

Donations brighten Christmas for vets

Veterans Gift Shop accepting donations

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Donations are starting to trickle in for the Veterans Gift Shop, including 55 afghans handmade by John Day resident Lois Wacken.

The gifts, including shirts, toys, pajamas and more, are being accepted at Mosier's Home Furnishings in John Day and will be donated to the Portland VA Medical Center, allowing veterans at the facility to "shop" for free for their families.

Ruth Harris, who spearheads the event through the American Legion Auxiliary, said donations will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 10.

"They shop for one gift for each family member," Harris said. "I collect things all through the year. ... anything I see that would be a good gift."

She said some gift ideas include men's flannel shirts, toys for youngsters and small appliances.

"Anything a family would enjoy," she said.

Wacken was in her home Monday, crocheting her first afghan, which will be donated to next year's Veterans Gift Shop.

She said she's donated 50-60 afghans for the past 10 years.

It takes about a week to complete one afghan, she said, "depending on how many games are on."

Wacken said she likes to crochet while watching the World Series on television, and she'll also work on her hobby while watching the Seattle Seahawks and the Portland Trailblazers.

She said she's grateful for people who donate yarn to her cause.

"I want to thank Ruth and the thrift store," she said. "A lady from Burns also gave me a big box of yarn."



John Day resident Lois Wacken donated 55 afghans to this year's Veterans Gift Shop Window at Mosier's Home Furnishings. On Monday, she started on her first afghan, which she plans to donate for next year's gift shop event.

Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

She added, "It's great. It gives me something to do, and I know I'm helping someone."

Harris, president of the Ellis Tracy Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, has been organizing the gift drive for about 20 years. She said she especially appreciates the volunteers who transport the gifts to the medical center.

For more information, call Harris at 541-575-0076 or Mosier's at 541-575-0649.



Donated items to the Veterans Gift Shop are being accepted at Mosier's Home Furnishings where they'll be on display until they are delivered to the Portland VA Medical Center on Nov. 10.

Thank You

Jake, Krista, Kelsee & Tyler Wilson, for all your help during David's illness. Your love and compassion was endless; I love you for being there for me. Also, thanks to Hospice, which was there for us day or night, at our every call. You were awesome. Also for the many phone calls from family and friends.

Thank you again,
Shirley Furgerson

P.S. The hobbies were H.O scale toy trains, wood working, and gardening!

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In Loving Memory of
Tim Barott
Jan. 8, 1954 - Oct. 11, 2017

Those who came to know you best had very often found.... That many days were brighter just because you were around. Now we'll all remember your friendship very much. And we're all so very grateful for the times that our lives touched.

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Your Family & Friends*

OBITUARIES

Tim Barott

Jan. 8, 1954 - Oct. 11, 2017

Tim Barott, 63, of Spray passed away Wednesday, Oct. 11, at his home. A service will be held by the family at a later date.

Barott was born on Jan. 8, 1954, in Burns to Rod and Dodie Barott. He attended Grant Union High School in John Day. After high school, he went on to work for various logging companies. In November of 1971, he married Debby Gilbert in Spray. Barott enjoyed building juniper furniture and was very proud to have a large accumulation of very good friends across the western United States.

Barott is survived by his mother, Doris Barott, of Seneca; sister Renee Nelson of Seneca; sister Teresa Aasness of Canyon City; brother Pat Barott of Medford; son Boone Barott of Waro, Texas; son Baylon Barott of Winston; daughter Jaylene Barott of Bend; daughter Jessie Galusha of Albany; son Lonnie Lewis of Tyler, Texas; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made through Driskill Memorial Chapel to assist the family with funeral expenses.

To leave a condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Robert Laurel Hendricks

June 17, 1939 - Oct. 22, 2017

Robert Laurel Hendricks, 78, passed away Sunday, Oct. 22, in Layton, Utah. Hendricks was born on June 17, 1939, in Ashton, Idaho, to Lula Rachel McLane and Carl Ralph Hendricks.

While growing up, his family lived in Seneca where his mother taught school for many years. He graduated from Seneca Elementary School in 1953, Grant Union High School in 1957 and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, in 1962.

He worked as an officer sailing the Pacific Ocean, mostly on oil tankers. Then he worked for many years as a marine ship's pilot out of Homer, Alaska. He retired to his parents' home near Banks. He moved to Layton, Utah, two years ago to live nearer to his surviving nieces and nephews who will miss his generous and loving spirit.

He was preceded in death by his brother Carl Clayne Hendricks.

He is survived by sisters Marie (Jim) Rhodes of Valencia, California, and Ann (Bill) Covington of Southern Pines, North Carolina, and several nieces and nephews.

No service is planned at this time.

Melvin A. Kite

Nov. 12, 1919 - Oct. 25, 2017

Melvin A. Kite, 97, of John Day passed away Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. A graveside service was held Monday, Oct. 30, at the Canyon City Cemetery.

Kite was born in Yreka, California, on Nov. 12, 1919, to Alpheus W. Kite and Mae L. (Baker) Kite. He served two years in the United States Army and then went on to become a heavy equipment operator for numerous companies. He married Thelma L. Gentis in Winnemucca, Nevada, in June of 1966.

Kite enjoyed woodworking, gardening and attending events at the John Day Senior Center. He was also a member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Kite, of Prairie City; son Jerry Kite and wife, Sherry, of Utah; stepson Walt Gentis and wife, Donna, of Canyon City; stepson Steve Gentis and wife, Nancy, of Tigard; half-brother LaDell Merk and wife, Margret, of Payette, Idaho; half-sister Alma Fisk of Council, Idaho; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John Day Senior Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel.

To leave a condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Gordon Mitchell

Gordon Mitchell passed away Thursday, Oct. 26, in John Day. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Prairie City Cemetery.

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Payments may be made at the Tax Collector's Office at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and postmarked no later than November 15th, 2017. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year. If you have any questions, please call the tax office at 575-0107 or 575-0189.

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/O
TUESDAY	73/38
WEDNESDAY	70/39
THURSDAY	66/44
FRIDAY	63/38
SATURDAY	71/40
SUNDAY	66/42
MONDAY	52/32

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 NOV. 1-7

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy with showers	Rain likely	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun
59	52	49	43	40	39	45
38	40	35	27	25	20	23