

Firefighters finish academy



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Over the course of three weekends, new volunteers to Long Creek, Burns and Hines fire departments attended the Grant-Harney Training Association Firefighter Academy. Each weekend, a different fire department hosted and provided instructors for the academy to train these new firefighters. In the photo, back row, from left, Mike Alderman (Burns), Justin Dealy (Burns), Mike Hehir (Burns), Dallas Helsley (Long Creek), Bjorn Petersen (Hines) and Peter Case (Long Creek); front row, Chris Hyde (Burns), Jeff Porter (Hines), Denise Porter (Long Creek) and Jennifer Grainger (Long Creek).

OBITUARIES

Fred Fleck
July 19, 1922 - Feb. 12, 2017



Fred Fleck, 94, passed away Sunday, Feb. 12, at Blue Mountain Hospital with family by his side. He was born to Henry and Rosie (Hile) Fleck on July 19, 1922, in Etna Mills, California, the youngest of six children.

He graduated from Etna High School in 1940, and served in the Army Air Corps as an airplane mechanic in Dallas, Texas, and Seattle, Washington. Upon discharge, he moved back to Scott Valley and worked for the Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife, assessing the fish population of the lakes in the Marble Mountain Wilderness. During that time, he met and married Betty Smith of Yreka, California. He then attended Oregon State University in Corvallis and Humboldt State College in Arcata, California, majoring in wildlife fisheries. They moved back to Yreka where he worked at the Siskiyou County Assessor's Office as a deputy appraiser, then chief appraiser until his retirement in 1988.

Fleck's favorite activity was spending time with family, whether boating on Shasta Lake, trips to the coast, hunting, fishing, horseback riding or camping.

His survivors include three children, Bonnie (Larry) Maplesden, Ryan (Judy) Fleck and Donna Fleck; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; friends; and "adopted" granddaughter, Marie Englund from Sweden.

Fleck was preceded in death by all five siblings and his wife. By his request, there will be no funeral services.

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GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — JANUARY



Ashley Henry
Grade: 7
Parents: Joan Walczyk



Trevyn Coalwell
Grade: 8
Parents: Terry and Leann Coalwell



Maddy Way
Grade: 9
Parents: Grant Way and Melissa Galbreath



Tori Coalwell
Grade: 10
Parents: Terry and Leann Coalwell



Zack Deiter
Grade: 11
Parents: Chris and Windi Deiter



Courtney Allen
Grade: 12
Parents: Nancy McQuiston Jeffery and Elena Allen

Auxiliary fundraising provides equipment for hospital



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The sale of these items at the Blue Mountain Hospital Gift Shop benefits the Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary, which purchases needed equipment and helps support maintenance projects at Blue Mountain Hospital.

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary is made up of volunteers who operate and organize the Blue Mountain Hospital Gift Shop and the Christmas Bazaar.

Proceeds from these two fundraisers provide the hospital and Blue Mountain Care Center with needed equipment and aid in maintenance projects as well as supporting local traveling nurses to destinations such as South America to assist in needed reconstructive surgery for babies, toddlers and small children.

The gift shop is located in the front foyer at the bottom of the stairs of the

hospital and offers items for all ages, such as toys, books, cookbooks, jewelry, purses, scarves, décor and more. The Auxiliary gift shop is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, except holidays.

Volunteers can join at any time. The monthly meetings are at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Blue Mountain Hospital Conference Room, which is located on the first floor. Contact Wilma Boyer, gift shop manager, at 541-620-8034 or 541-575-1311, ext. 2362, during gift shop hours with any questions or to join the Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary.

Looking for a pot of gold



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

A rainbow over the Grant County Fairgrounds Monday, Feb. 20.

CORRECTION

The last name of a Grant Union Gold dancer was incorrect in last week's article about the team's Feb. 11 competition in Albany. Rheannah Lemons placed in the top five in the advanced drill down. The Eagle regrets the error.



Diana Lee Smith

3/7/1946 - 12/18/2016

Diana Lee Baker was born on March 7, 1946 to Alice and Robert Baker in Ontario, CA.

She later moved to Bakersfield, CA where she met Ronnie Smith. They knew it was meant to be and got married 6 months later on Feb. 2, 1964. Ronnie's family quickly became her own. She never once referred to a member of his family as "Ronnie's." It was always "Mom" or "my sisters." She was always open and welcoming to most everyone she met.

Diana was a wonderful mother to two beautiful girls, Alesa and Shannon. When the girls were young the little family packed up everything they owned and moved to Oregon. They spent most of their life in Sandy, and later retired and moved to John Day.

Diana was always hardworking and had a variety of careers, starting with selling fruit at a fruit stand in Sandy, to hospice, to working for a courier business, with plenty of others in between. She always valued the importance of learning many trades so that one could always find a job.

Diana had many hobbies: gardening, traveling, sewing and embroidering were just a few. She was an excellent cook, which wasn't always so, according to Ron. She loved to sing and had a beautiful voice, even if she didn't think so. She always had such a sense of style, no matter the decade, and her home was always cozy and welcoming. She loved jewelry, "the bigger and shinier the better" she always said, and she always had something to coordinate with whatever she was wearing.

Above all, she loved being a grandma. She had four grandchildren, RJ, Jami, Kristina and David. To them, and everyone

after, she was called "Minga." She spent so much time with them when they were little that her friends often asked her why she wasn't off traveling or doing whatever she wanted. She could only tell them "I am." She loved her grandchildren more than she could ever put into words and was so proud of each of them.

When Diana became a great-grandma she said it was like getting to become a new grandma all over again. She had four great-grandchildren: Carson, Audrina, Charlotte and Adalynn, and each one had their very own special place in her heart.

Diana also became a mother and grandmother figure to many others that came into her life, from her first son-in-law, to each of her grandchildren' friends. She always had an open door and a spot at her table for anyone in need.

Diana had a goofy sense of humor and would often laugh until she cried at even the smallest things. She would do random jigs in the kitchen while she cleaned and loved attempting to do silly voices or accents. Road trips with her were interesting to say the least, never boring.

Diana had a big heart and was always willing to help in any way she could. She was the one everyone went to for advice and she was always only a phone call away. She would put a hold on anything she was doing just to talk, if someone needed it.

Diana will be missed more than she could have ever known and will be remembered for many, many years to come.

Diana requested there be no memorial service, but instead a celebration of life in late spring for friends and loved ones.

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	63/30
WEDNESDAY	55/38
THURSDAY	55/40
FRIDAY	51/34
SATURDAY	46/35
SUNDAY	46/36
MONDAY	58/41

24/7 FORECAST
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162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 22-28

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Chance of rain/snow	Chance of rain/snow	Partly sunny	Slight chance of snow	Chance of snow	Chance of rain/snow	Mostly cloudy
39	38	34	40	40	36	41
23	23	26	23	27	16	27