Volunteers sought for foster care board

Blue Mountain Eagle

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Citizen Review Board to review the cases of children who are in foster care.

Citizen Review Board volunteers are court-appointed, trained and meet on a Tuesday every other month to provide case review and a citizen voice to the cases of children/families in foster care.

Children in foster care in Harney and Grant counties — who have suffered abuse, neglect or unsafe living conditions in their homes — need help from their community to help ensure them a safe, permanent home as soon as possible. The primary goal is to return them safely to their families, or if that cannot be accomplished, to find a significant and safe permanent home through adoption or guardianship or another suitable permanent plan.

Department of Human Services Child Welfare caseworkers, parents, relatives, attorneys, tribal representatives, foster parents, other service providers and the children are invited to discuss the issues of the case. For each case, volunteer board members read case materials, listen to input from the parties of the case and make legal findings and recommendations that are given to the court, DHS and other legal and required parties in the case.

For more information, contact John Nichols at 541-233-8142, john.a.nichols@ojd.state.or.us or the volunteer resource coordinator at 503-986-4535, CRB.Volunteer.Resources@ojd.state.or.us.

Did you know…

- There are more than 8,700 children in foster care in the state of Oregon.
- Studies show 1 in 4 former foster youth will experience homelessness after they exit the foster care system.
- By the age of 24, 80 percent of young men who left the foster care system at the age of 18 will have been involved in the criminal justice system.
- Less than 8 percent of all youth that age-out of foster care will earn a two- or four-year degree by age 24 compared to 48 percent of the general population.

Free foster, adoptive parent training planned

Blue Mountain Eagle

People interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents can enroll in a free training series coming up in John Day.

The Department of Human Services will host the eight-part Foundations to Foster and Adoption Training from 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays from Sept. 20 through Nov. 8 at the DHS office at 725 W. Main St. in John Day.

The training is required for families to become foster parents or adoptive parents. The entire series is required within the first year that foster children are placed in the home.

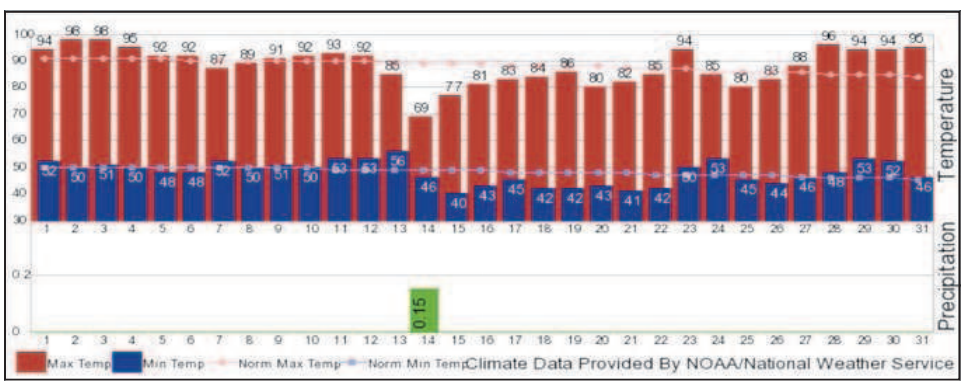
The training is interactive, including lectures, videos and activities. The training notebook and handouts are provided.

The curriculum covers a range of topics designed to help foster parents care for children who have experienced significant trauma that led to them being placed in a foster home. For more information, contact Sheri Webb, 541-575-0728, ext. 222, sherilyn.webb@state.or.us.

Public hearing planned to address community needs

Blue Mountain Eagle

Community Connection of Northeast Oregon will host a public hearing to discuss needs for low-income people and the community at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in the Oregon Department of Forestry conference room in John Day. Grant County residents are encouraged to attend and provide feedback. Current services include emergency rental and utility assistance, eviction prevention, foreclosure prevention, homeless programs, self-sufficiency programs, food pantries and weatherization.



Temperatures normal in August

Blue Mountain Eagle

Temperatures in John Day averaged near normal during the month of August, according to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton.

The average temperature was 68 degrees, which was 0.2 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 88.2 degrees, which was normal. The highest was 98 degrees on Aug. 2. Low temperatures averaged 47.9 degrees, which was 0.4 degrees below normal. The lowest was 40 degrees, on Aug. 15.

On 15 days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.15 inches during August, which was 0.49 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on one day.

Precipitation this year has reached 7.72 inches, which is 1.24 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 12.08 inches, which is 0.46 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 59 mph which occurred on Aug. 28.

The outlook for September from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day fall from 84 degrees at the start of September to 73 degrees at the end of September.

Elks log thousands of miles transporting veterans

Blue Mountain Eagle

Members of the John Day Elks Lodge put in 25,000 miles driving veterans to appointments in Burns and Boise between April 1, 2016, and March 31, 2017.

The John Day Elkettes also made 100 quilts for children at the Elks Children's Eye Clinic in Portland. The clinic offers pediatric eye care services for babies, children and young adults.

Statewide, the organization had over 52,000 volunteers who worked over 300,000 hours and traveled over 855,000 miles.

Nationwide, the organization had more than 2,700,000 volunteers who donated more than 9,000,000 hours of work and drove more than 27,000,000 miles.

Obituaries

Joseph Edward Schmitz

July 6, 1925 - Aug. 12, 2017

Joseph Edward Schmitz, 92, of John Day passed away Saturday, Aug. 12, at Blue Mountain Hospital.

Schmitz was born to Theodore and Ella (Drugan) Schmitz on July 6, 1925, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He served in the U.S. Navy 1943-1948. He was a hospital corpsman attached to the U.S. Marine Corps and saw action at Guadalcanal during World War II. Schmitz enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948 and served in the Korea campaign. He joined civilian life in 1952 and worked for Northern Pump Company in Fridley, Minnesota. In 1972 he left to start his own business in farming and used farm equipment sales. He moved to Mt. Vernon in 1984. He was a member of the American Legion, the John Day Elks Lodge and the Knights of Columbus.

Schmitz was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Jo; and friend Mary Vik.

He is survived by his son, Larry Schmitz, of Rosemount, Minnesota; grandsons Daniel Schmitz of Wyoming, Minnesota, and Derrek Schmitz, of Zimmerman, Minnesota; two great-grandchildren; and Ann Coffman, close friend.

Schmitz met life on his own terms. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, golf and playing cards. His friends will miss him. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Sept. 6 at the John Day Elks Lodge. Dinner will follow.

Jared Robert Zeigler

July 12, 1986 - Aug. 22, 2017

Jared Robert Zeigler, 31, of Coos Bay passed away Tuesday, Aug. 22, in Sixes.

Zeigler was born in Coos Bay on July 12, 1986, to Robert and Linda Zeigler. His family relocated to Prineville when he was 7. He attended Crook County High School where he enjoyed wrestling and graduated in 2004. In 2008, he moved to Dayville, where he met and married his wife, Tyra, in 2009. They moved back to Prineville in 2010 and just recently relocated to Coos Bay.

Zeigler loved the outdoors, whether he was fishing, hunting, working or just driving through the woods. He was passionate about his family and friends and helping them in any way he could. From his loving heart to his beautiful soul, he touched the hearts of many in his own special way.

He is survived by his wife, Tyra; two children, Landyn and Laynee; mother, Linda Zeigler (Duey Mayfield) of Grants Pass; brothers Joshua Zeigler of Prairie City and Jacob (Katelyn) Zeigler of Prineville; aunts and uncles Rod (Linda) of Coos Bay, Lor Rae Johnston of Coos Bay and Kelly (John) Studdard of Vancouver, Washington; grandparents Robert and Suzanne Johnston of Coos Bay and Richard (Vickie) Zeigler of Powell Butte; and many cousins and other family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Zeigler; and grandmother Virginia Zeigler.

There will be a service held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Shore Acres, 89428 Cape Arago Highway, Coos Bay, followed by a celebration of life at Red Lion Hotel, 1313 N. Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay.

About Obituaries

News obituaries are a free service of the Blue Mountain Eagle. The paper accepts obituaries from the family or funeral home. Information submitted is subject to editing. Obituaries submitted to the Eagle with incorrect information may be corrected and republished as paid notices. Send obituaries by email, editorl@bmeagle.com; fax, 541-575-1244; or mail, 195 N. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. For more information, or to inquire about a paid memorial, call 541-575-0710.

Correction

In the Aug. 30 edition of the Eagle, it was stated the Canyon City Shell station sold 12,000 gallons of fuel from Aug. 19-22 and that they sell an average of 600 gallons a day normally. This is incorrect. The station sold an average of 12,000 gallons a day for those four days and sells an average of 6,000-8,000 gallons a day this time of year. The Eagle regrets the error.

Roma Nadine Steele

Roma Nadine Steele (78) passed away peacefully in her sleep at Barrett Hospital and Healthcare on Aug 20, 2017. It was her 78th birthday. After a battle with a rare condition, autoimmune encephalitis, she went to Heaven surrounded by her loved ones.

Roma was born August 20, 1939 in Parker, Arizona to Cecil "Smitty" Smith and Laura "Boots" Smith. Roma married the love of her life, Mike, on August 14th, 1959. They spent 58 wonderful years together. Their Marriage was an Inspiration of unconditional love and true commitment.

Those that truly knew Roma would describe her as someone with a bright smile, kind, sweet spirit and a huge pure heart of Gold that would do anything to help someone in need.

Roma's sweetness touched all who came in contact with her. You couldn't help but smile and feel joy whenever she was around.

Roma had a few different careers in her lifetime. In the 60's, 70's and early 80's she worked for both the US Forest Service or the BLM. After her daughters had left home she worked alongside her husband as his Assistant Manager for the many years they managed motels.

Throughout the 70's and 80's she treasured being a Pastors Wife. Her favorite and most fulfilling job, by far, was being a homemaker. She loved her family with all her heart and was very dedicated to and proud of all of them. Nothing ever came before her family.

As a Pastor's Wife, Roma enjoyed every aspect of sharing the Lords word with others. She and her husband Mike were very strong in their faith and felt called by God to teach his word. The Lord used them to touch many people and lead them to salvation.

They raised three strong independent women who all went on to have fulfilling lives and who also share the heart of gold that Roma was most known for.

Roma was proceeded in death by her Father Cecil "Smitty" Smith, Mother Laura "Boots" Smith, and Brother Kenneth "Bud" Smith. Father and Mother in law Ebb and Edith Steele and Brother and Sister in Law Ebb "Sonny" and Lydia Steele.

She is survived by her Husband Mike Steele of Dillon, MT, Her Brother Thomas "Buck" Smith of Butte, MT, Her three Daughters Michele Steele of Helena, MT, Melinda Steele Owen of Dillon, MT and Melissa (Kevin) Van Riper of Hermiston, OR, Her 7 Grandchildren: Mike Wilke, Megaan Wilke, Mitch (Heather) Wilke, AJ Wade, Miranda Wilke, Britta (Matt) Morrow, Mason (Olivia) Owen, her 16 Great-Grandchildren all of whom she loved and adored. She is also survived by many of her Steele family, including Terry (Kay) Steele of Ritter, OR, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her Kindness and love will be truly missed by all who knew her!

We hope your dancing in the sky... We hope your singing in the angels choir.... Heaven has gained another Angel. XOXOX

Paid for by the family of Roma Steele

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	98/62
Wednesday	95/64
Thursday	86/52
Friday	95/56
Saturday	102/62
Sunday	104/64
Monday	100/61

24/7 Forecast
Automated: 541-575-1122
Road conditions: 511; tripcheck.com
www.bluemountaineagle.com/info

NOAA Weather Radio for John Day
162.500 MHz

Weather Forecast for the week of Sept. 6-12

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Haze	Chance of thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms	Haze	Sunshine	Possible thunderstorms	Partly sunny
97	90	85	85	87	91	87
57	58	53	51	51	50	44