



WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

Little League signups

• 5:30 p.m., Humbolt Elementary computer lab
Youths ages 7-16 will have the chance to register for Little League. Participants must bring a birth certificate and three proofs of physical residency. For more information, call Hai-ley Boethin at 541-620-4386.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

Coffee with CASA

• 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Corner Cup, John Day
An informal meet and greet will be held with Grant-Harney County Court Appointed Special Advocates. People may ask questions about the organization and learn how to become involved. For more information, contact executive director Hannah Hinman, 541-575-5574.

Bingo night

• 5-7 p.m., Prairie City School cafeteria
The Prairie City Parent Teacher Committee is hosting a bingo night for anyone who wants to compete for cash prizes. The cards are 25 cents each or five for \$1, and daubers are \$1. A potato bar and drinks will be offered. Proceeds benefit the Parent Teacher Committee. For more information, contact Meghan at 541-410-8290.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

Farmers Market planning meeting

• 5:30 p.m., Outpost Restaurant, John Day
The John Day Farmers Market will work on items to prepare for the upcoming market season. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 541-733-8778 or 541-932-4718.

OBITUARIES

William 'Billy' Kerstein Nov. 21, 1951 - Dec. 13, 2017

William "Billy" Kerstein, 66, of Kelso, Washington, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, at his home. A celebration of life will be held this Memorial Day at the annual family reunion in John Day. Details will be posted later. All who knew Kerstein are welcome.



Kerstein was born in Butte, Montana, on Nov. 21, 1951, to Wilbert and Lorene Kerstein. The family moved to Long Creek when he was about 2 years old. He was raised in the John Day area, graduating from Grant Union High School. After high school, he joined the Navy and served four years.

Kerstein married Becky Johnson when he returned home from the Navy. They later divorced.

Kerstein is survived by three children, sons William Jr. and Mathew and daughter Shirley. He is also survived by brothers Jimmy and wife, Debbie, and Terry; sister, Candace; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Kerstein enjoyed anything country and western. He enjoyed playing guitar, spending time with friends and family, working on old trucks and cars and fishing for salmon and steelhead with his brothers. He also was an accomplished baker. His engaging smile will forever be missed.

Althea L. Gibbs

Aug. 7, 1935 - Dec. 23, 2017

Althea L. Gibbs, 82, of Stanfield died on Dec. 23 in Richland, Washington.



Gibbs was born on Aug. 7, 1935, in Heppner to parents Merle Cecil and Luella Agnes Baird Swaggart. She attended Ritter Schoolhouse before her family moved to Athena, where she graduated from McEwen High School in 1953. She married Clayton Gibbs on Nov. 22, 1953, in Yuma, Arizona. They owned and operated a ranch on the Middle Fork of the John Day River near Galena. She moved to Stanfield in the early 1990s where she has lived since. She was past president on FCE (Family Community Education) and longtime secretary of the Western States Junior Rodeo Association. She enjoyed quilting, cooking, flowers, her Roundup Athletic Club swim group and cherished time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son Zane Gibbs (Janice), Stanfield; daughter Marcy Rosenberg (Brad), Pendleton; brother Cecil Swaggart, Hermiston; sister Marylou Blackwell, Long Creek; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, son Bill Gibbs and sister Betty Kennedy.

A celebration gathering will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 E. Main St., Pendleton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research, 1100 Fairview Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109.

People may sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

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CLARIFICATION

The Eagle reported that Omar C. Medina, 20, was arrested Dec. 24 and charged with violating a no-contact order. The information was from the John Day dispatch logs. For clarity, Omar Ceja Medina, 24, formerly of Grant County, was not arrested or charged.

OSU Extension awards local contributors

Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County OSU Extension office coordinator Carol Waggoner received the organization's meritorious support service award last month.

Waggoner was highlighted for the award at the extension's annual conference in Corvallis.

The award is given to classified staff who consistently exhibit leadership and excellence in the extension program.

Grant County Fairgrounds Manager Mindy Winegar was awarded a cooperator award.

Open Campus Coordinator Didgette McCracken of the local extension office said Winegar's award recognizes partnerships with the extension that are vital to their services.

An open house at the extension office in John Day is planned for Friday, Jan. 26, at the Madden Business and Education Center on Bridge Street in John Day.

For more information, call 541-575-1911.



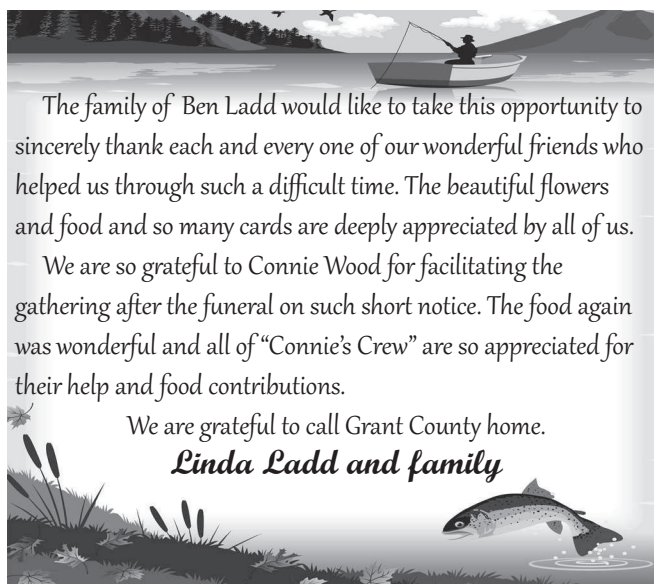
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Grant County OSU Extension's Office Coordinator Carol Waggoner, center, receives a meritorious service award Dec. 6 at the annual conference in Corvallis. To her left is Director of Extension Service Scott Reed, and at right is Extension Associate Director Lindsey Shirley.



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Grant County Fairgrounds Manager Mindy Winegar, second from left, receives an OSU Extension Cooperator award. From left: Scott Reed, Winegar, fair board member Jonna Bishop and Lindsey Shirley.

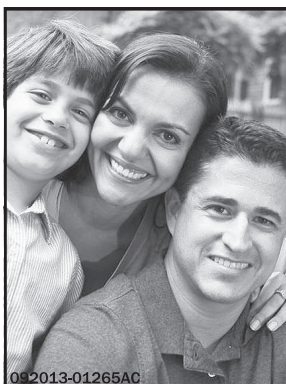


The family of Ben Ladd would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of our wonderful friends who helped us through such a difficult time. The beautiful flowers and food and so many cards are deeply appreciated by all of us.

We are so grateful to Connie Wood for facilitating the gathering after the funeral on such short notice. The food again was wonderful and all of "Connie's Crew" are so appreciated for their help and food contributions.

We are grateful to call Grant County home.

Linda Ladd and family



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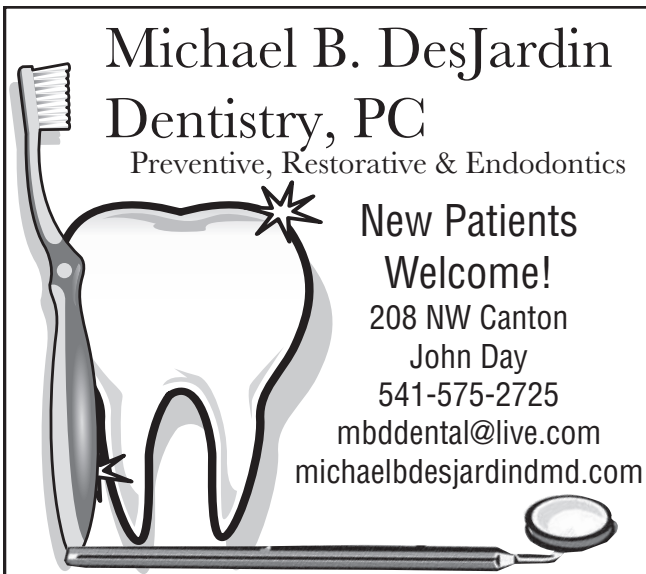
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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	33/19
WEDNESDAY	42/29
THURSDAY	49/28
FRIDAY	55/46
SATURDAY	51/28
SUNDAY	42/24
MONDAY	44/25

24/7 FORECAST
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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM
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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 3-9

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
						
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	A little rain	Rain or snow	Clouds and sun	Morning snow	Snow possible
40	41	43	40	39	40	39
27	33	30	26	27	20	24