

Feature photo of 2017



Rosalinda Gonzalez casts into Magone Lake May 29.

Eagle file photo

Electric co-op nominating committee set for board elections

Gail Enright, Bob Quinton and Mitch Saul have been selected for the Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative Nominating Committee for Grant County for the upcoming election of board of directors members. The board position is currently held by Gary Miller, according to an OTEC press release.

The Nominating Committee interviews and recommends qualified candidates for the 2018 OTEC board of directors elections. Members of the cooperative interested in running for the board can contact the administration at 541-524-2831, or by visiting otecc.com/about/annual-meetings and clicking "Contact Us."

The committee has requested any members interested in running for a board position to please contact them on or before Jan. 10.

BRIEFLY

A copy of the bylaws describing the terms of the office, application and qualifications needed to serve on the nine-member board of directors, as well as a conflict of interest policy, are available at otecc.com/about/annual-meetings.

After Jan. 10, any member wanting to petition for placement on the board election ballot should call 541-524-2831. Nominations by petition must be filed no later than Feb. 13 and must be signed by the candidate and include at least 50 OTEC members' signatures who are qualified to vote.

Each director's term of office is three years. The election will be completed at the annual meeting on April 14 in Burns at the Harney County Fairgrounds. All OTEC members and their families are invited to attend.

Firewood, post and pole permits available Jan. 8

Personal use firewood and post and pole permits for 2018 will go on sale beginning Jan. 8, to allow time for the product sales system to update for the current year.

As with each year, firewood permits issued for 2018 will expire on Dec. 31, 2018, whether or not all firewood has been removed.

Personal use firewood permits are intended to be used for the collection of firewood, not other forest products.

The price for personal use firewood permits remains at \$5 per cord, with a four-cord minimum purchase. The personal use firewood program allows for a maximum of 16 cords per household, per year.

Post and pole permits are available for the harvesting of post and poles in designated locations. The minimum purchase price of a post and pole permit is \$20.

Detailed information may be found online at fs.usda.gov/main/malheur/passes-permits.

The public is asked to take additional precautions when cutting firewood late in the fall and early winter when road and soil conditions become slick, soggy and saturated. Firewood cutters should be prepared for winter weather conditions at any moment. Mountain travel will require extreme care to avoid getting

stuck in the mud or snow and causing resource damage to the land and vegetation.

For more information, contact the Malheur National Forest office at 541-575-3000.

McCloskey, Sprouffske named to OSU honor roll

Jennifer McCloskey and Michel Sprouffske were named to Oregon State University's fall-term honor roll. McCloskey, a junior studying applied visual arts, earned a straight-A average. Sprouffske, a junior studying hospitality management, earned a 3.5 GPA or better. A total of 1,427 students earned straight-A's, and another 4,483 earned a 3.5 GPA or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Income-based energy assistance available

Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. is providing energy assistance for households who meet income guidelines, regardless of how the home is heated. Income limits are based on household size: one person, \$1,924; two, \$2,516; three, \$3,109; and four, \$3,701. Contact the local Community Connection office, 142 NE Dayton St., John Day, to set up an appointment, 541-575-2949.

Forest Service maps increase in price Jan. 1

Forest Service map prices will increase to \$14 Jan. 1, according to a press release. The Forest Service continually updates its maps. The Forest Service expects to shorten the revision cycle as cartographers continue to apply new digital technology to the map revision process. Maps can be purchased at any of the Malheur National Forest offices or at NationalForestStore.com. The Forest Service is also working to increase the availability of digital maps. Digital maps for mobile applications can be downloaded at avenza.com/pdf-maps/store. Digital maps cost \$4.99 per side.



Eloise Claudine (Lois) Hill

Eloise Claudine (Lois) Hill, 93, passed away Monday, December 18, 2017 in Prairie City. She was born September 1, 1924 in Hamilton, Oregon to Coleman Justice and Doris Sweek. She attended school in Monument, was active in plays, sports, and student body leadership and graduated a year early as valedictorian of her class in 1941.

On August 31, 1946, she and Charles (Son) Hill were married. They enjoyed 60 years together on their ranches near Kimberly, Oregon. They worked hard with their cattle herd and growing hay. They also raised two children on the ranches, son George (Gus) and daughter Jean.

Lois always had a big garden to help feed the family and canned fruit every summer from the Kimberly Orchards. She was a wonderful cook and bread maker. As a young girl she helped feed large harvesting crews and learned the craft well. She cooked at the Monument Schools for 23 years, first as the assistant cook and later as the head cook until her retirement in 1998. She insisted on "cooking from scratch" and her recipes are still shared in the community.

She was active in the 4-H program and extension service for many years in Grant County supporting her kids and scores of others. She later was called upon to judge food projects and exhibits at county fairs throughout the state which she enjoyed tremendously.

Due to health issues with Son, Lois was his caregiver and constant companion during the last 10 years of his life. She enjoyed quilting with friends in the afternoons during Son's naps and loved the great fellowship of the Kimberly Bunco Club. The kindness and thoughtfulness of neighbors and friends in their care and concern of Lois and Son is cherished.

Throughout her life Lois had her share of hardship and challenges. She met them with a sense of humor, a twinkle in her eye, and a resourcefulness and strength of character that positively impacted those around her.

Lois touched numerous lives throughout her lifetime. She loved and is loved by many. Her kindness, caring and sweet, sweet smile will be greatly missed.

She is survived by son George of Reno, NV, daughter Jean of Kimberly, OR, and sister Darlene Forrest of Monument, OR.

Lois was very grateful for those who provided assistance in her care during the last several years. Many thanks to the staff of Blue Mountain Care Center and to Tina Ray and her family for your kind and loving care. Thank you to the individuals and organizations in the area who support the residents of the Care Center.

Contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Care Center, Prairie City Senior Center, Monument Senior Center, Spray Ambulance and the Carrie Young Memorial through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd, John Day, OR. 97845

To light a candle for Lois or leave a condolence for the family please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com Paid for by the family of Lois Hill

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Kris M. Curtis

May 23, 1955 - December 16, 2017

Kris M. Curtis, 62, of John Day passed away December 16, 2017 at St. Luke's Medical Center, in Boise, ID.

Kris Curtis was born May 23, 1955 in Prairie City, Oregon. He was raised in Canyon City by his parents, Arney and Glenna Curtis. He attended Grant Union High School where he graduated in 1974.

Kris began working for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in 1975. He served 33 years before his retirement in December, 2007. While working for ODOT, his priority was making sure the roads were safe for traveler's, especially in

the winter conditions, as he loved plowing snow.

He married Jan Curtis, the love of his life, March 22, 1997 in Ontario, Oregon.

Kris loved to golf with a few of his very close friends, camp with his family, play guitar, and call to "shoot the shit." He was a best friend to many without even knowing it.

Kris was an excellent husband, father, and grandfather. He loved to laugh and tell jokes. He was adored by his grandchildren and took them on many summer camping trips to Prineville Reservoir. Kris was a member of the B.P.O.E #1824 for 27 years and the John Day Golf Club.

He was preceded in death by Ruth DeVine, Grandmother; Arney Curtis, Father; Craig Curtis, brother, and Glenna Curtis, mother.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Jan Curtis; his daughters; Kristina Curtis, Boise, ID and Kim McMullen (Mitch) Bend, OR, his son, Matt Curtis (Jill) Ontario, OR and his three grandchildren, Kason Thissell, Kellen McMullen, and Brinley McMullen.

A celebration of life will be held at the John Day Elks Lodge on January 20th, 2017, at 1:00 pm.

To light a candle for Kris or leave a condolence for the family please visit www.DriskillMemorialChapel.com

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Zella Vee Randall

March 1, 1927 - December 13, 2017

Zella Vee Randall formerly of John Day, Oregon, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2017 in Bend, Oregon. She was 90.

Zella was born March 1, 1927 in Dayville, Oregon, the sixth of seven children to Charlie and Alcy (Chesnut) Moore. She cherished her life on the family ranch and did not leave until her marriage to Howard Mayo in 1946, when she moved to his family's farm in Clifton Hill, MO. Over the next 13 years they lived in Missouri, Oregon and Colorado as Howard completed his education and began teaching school.

From this union, three children were born and Zell took delight in taking care of her family. After Howard's death in 1959, she moved her young family back to Oregon where she enrolled in Eastern Oregon State College, earning her Master's Degree and later an ELP Fellowship from the University of Oregon.

She taught school in Baker City and Portland, until she married Donald Randall in 1979 and began her second career as a dairy farmer in Monroe, OR. For the next 27 years she poured her heart into the dairy farm until their retirement and move to Albany, OR.

After Don's death in 2008 she moved to Bend, OR where she and her youngest sister enjoyed three years in a shared apartment until her sister's death three months ago.

Zell never failed in finding the bright side in life and she was an inspiration to all who knew her. Even as her final years became shadowed by Alzheimer's she remained thankful. One of the last things she said before her death was, "What a wonderful life this is!"

Zell is survived by her three children, Jim (wife Judi) Mayo of Springfield, OR; Janice (husband Steve) Mathers of Bend, OR and Patty (husband Dan) Martin of Beaverton, OR. She is also survived by three stepdaughters: Donita Randall of Salem, OR; Deanna Texiera of Lodi, CA; and Danise (husband Peter) Breederland of Aldergrove, British Columbia; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Zell was preceded in death by her two husbands, both parents and six siblings.

A private gathering will be held after the holidays. Contributions in Zella's memory may be made to Partners in Care Hospice, 2075 NE Wyatt Court, Bend, OR 97701 or to the American Alzheimer's Association.

Deschutes Memorial Chapel and Gardens is honored to serve the family (541) 382-5592. Visit our online register book to send condolences and share treasured memories at deschutesmemorialchapel.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/deschutesmemorial.

Paid for the family of Zella Randall



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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30 Jackpot clay pigeon shoot

• 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kimberly Rock Products pit, mile-

post 9 on Highway 402

Proceeds from the fundraiser shoot will go to the Spray Rodeo. The cost is \$3 per shoot. A baked goods auction and chili cook-off will be held, and concessions will be available by donation only. A fireworks show will be presented at dark. The winner of the chili cook-off will receive two tickets to the Spray Rodeo. For more information, call 541-934-2143.

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 20 cops and courts log, information provided to the Eagle regarding Julie Humbird was inaccurate. Humbird was cited Dec. 11 for failing to operate a vehicle without required lighting and warned for failure to carry proof of insurance, according to Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer. Humbird was not arrested. The Eagle regrets the error.

LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	HI/LO
TUESDAY	52/32
WEDNESDAY	32/22
THURSDAY	30/15
FRIDAY	32/25
SATURDAY	31/11
SUNDAY	30/11
MONDAY	36/26

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 DEC. 27 - JAN. 3

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Rain	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Clouds and sun	Rain or snow	Cloudy
40	39	43	42	39	37	38
27	33	32	26	27	12	23