

OBITUARIES

Jeron Vernal Jackson
June 3, 1936 - Sept. 13, 2017

Jeron Vernal Jackson, 81, of Union passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A viewing was held at the Union Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Saturday, Sept. 23, followed by the funeral service.

Jackson was born June 3, 1936, in Lyman, Utah, to Alpheus and Gretta (Clawson) Jackson. He resided in Lyman, Utah; Fruitland, Idaho; Prairie City; John Day; and Union. He attended grade school in Lyman, then Wayne County High School in Bicknell, Utah, and Fruitland High School in Fruitland. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Louise Higley, on Feb. 9, 1956, in the Salt Lake Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jackson began working for the U.S. Forest Service July 1955 in fire suppression, transferring into the mechanic shop April 1965, eventually becoming the shop foreman. He retired from the Forest Service in December 1992. In May of 1980, he received the Silver Beaver Award for many years of scouting service. He also received Forest Service certificates for years of service.

His hobbies over the years included leather craft, gardening, faceting gem stones and woodworking. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, National Rifle Association and the John Day Volunteer Fire Department.

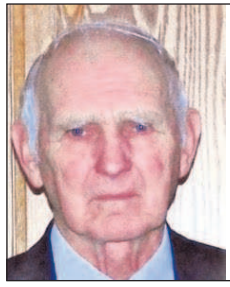
Jackson was a lifelong member of the LDS church and served as a counselor in three bishoprics and one branch presidency. He also served in many other positions in the church.

Jackson had a sense of humor and loved a good joke. He would sometimes gently tease his children and grandchildren, and loved having them around. He was a wonderful husband, dad, grandfather, brother and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; children Keith Jackson (Katherine) of Vancouver, Washington, Dale Jackson (Rula) of Parma, Idaho, Evelyn Tanner (Ron) of Pleasant Grove, Utah, Jay Jackson of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Karen Jensen (John) of Tillamook; brothers Boyd Jackson (Dee) of Fruitland, Joe Condie (Carol) of Arco, Idaho, and George Condie (Marsha) of Pendleton; sister, Deanna Wilson (Olen) of Nyssa; mother-in-law, Louise Higley of La Grande; 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 32 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers Vance Jackson and Glade Jackson; sister Gretta Condie; and granddaughter Amber Jackson.

Online condolences may be made to the family at loveandfuneralchapel.com.



Peggy 'Peg' Jean Adams
Feb. 4, 1931 - Aug. 24, 2017

Peggy "Peg" Jean Adams, 86, passed away Saturday, Aug. 24, in Bend, surrounded by her loving family.

Adams is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, Vaughn and Kristi Adams of Hillsboro and Zane and Nicole Adams of Madras; sister Zell Randall; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and six siblings.

She was born Feb. 4, 1931, in Dayville, the youngest of eight children born to Charlie and Aleye Moore. She graduated from Dayville High School and soon after eloped with her sweetheart, Wayne Adams, a minister and millworker. They began their life together in the community they both loved, raised their two sons there and celebrated 62 years of marriage.

They spent countless hours exploring the John Day Valley area and were very involved in the community.

She helped sew sports uniforms for the high school students, planned youth activities and took photos for the yearbook. She loved children of every age, and they loved her.

Adams was a Title 1 reading aide for the Dayville School District and served as mayor of Dayville from 1995 through 2004.

Under her influence and leadership, the Dayville community installed a long-sought sewer system, a town library and began the ongoing renovation of the Dayville Community Hall, where on one occasion she performed her original cowboy poetry.

She was the hub of the extended Moore family and their self-appointed photographer, entertaining them at reunions with her legendary slide shows. Her legacy will live on for many generations to come.

A memorial service was held Sept. 24 at the community church in Dayville with a reception that followed in the fellowship hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dayville Community Hall through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Joseph 'J.C.' Oliver

Joseph "J.C." Oliver, 67, of Seneca passed away Thursday, Sept. 21, at his home. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Canyon City Cemetery in Canyon City, with Julie Reynolds officiating. Contributions may be made to the Grant County Family Heritage Foundation through Driskill Memorial Chapel. To leave a condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Public Lands Day offers no fees, volunteer opportunities

Blue Mountain Eagle

The nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands is National Public Lands Day Saturday, Sept. 30. To encourage people to join in and visit their public lands, the Forest Service is waiving day-use fees at recreation sites across the Pacific Northwest.

"Our public lands are a national treasure belonging to all Americans," said Jim Peña, Pacific Northwest regional forester. "On this National Public Lands Day, whether you're volunteering in your community or enjoying the great outdoors, we thank you for helping us celebrate and care for these special places."

The Malheur National Forest will host a volunteer opportunity from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 30 at Magone Lake. Restoration opportunities for volunteers will include trail maintenance, trash clean up, fire pit cleanup and more. A barbecue lunch along with environmental education talks with forest staff will be provided for volunteers to enjoy. For more

information, contact Elizabeth Moore at 541-820-3863.

In honor of National Public Lands Day, fees will be waived at day-use recreation sites in Oregon and Washington. This fee waiver includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads and visitor centers. Concession operations will continue to charge fees unless the permit holder wishes to participate. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions or other permits still apply.

Celebrated annually on the last Saturday in September, National Public Lands Day brings together volunteers, agencies and partner organizations to connect people to public lands in their community, inspire environmental stewardship and encourage use of public lands for education, recreation and general health. Last year, over 200,000 National Public Lands Day participants volunteered at over 2,600 sites across the nation, contributing \$18 million worth of public land improvements. To learn more about National Public Lands Day, visit neefusa.org/public-lands-day.

BEO announces second quarter earnings

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BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced second quarter 2017 consolidated net income of \$742,000, or \$0.62 per share, compared to \$815,000, or \$0.67 per share, for second quarter 2016.

Year-to-date earnings were \$1.543 million, compared to \$1.597 million for the first six months of 2016, according to a press release from the company. Total assets were \$396.0 million, up 13.1 percent year over year. Net loans of \$322.9 million were up 10.3 percent from the same period in 2016, while deposits were at \$352.6 million, up 14.1 percent year over year. Shareholder equity increased by \$2.37 million, or 8.2 percent, from June 2016.

"Being an agricultural-based institution, we are affected by the ups and downs in the ag sector," President and CEO Jeff Bailey said in the release. "The lower commodity prices, as well as lower production in 2016, warrant an increase in the loan loss provision. That said, the 2017 crop conditions have improved dramatically from last year, and recently prices have also improved slightly."

Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said book value per share was \$26.25, compared to \$23.71 on June 30, 2015, an increase of 10.7 percent.

"We had a strong start in our new Athena branch and have enjoyed the warm welcome into that community," Chief Operations Officer Gary Proffeter said.

Michael Rushton, DPM
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TUESDAY	57/44
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SATURDAY	59/32
SUNDAY	65/35
MONDAY	67/43

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 27-OCT. 3

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Clouds and sun	Cooler	Cool with sun and clouds	Cloudy and cool	Mostly cloudy
77	80	76	58	59	59	68
44	46	47	41	41	29	35