

Car display shows aftermath of drunken driving

Blue Mountain Eagle

A mangled car on display at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School parking lot through Friday, May 4, showed what can happen when driving impaired.

Julio Alberto Hernandez of Weiser, Idaho, was just 18 when he died on March 15, 2009, after drinking and driving. He and his girlfriend had attended a party, and when they left, he was visibly intoxicated.

In Hernandez's father's car, Julio's girlfriend drove to Nampa, Idaho, when he took the wheel and drove solo toward Weiser. His life came to a tragic end a short time later. Traveling in a 35-mph curve at a high rate of speed, Hernandez's car left the roadway and went airborne, striking a power pole and bursting into flames.

His blood-alcohol level at the time of the crash was 0.21 percent, almost three times the legal limit.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Grant Union students and Lisa Weigum look at mangled remnants of a car in the school parking lot, which was involved in a drunken driving crash. The wreck took the life of a young man. Looking at the car, from left, are Tristan Morris, Collin Harvey, Cody Jones, Weigum and Dante Valentine.

Hernandez, who enjoyed football and soccer, left behind his mother, father, five older sisters, two older

brothers and his girlfriend. The Oregon Department of Transportation's team safety program message is for others

to learn from his mistake, and that if the display saves even one life, it would bring some meaning to his death.

OBITUARIES

LaQuita J. Cook

LaQuita J. Cook, 85, of Emmett, Idaho, passed away at home April 12. Potter Funeral Chapel of Emmett is in charge of arrangements.

Opal Bernice Wood Futter

Opal Bernice Wood Futter of Ontario passed away Tuesday, May 1, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Ontario.

Alan Duane Hatley

Alan Duane Hatley, 77, of Monument passed away May 2 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. No services are planned at this time. Contributions may be made to Friends of the Sumpter Valley Dredge, Inc., through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To leave condolences, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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EAGLE ON VACATION — DAY



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Chet and Jeanne Day took the Eagle on a recent trip to the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, Washington, where they met their son, grandsons and 18 other family members for a surprise birthday party. Take a picture with the Eagle while on vacation and send it to editor@bmeagle.com or 195 N. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97865.

Dinner honors Long Creek fire, ambulance volunteers

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Long Creek's annual first responder appreciation dinner raised more than \$9,000 this year.

Over 145 people turned out April 28 to support the Long Creek Ambulance Crew and Volunteer Fire Department.

"The dinner this year was great," Mayor Don Porter said. "As emergency services responders, we appreciate our supportive community!"

The funds will be used to purchase a hydraulic powerlift gurney.

Silent and live auction items included gift baskets, handmade items, gift certificates, toys, tools, artwork and other treasures donated by community members and businesses throughout Grant County and beyond.

The dinner was hosted by the Long Creek School Booster Club and the City of Long Creek.

Eighteen Long Creek students served the meal.



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Don Porter, Joe Trott and Aaron Garinger auction items at Long Creek's first responder appreciation dinner April 28. The event raised \$9,000 for the fire and ambulance crews.

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Chance of showers	Clouds and sun	Clouds and sun	Sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Possible thunderstorms
65	61	62	71	78	83	75
41	38	41	44	49	41	47