

American Legion, Auxiliary seek hamburger stand volunteers

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Members of Ellis Tracy American Legion and Auxiliary will hold a relish-cutting gathering to prepare for their Grant County Fair hamburger stand. They'll meet at 7 a.m. at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Anyone interested in helping is welcome. Call Art Pereira, 541-575-1841.

The group is also seeking volunteers to run the hamburger stand during the fair, Wednesday, Aug. 9, through Saturday, Aug. 12. For more information call Jessie Lewis at 541-575-1047.

July weather slightly warmer than normal

Above-normal temperatures predicted in August

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Temperatures in John Day averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of July, according to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service.

The average temperature was 70.6 degrees, which was 1.7 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 90.6 degrees, which was 2.4 degrees above normal. The highest was 99 degrees on July 20. Low temperatures averaged 50.5 degrees, which was 0.9 degrees above normal. The lowest was 43 degrees, on July 17.

On 16 days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

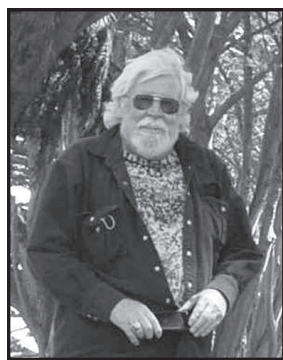
Precipitation totaled only a trace during July, which was 0.60 inches below normal.

Precipitation this year has reached 7.57 inches, which is 0.75 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 11.93 inches, which is 0.03 inches above normal.

The highest wind gust was 34 mph which occurred on July 26.

During the month of July, there were seven lightning flashes detected in the vicinity of John Day, according to Earth Networks.

The outlook for August from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near- to below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day during August are 88.2 degrees, and normal lows are 48.3 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.64 inches.



Dwight Russel Michnimer

Dwight Russel Michnimer of Prineville passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday morning, July 22, 2017. Russel was a brother, an uncle, and a devoted friend to many people. The loss of this prolific poet and preservationist is being felt across the world.

Born in New York in 1948, Russel was raised in John Day, Oregon. The oldest of Dwight and Carolyn Michnimer's four children, he was the first to leave home. He served in the United States Marine Corps and earned a B.A. in English from the University of Oregon. He traveled the world extensively, including extended trips to Peru, Nepal, and Australia where he explored the archaeological ruins of ancient peoples.

Never one to shrink from opportunity for new experiences he worked a variety of occupations, from tour guide at a wild animal preserve to minister of the Universal Life Church to widely traveling advertising sales professional. Russel spent many years visiting and recording rock art sites in the northwestern United States. He published two books about rock art, *Where to See Rock Art, Washington, Oregon, Idaho* with LeeAnn Johnston and *Understanding Meaning and Purpose of Rock Art*, and contributed greatly to the collective knowledge of this irreplaceable heritage.

All the while he wrote, mostly poetry. Early work includes *Bubblonia, An Energy Collage*, which he had republished in 2013. In the final years of his life he wrote a poem daily and published many poetry collections including *Notes to Be Left with the Gatekeeper, Leaves and Pebbles, Soup with a Fork, Strings and Wings, Medias Res: She and the Voyage of the Mercedes I, Tranquility Base: Year One: Poems 2015, Making Myself Perfectly Here, Pot-ent Strains and Pot-ent Poems, Lotus Mirage*, and co-authored *Lines Across Oceans: Intercontinental Love Versus* with Nalini Priyadarshni. His work was also published online and in international anthologies.

There were many words still left on paper, but Russel has stepped onto the "balcony of totality" to witness the upcoming eclipse from a vantage point that can only rival the view of his beloved mountains. He will be greatly missed by his sister Karen of Corvallis, brothers Ron of Bend and Roger of Oxford, OH, and their families.

In lieu of sending flowers, please spend time with flowers in nature as Russel would have wanted or make a donation in Russel's name to the Oregon Archaeological Society at <http://www.oregonarchaeological.org/donations/>.

Paid for by the family of Dwight Michnimer

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William J. Pasko

Feb. 1, 1945 - July 3, 2017

William J. Pasko, 72, of Takoma Park, Maryland, passed away Monday, July 3, while camping with family in the Malheur National Forest.

Pasko was born on Feb. 1, 1945, in Baltimore, Maryland, to parents Michael and Dorothy Pasko. He was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War and was very proud to have served his country as a Marine. He was a loving husband to his wife, Grace, and a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Family was his top priority, and he shared a special and unique relationship with each family member. Known by many as "Pop," he was a friendly, warmhearted man who was a father figure and mentor to many throughout his life.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Grace Pasko; and his sisters Jeanette Balcerak, Marion Dreaives and Dorothy Pasko. He is survived by his sisters, Angela Jankalski and Jeanne Pasko; his children, Daniel, Michael and Joy; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A ceremony was held the evening of his passing, and a service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., to lay his remains beside those of his wife. The arrangements are pending.

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Daniel Anthony Graikowski

Jan. 31, 1943 - July 22, 2017

Daniel Anthony Graikowski, 74, of John Day passed away Saturday, July 22, at his home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel.

Graikowski was born Jan. 31, 1943, to Stanley Graikowski and Elizabeth (Overman) Graikowski in Chicago. After graduating from Oconomowoc High School, in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, Graikowski attended Wisconsin State College in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. In 1962, he joined the U.S. Army and served through 1965. He then went on to be a self-employed contractor.

On Dec. 28, 1990, Graikowski married Ginger Schmitter in Tahoe, Nevada.

Graikowski enjoyed fishing on the Columbia River and was also a member of the John Day Elks Lodge.

To leave condolences, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Virginia Lea Winnett

Aug. 7, 1944 - July 22, 2017

Virginia Lea Winnett, 72, of John Day passed away Saturday, July 22, at Partners in Care in Bend. A celebration of life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 2 at the John Day Golf Club.

On Aug. 7, 1944, Winnett was born to Thomas Anderson "TA" and Marguerite (Bowen) Harris, in Alturas, California. She attended and graduated from Prairie City High School in 1962. In that same year, she married her first husband, John Forrest, in Prairie City. She later remarried Gene Winnett in 1988 in Portland.

She worked for both the John Day appraiser's office and John Day school district. She was also a homemaker, rancher's wife and loving mother.

Winnett enjoyed golfing, reading, cooking, canning and traveling with friends. She was a member of the John Day Ladies Golf Club and was also an Eastern Star. She was proud of her two loving marriages, two daughters and her two stepchildren. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed having people stop by and visit as they golfed.

Winnett is preceded in death by her first husband, John Forrest, and her brother, Bill Harris.

She is survived by her second husband, Gene Winnett, of John Day; daughter, Carrie Caudell and her husband, Dennis, of Fairview; daughter, Shellie Johnson and her husband, Mark, of Boring; stepson, Kevin Winnett and his wife, Leslie, of Gresham; stepdaughter, Tiffany Rice and her husband, Greg, of Pendleton; brother, Jackson Harris of Prairie City; brother, Richard Harris of Prairie City; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

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BIRTHS LARSON



A girl, Hallie Jean Larson, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, 21 inches, was born to parents Justin and Emma-leigh Larson of Dayville at 3:38 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. Paternal grandparents are Jeff and Babette Larson of Dayville. Maternal grandparents are Shane and Tandi Schatz of Harrisburg. Great-grandparents are Joe Larson of Dayville, Buck and Kari Coe of Madras, Dave and Terri Denton of Heppner, Debra Denton of Eugene and Terry and Nancy Schatz of Harrisburg.



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TUESDAY	95/61
WEDNESDAY	93/65
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FRIDAY	93/59
SATURDAY	97/58
SUNDAY	94/58
MONDAY	98/57

24/7 FORECAST
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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 2-8

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny and hot	Sunny and very hot	Very hot with sunshine	Mostly sunny and hot	Mostly sunny and hot	Mostly sunny	Increasing clouds
99	102	103	100	100	96	94
61	61	62	61	59	58	50