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A Part of Us

By Zac Bailey, MD

I recently attended a funeral of a good friend and patient. I left grateful for my association with her and knew I had been blessed in knowing her. I will be a better person and reach a little higher as a result of that friendship.

I am the Hospice Director for Blue Mountain Hospice. It has been my privilege to stand alongside a great hospice team. We have had the chance to get to know many wonderful people in Grant County, and benefitted from their lifetime of experiences that they shared with us. We have admired their courage as they have faced death and are blessed to have witnessed lives so well lived.

Hospice is a type of care and a philosophy of care that focuses on the palliation of terminally ill patients' pain and symptoms and comprehensively attends to their needs. The dying process is physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. Hospice is designed to support each of these aspects through a holistic approach to care. Our team consists of nurses, social workers, spiritual chaplains, aides, volunteers, and myself as the medical director. We give medical, psychosocial and spiritual support as patients approach end of life. Patients and families are very involved in the type and frequency of care that they receive based on their preferences and needs. Hospice care can be provided in patients' homes or in assisted living facilities. Most health insurance companies have a hospice benefit that pays for the entirety of hospice care, which means that patients and families will never have a bill for hospice services. We receive donations from the community that allow us to provide hospice care and medical supplies for patients who are uninsured. Our ultimate goal is to help people and their families find peace and comfort and celebrate the time they shared.

It is a tremendous honor for each of us at hospice to walk beside those individuals and families who are faced with a terminal prognosis. We learn from our patients. We hear their hopes, their stories, and their biggest life lessons. We get to know the families of these patients, and we are reminded daily of the dedication and love of family and of community.

As we see how those we love depart from this life and enter the world beyond, a void is left that is difficult to fill. I have found strength as I realize that a part of them will always be a part of me. May we all cherish those we love, both the living and those who have passed on.

**Presents...****November Visiting Specialists**

November 1st
Dr. McLellan Bend Cardio
November 6th
Dr. Rushston Baker Podiatrist
November 9th
Korena Farris Bend Neuro
November 9th
Dr. Jacobson Bend Ortho
November 15th
Dr. McLellan Bend Cardio
November 20th
Dr. Rushton Baker Podiatrist



**BLUE MOUNTAIN
CARE CENTER
Resident of the Month**

**ETHELYN
"JOAN"
METLOCK**

Ethelyn "Joan" Funk was born on August 30, 1934 to Harold and Lucille Funk, in Decatur, Illinois. She has a sister, Helen and a brother, Larry. They were raised in Illinois. In January of 1953, she married Burl Meyerholz and they had two children, Jeffry and Joni. Joni passed away on June 24, 2013 in Redmond, Oregon. Burl was in the Army; after he came home he was in a work related accident and passed away. Joan's second husband was a Navy man by the name of David Metlock. They were married in January of 1972. In 1981, Joan and David followed her son west and ended up in Mount Vernon, Oregon. In 1983, they moved to John Day, Oregon to manage the Fairgrounds for a year. Joan was a bookkeeper, secretary, housewife, head of a computer department, file clerk, waitress, and a singer over the years. She has traveled to Las Vegas, California, Florida and Nashville on vacations. Her hobbies include ceramics, coloring, singing and journaling. She loves the Chicago Cubs and collecting hats of any shape, style and color. Joan came to the Blue Mountain Care Center on June 2, 2017.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Eagle file photo

Ed Heiple plays taps while members of American Legion Post 77 salute during the Veterans Day remembrance at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day. The event takes place at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 each year.

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For meetings this week, see our list in the classifieds.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7**Public meeting on greater sage grouse**

• 5-8 p.m., Harney County Community Center, 484 N. Broadway Ave., Burns

The Bureau of Land Management will host a meeting to provide information and solicit comments and feedback on greater sage grouse land management issues. An overview will be followed by an open house, and participants are encouraged to speak with BLM staff on various topics related to the greater sage grouse.

Little League meeting

• 6:30 p.m., Outpost Restaurant
The meeting will include the election of a board. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call Hailey Boethin at 541-620-4386.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, NOV. 8-10**Annual church Christmas sale**

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday
• 9 a.m. to noon, Friday
• Methodist Church, John Day

Members of United Methodist Church's "Ye Old Thrift Shop" will hold their annual Christmas sale in the church's fellowship hall. Items such as Christmas decor, ornaments, kitchen items, holiday tins and clothing will be for sale.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11**Annual Christmas bazaar**

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mt. Vernon Grange, across from Clyde Holliday State Park

Local vendors will have a variety of wares to sell for Christmas gifts. Homemade stew, rolls, pies, cakes and cookies will also be available to purchase. To donate food to the annual Grange Food Drive, bring a can of nonperishable food to the bazaar. For more information, call Mary Ellen Brooks at 541-932-4540.

Bake sale and holiday bazaar

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community Center
Cookies, pies, bread and muffins will be available for purchase, along with vendor offerings. Lunch is a loaded baked potato and will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of baked goods are accepted at Mt. Vernon City Hall. Donate one can of food for a raffle ticket, benefiting the Mt. Vernon volunteer fire department. To purchase a table or for more information, call Bonnie at 541-571-3284.

Veteran memorial service

• 11 a.m., Prairie City city park
A memorial service will be held in honor of veterans at the flag pole in the park. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Dean at 541-820-3692.

Veterans Day ceremony

• 11 a.m., Seventh Street Complex, John Day
The John Day Elks Lodge will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the flag pole at the park. All are welcome to attend.

Community potluck

• 5:30-7:30 p.m., Prairie City School cafeteria
The Prairie City American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a potluck honoring all veterans. Coffee and punch will be furnished, and bring a dish to share. For more information, call Dean at 541-820-3692.

OUT OF THE PAST**75 years ago****Oct. 30, 1942****Every American Should Vote Tuesday**

Next Tuesday, Nov. 3, is General Election Day. This year, with many vital war problems facing us, it is a duty, more than ever before, for every loyal citizen to exercise his privilege to vote. Says Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, in the current issue of Pathfinder: "Never was it more necessary to keep alive our safeguards than today to yield so much of liberty. And we owe it to our boys who are fighting this war that they find these foundations of freedom intact when they return. Therefore every citizen, irrespective of how he votes, should go to the polls the third day of November. It will be notice to the totalitarian world that the spirit of democracy still lives within us."

50 years ago**November 2, 1967****Nearly 300 fires hit area**

Almost 300 fires were recorded during the past fire season by the Malheur Na-

tional Forest and the East Central Forestry district. Approximately 312 acres of timber and grasslands were burned. Of the total number of fires, man caused 46 blazes while lightning started 241 fires.

The largest fire on the Malheur was the Lost Creek fire, which was apparently man-caused and burned 120 acres. Both the Malheur and the East Central district had approximately the same number of fires involving about the same amount of acreage.

The East Central district recorded 132 fires for the year while the Malheur reported 155 fires. Fires burned 142 acres on the East Central district and about 170 acres on the Malheur. The East Central district had 98 lightning fires and 34 man-caused blazes. A year ago, the district recorded 126 fires, but only about 12 acres were burned. On the Malheur, lightning started 143 fires and man was blamed for 12 fires. This season's fire total is about twice as large compared to a year ago.