

OBITUARIES

Jeff Barott

Aug. 9, 1975 - April 25, 2017

Jeff Barott, formerly of Seneca, passed away April 25 at his home in Tualatin. Barrott was born Aug. 9, 1975, in John Day to Stephan and Roxanne Barott.

Barrott was a 1994 graduate of North Medford High School. He attended Oregon State University and graduated with a degree in communications. He was also a member of the Oregon and California Army National Guard between 1994 and 2002. At the time of his death, he was working for Zimmer Biomet.

He is survived by his parents of Medford; grandmother Doris Barott of Seneca; sister Ashley Barott of Lino Lakes, Minnesota; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Rod Barott and grandparents Ashley and Dorothy Westmoreland.

A local memorial will be held at a later date.



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Mt. Vernon residents Gary Miller, left, and Sandra Johnson received awards as members of the John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824. Miller was inducted into the Oregon State Elks Association Hall of Fame and Johnson was given the Southeast District Elk of the Year award.

# Elks members receive awards

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Two Mt. Vernon residents were honored at the Oregon State Elks Convention in Seaside in April.

Members of the John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824, Gary Miller was inducted into the Oregon State Elks Association Hall of Fame and Sandra Johnson was awarded the Southeast District Elk of the Year.

Miller has held every chair office in his 47 years as an Elks member, including Exalted Ruler from 1985 to 1986. He is a life member of the John Day Elks Lodge.

He has been involved with the Oregon State Elks Association since 1986 and a state trustee since 2014.

Miller has also been active on several communi-

ty boards, including Blue Mountain Hospital District, Grant Union School District No. 3, Oregon Trail Electric, and he has been a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans van to Boise and Burns.

Johnson, an Elks member for 10 years, has held many offices since 2011. She's helped with the Elks' Flag Day, Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies and assisted in all the youth activities at the John Day Elks.

Her community involvement has included everything from senior citizens, 4-H clubs, Tree of Joy, church and helping in the schools.

"The John Day Elks Lodge is very proud of these two members," said secretary Connie Wood.

## Eulala Herbert

Nov. 14, 1911 - May 18, 2017



Eulala Herbert, 105, of John Day passed away Thursday, May 18, at Chesley's Elderberry House in John Day. A funeral service was held May 23 at the John Day United Methodist Church. A vault interment service followed at the Canyon City Cemetery.

On Nov. 14, 1911, Herbert was born to William O. and Gertrude (Hall) Cummings. She attended grade school at Cummingville School, and graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1931. She married Dale Conlee in 1930 and had two sons with him, Alva and Dee. After Dale's passing in 1947, she married Ed Herbert, who passed away in 1982.

She worked for many years at the Grant County Courthouse for the county clerk's office, the sheriff's office and the county extension agent. Herbert retired in 1973.

She enjoyed crafts, especially knitting, crocheting and working on puzzles. She was a member of the John Day United Methodist Church and regularly frequented the John Day Senior Center.

Herbert is preceded in death by her first husband, Dale Conlee; her second husband, Ed Herbert; her son Dee; her sister Eva; two brothers, Harry and Otis; and daughter-in-law Helen.

She is survived by her son Alva and his wife, Margie; her brother Robert of Baker City; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John Day United Methodist Church or John Day Senior Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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Senior Trejan Speth, left, gives Grant Union drama club director Julie Reynolds flowers and a hug at the close of Wednesday's presentations. Other seniors in the photo are James Mabe, back, Heather Mosley and Nick Springer, far right.

# Reynolds' curtain call

Students give final performance under longtime director

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Julie Reynolds led her junior and senior high school drama club for one last hurrah May 24.

The two plays presented for a large audience at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in John Day closed a 26-year chapter for Reynolds.

The junior high students performed "Snow White Lite" by Jacob Dorn, and the senior high students brought to life "The Entire American Revolution (In Less than 40 Minutes)" by Eddie McPherson.

At the close of the presentations, students thanked their director with a bouquet of flowers, and Reynolds highlighted the senior actors including James Mabe, Trejan Speth, Nick Springer, Heather Mosley, Ginni Frazier, Annie Wall and Mindi Teague.

Reynolds thanked the audience for their support of the program and noted that Kathy Sherwood, Grant Union's Spanish teacher, may lead the drama club next year.

"It's been fun," Reynolds said. "I really believe theater is a way to help kids develop confidence. They really grow. I learn as much as they do, no matter what they're doing."

Reynolds said she stayed



Snow White played by Dakota Ballou speaks to the Mirror (Hezekiah Mecham), right, and Prince Heimlich (Masyn Keith) and others in "Snow White Lite."



James Mabe plays the part of General Burgoyne.

on an extra year as director because of the seniors in the group.

She said Mabe, Speth and Springer have been a part of the club since seventh grade, and Mosley and Frazier joined as high school students.

"Ginni had 292 lines to



Nick Springer is King George III, left, and Trejan Speth is Marquis De Lafayette in "The Entire American Revolution (In Less Than 40 Minutes)."

learn for her part in 'Alice @ Wonderland,'" she said, adding she's also seen the other girls increase in their confidence.

"I'm really glad I got to have Mrs. Reynolds for the last year," Mosley said. "The group of seniors that we've

had has really made the drama experience fun."

Springer said he was glad Reynolds stayed in as director for his senior year and was happy with the way she kept up with their antics.

"I had a really good run with her," he said.

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## CORRECTION

In the May 24 edition of the Blue Mountain Eagle, a story about the Forest Service's travel management plan misidentified a resident expressing concern over preferential road access as Bonnie Kocis. The person expressing these views was Billie Jo George. The Eagle regrets the error.

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THURSDAY	58/40
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SATURDAY	79/44
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Mostly sunny	Chance of thunderstorms	Clouds and sun	Clouds and sun	Mostly sunny
<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>