A, this season's predominant flu type.

Hospitalizations have jumped sharply in recent weeks, too. So far, there have been a total of 66 hospitalizations for influenza-like illnesses—based on monitoring in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties — since flu season began the first week of October. That includes 23 hospitalizations the week of Dec. 4-10, up from 17 during Nov. 27-Dec. 3, and 13 during Nov. 20-26.

No children have been

killed by the flu this season, officials say, and the Public Health Division does not track adult flu deaths.

So far, flu vaccine manufacturers have shipped more than 1.1 million doses to Oregon during the 2016-2017 flu season. Flu vaccine is available from health care providers, local health departments and many pharmacies. To find a flu vaccine clinic, visit flu.oregon.gov and use OHA's flu vaccine locator tool.

Edna Annette Meusborn

Edna Meusborn passed away December 25th in Yakima. She was 87. Edna was born on March 25, 1929 to Lars and Millie (Ricco) Kostol in Baker City, Oregon, the younger of two children. She spent her childhood in Baker City. Her high school education was completed in Prairie City, Oregon, where she spent summers helping put up hay on the family ranch, driving a horse-drawn rake.

Edna graduated from the University of Oregon and her first job as a school teacher was in Mount Vernon, Oregon. She married Roger Meusborn on December 25, 1952. Together they had three daughters, and re-located to Yakima in 1968. She continued her career as a teacher and later as a school librarian. She was a lifelong learner and gifted her children with a love of reading and learning.

Throughout her life, Edna enjoyed sewing, gardening and outdoor pursuits, including trout fishing and snow skiing. She worked hard and kept close oversight to ensure her daughters' education (she is probably leaning over our shoulders now with a red pencil, making corrections!). She had a great love of animals and was a long time member of Wiley Union Church. In later years, she cheered her daughters and grandsons in their various sporting events and always kept track of how the Mariners were doing.

In retirement, Edna was a founding member of the Tuesday Coffee Club, most often hosted by her best friend, Bernice Bitz. At the weekly gathering, she enjoyed the friendship of over two dozen ladies who live around the Ahtanum Valley.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Roger, and her daughters Stefani (Calvin) Meusborn-Marsh, Lisa (Mark) Herke and Melanie (RE) Cornelius. She is also survived by her much beloved grandsons, Trace Cornelius and Alex Cornelius, as well as her brother, Carl (Virginia) Kostol of Baker City, an aunt, Helen Ricco of Prairie City along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Highgate Senior Living for the love and care shown to Edna and her family during the last year and a half.

In keeping with Edna's wishes, there will be no funeral service. Memorial tributes may be made to the Union Gospel Mission. To leave a message or a memory for the family please go to www.brooksidefhc.com. Brookside Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Foster children celebrate Christmas

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Eleven foster children and their families gathered at the Cornerstone Christian Church for the Department of Human Services Christmas party.

Children decorated cookies, made ornaments and took pictures with Santa.

The event was made possible

by \$465 worth of donations from the community.

Birth and foster parents were able to connect while the children, aged 4 to 13, played tag, snacked and enjoyed the holiday atmosphere. Employees from Court Appointed Special Advocates, Families First and Grant County Safe Communities Coalition were also in attendance.

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	40/27
WEDNESDAY	36/24
THURSDAY	37/23
FRIDAY	39/16
SATURDAY	29/10
SUNDAY	28/14
MONDAY	29/17

24/7 FORECAST

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 4-10

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cloudy with flurries	Very cold	Mostly sunny and cold	Cloudy and cold	Rain and snow	A chance of snow	Sunny
28	27	26	32	45	42	37
10	8	13	28	36	24	24