



Eagle file photo

From Jan. 30, 2008: Brandon Cross catches a ride up Dixie Mountain on Sunday.

## LAST SKI BUS HITS SLOPES SATURDAY



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Ski bus riders enjoy the slopes Jan. 27. The John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation ski and snowboard bus program will offer one more ride this season to the Anthony Lakes Ski Area on Saturday, Feb. 3. Register at local schools or online at [jdccparksandrec.weebly.com](http://jdccparksandrec.weebly.com). For more information, call Julie Larson at 541-620-0039 or Bobbee Hueckman or Kimberly Ward at 541-575-0110.

## OUT OF THE PAST

75 years ago  
Jan. 29, 1943

### Lieutenant A. H. Wright graduates from officers' candidate school with high honors

Albert Harvey Wright, formerly superintendent of Grant Union High School here, graduated on Jan. 9 from the Officers' Training School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

Lt. Wright enlisted as a private in May 1942 and came up through the ranks. He served in the ranks as private, corporal and sergeant before being appointed a lieutenant upon his graduation at Ft. Benning. He graduated with honors finishing at the top of his class.

He was outstanding in marksmanship, having qualified as expert with the 03 rifle, light machine gun and heavy machine gun, and as first-class gunner with the automatic rifle and 37-mm anti-tank gun.

There is quite a military background for Lt. Wright to draw from. He served three years in the Marines – from 1920 to 1923 – being discharged as a sergeant. He also had a year in the National Guard, four years of R.O.T.C. holding a university appointment as major, and to top that off was a flying cadet in the Marines after graduation from college.

Lt. Wright is assigned to the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Wheeler near Macon, Georgia, to instruct recruits.

50 years ago  
Feb. 1, 1968

### Mountain snowpack low

Water content of mountain snowpacks continues to fall short of last year's readings and well below the average figures, according to a snow survey of the Soil Conservation Service.

However, in some areas snow depth was equal or nearly equal to last year's recordings.

Snow depth at Lake Creek as of Tuesday was 24 inches, the same as last year at this time. Water content was 4.4 inches as compared to 7.0 for a year ago and 5.8 for the average.

Blue Mountain Springs snow course showed a snow depth of 32 inches, four inches less than last year. Water content was 7.3 inches as compared to 10.8 for last year, which is also the average.

At Beech Creek, snow depth was seven inches with a water content of 1.7 inches. A year ago it was 13 inches deep with 3.4 inches of water. The average water content is 4.3 inches.

Izee had a snow depth of 13 inches with a water content of 2.9 inches as compared to 24 inches and 6.5 inches of water last year. The average water content is 6.2 inches.

One of the lowest measurements was recorded at Starr Ridge with 9 inches of snow with a water content of 1.9 inches. A year ago the snow depth was 16 inches with a water content of 3.6 inches. The average water content for Starr Ridge at this time of the year is 4.6 inches.

## READY FOR THE GAME?



Contributed photo/Keith Nichols

Keith Nichols' dog Brady, named after New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, is ready for the big game. Nichols said the dog gets excited watching the games.



## BIRTHS EWINGS



Gracie Silver Ewings, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 20 inches in length, was born at 9:42 p.m. Jan. 10 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day to parents Josh and Carly Ewings of Dayville. Maternal grandparents are Terisa and Terry Clawson of Bend. Paternal grandparents are Karl and Susan Goetsch of Houlton, Maine, originally of Dayville.



## OBITUARIES

### Edward A. 'Bud' Ball

Dec. 2, 1936 - Jan. 25, 2018

Edward A. "Bud" Ball, 81, passed away Thursday, Jan. 25. Ball worked as a range conservationist for the U.S. Forest Service and lived in Prairie City and John Day. Services will be held at a later date. Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service, Salem.

### Richard 'Dick' Jones

Nov. 23, 1933 - Jan. 21, 2018

Richard "Dick" Jones of John Day passed away Jan. 21 at his home. No services are scheduled at this time.

Jones was born on Nov. 23, 1933, in Logan, Iowa, to Vester T. and Olive (Witt) Jones. In 1965, he married June Appleton. He worked as a bricklayer, retiring after 45 years of service. He enjoyed gold mining, fishing and hunting.

Jones is survived by his wife, June; four children; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contributions can be made to a local charity of one's choice. To offer condolences to his family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

### Berton Ralph White

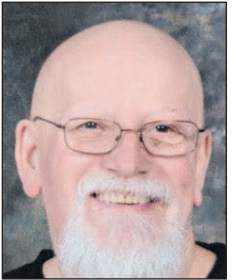
Oct. 28, 1938 - Jan. 28, 2018

Berton Ralph White, 79, a longtime resident of John Day, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 28. He was born Oct. 28, 1938. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuary.com](http://burnsmortuary.com).

### Donn Willey

Aug. 24, 1953 - Jan. 25, 2018

Timothy Donn Willey, 64, peacefully passed away Thursday, Jan. 25, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. He had been courageously battling metastasized melanoma for over two years. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Grant County Fairgrounds pavilion.



Willey was born Aug. 24, 1953, at Blue Mountain Hospital in Prairie City. He was the second of five sons born to Robert and Jean Willey of John Day. He attended local schools, graduating from Grant Union High School in 1971.

On March 4, 1972, he married Michelle Houpt. Together they raised four children. He was a loving husband and father, and was always eager to spend time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter. He was known as "Papa Donn" by many.

He enjoyed mushrooming, fishing, hunting, camping and picnicking. After dark he loved to watch the night sky. Motorcycling was a favorite activity, logging many miles on two wheels.

From his early teen years, Willey played in numerous bands, from rock and roll to worship music and, most recently, a local jazz combo. He was a gifted musician playing guitar or bass guitar and enjoyed the camaraderie of the band. He loved playing music as an offering to God and encouraged others to join in an attitude of praise and worship.

With support from local church groups and individuals, Willey built and managed KGNR "Good News" radio station, where he worked for over 30 years. In addition, he served on the John Day City Council for nine years, and was an elder at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship. He loved to serve and was passionate about using his gifts for good, especially in matters important to him.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Dawn Willey.

He is survived by his mother, Jean Willey; wife, Michelle, and daughter Melissa Delgado of John Day; daughters Laura Scott (Kenny) and Hannah Willey of Prescott, Arizona; son Tim Willey (Ashley) of La Grande; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, 139 NE Dayton St., John Day.

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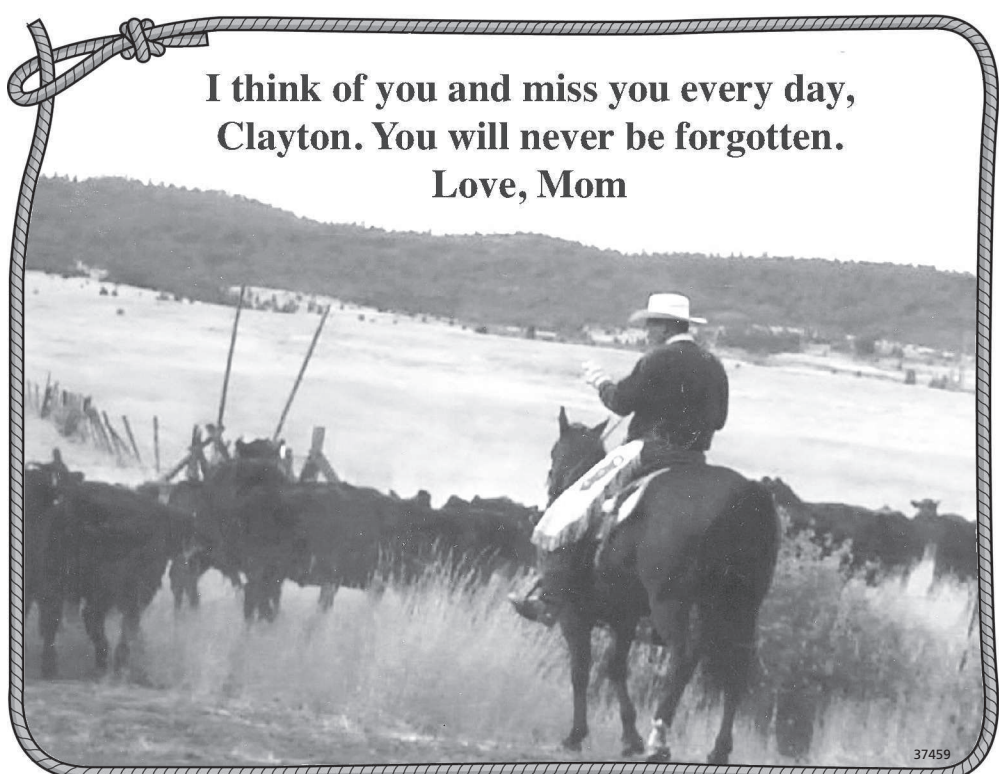
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Born and raised in John Day, Attorney Donald Molnar is honored to return home and serve the residents of Grant County. Mr. Molnar is a graduate of Grant Union High School, Lewis and Clark College, and Lewis and Clark Law School. He has been an attorney in private practice since 2005.

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I think of you and miss you every day,  
Clayton. You will never be forgotten.  
Love, Mom

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## LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/O
TUESDAY .....	46/27
WEDNESDAY .....	50/35
THURSDAY .....	42/29
FRIDAY .....	40/31
SATURDAY .....	46/32
SUNDAY .....	53/40
MONDAY .....	57/40

### 24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHz

## WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 31 - FEB. 6

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Chance of rain/snow	Chance of rain	Partly sunny	Slight chance of rain	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>