

OBITUARIES

Thomas Hunt

Thomas Hunt, 81, of Pendleton passed away on Dec. 31, 2016, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave a condolence visit grayswest.com.

Raymond Russell Lissman
Feb. 1, 1927 - Jan. 4, 2017

Raymond Russell Lissman, 89, of Vale passed away peacefully at his home on Jan. 4.

Lissman was born Feb. 1, 1927, in Nelson, Nebraska, to Henry and Della (Webb) Lissman. He graduated high school in Pavillion, Wyoming, then the family moved to the family farm on Gem Avenue in Ontario and Nyssa.

Lissman was drafted into the Army during World War II. After his return from the service, he married Nila Nadine Hines and from that union had six children.

He worked for Edward Hines Lumber Company out of Seneca over the next 30 years. After retirement, he started working again with what he truly loved, ranching and farming.

He is survived by his daughters Nila of Ontario, Carolyn and Bill of Fossil, Darlene of Burns and Sylvia and Jerry of Vale; his son Dan of Ontario; daughter-in-law Carol of Rocklin, California; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lissman was preceded in death by wife, Nila Nadine Lissman; two sisters; son Kris; and son-in-law Jerry.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 14 at Valley View Cemetery in Vale. There will be a gathering afterward at the American Legion Hall. Condolences to the family and donations to the Grant Union High School FFA program in John Day can be made through Sylvia Wilcox, 4587 N. Road E, Vale, OR 97918.



Elton D. Nesselrodt

Elton D. Nesselrodt of Boise, Idaho, passed away Dec. 22, 2016. He is survived by his mother, Valores Hall of Long Creek. No services are planned at this time.

Leonard Osborne

Leonard Osborne, 74, of Fox passed away Wednesday, Jan. 4, at his home. Per his request, no public services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice or the Hamilton Cemetery through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Classic winter travel

Snowmobile racers compete in Seneca

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

Racers and spectators braved frigid temperatures and a blizzard to take part in the Seneca Winter Classic, a weekend-long event hosted by the Grant County Snowballers.

Twenty-one snowmobilers competed in drag races on Saturday, and nine competed in oval races on Sunday. Racers entered classes dictated by engine size and modifications to the snowmobiles.

Jay Carniglia has helped host the event for the last three years and enjoys watching the racers, especially the outlaw class in which heavily modified sleds race. This year he officiated the finish line, where sleds would regularly hurtle by him at high speeds.

"The big sleds, when they come up, you'll know when they go by. They're doing at least 90. And the outlaw class will do 100. Last year, I saw one do 106," Carniglia said.

To ensure a smooth course and help prevent accidents, two snow cats were used to groom the racetrack. Both cats are owned by the Snowballers and help groom and maintain more than 860 miles of trails for all levels of riders in Eastern Oregon.

"We did the best we could, and the weather didn't help us, or we would have had



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

One snowmobiler beats another to the finish line during a drag race as part of the Seneca Winter Classic Saturday, Jan. 7.



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

Two snowmobilers pull away from the starting line during a drag race outside of Seneca.

more spectators and more racers," Snowballer President Tim Holly said.

Holly has been the president of the Snowballers since

April and an avid snowmobiler for years.

He said he would like to host a few poker runs and fun rides in the coming months but will have to wait until the weather settles down.

"Other than that, we don't really have anything else planned right now other than

just go out in the snow, play and have fun," Holly said.

Drag race results

- 440 Fan**
First: Jim Sproul, Canyon City
Second: Nolan Merritt, Bend
- 600 Stock**
First: Damon Rand, Canyon City
Second: John Gardner, Boring
- 800 Stock**
First: Jim Sproul, Canyon City
Second: Dave Hanibal, John Day
- 800 Improved**
First: Jim Sproul, Canyon City
Second: Justen Henderson, John Day
- 800 Turbo**
First: Mike Merritt, Bend
Second: Usaud Branstetter, Boise
- Outlaw**
First: Ryan Merritt, Bend
Second: James Hill, Gresham

Oval Race Results

- 440 FA**
First: Jim Sproul, Canyon City
- 440 Fan**
First: Jim Sproul, Canyon City
Second: Terry Martin
- Masters**
First: Jim Sproul, Canyon City
Second: Mark Young
Third: Terry Martin
- Open Mod**
First: Gary Maudil, Walla Walla
Second: Jim Sproul, Canyon City
Third: Bill Sproul, John Day

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EAGLE ON VACATION



Eagle Editor Sean Hart took the Eagle on vacation to the Rose Bowl game Jan. 2 in Pasadena, California.

Take a photo with the Eagle, print or mobile editions, while on vacation and send it to editor@bmeagle.com.

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| JOHN DAY | HI/LO |
|-----------------|-------|
| TUESDAY | 21/13 |
| WEDNESDAY | 18/5 |
| THURSDAY | 9/-3 |
| FRIDAY | 19/-2 |
| SATURDAY | 38/5 |
| SUNDAY | 46/32 |
| MONDAY | 44/29 |

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| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| 1-3 inches of snow | Partly sunny and cold | Mostly sunny and cold | Clouds and sun | Partly sunny | Mostly cloudy | Cloudy |
| 30 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 35 | 41 | 38 |
| 12 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 26 | 36 | 27 |