

OBITUARIES

**Jamie Alan Zimmerlee**  
Sept. 15, 1984 - May 18, 2018

Jamie Alan Zimmerlee, 33, passed away May 18 in Junction City, Oregon. A memorial service was held May 26 at his grandmother's ranch on Rudio Mountain, between Kimberly and Dayville, Oregon.

He was born Sept. 15, 1984, in Hermiston, Oregon, to Heidi Renee (Buce) and Richard Lee Zimmerlee. He grew up in Monument, Oregon, on his family's ranch. He was homeschooled, then attended public school in Dayville and graduated from Union/Baker Education Services District, John Day, Oregon, in June 2003.

He married Jaime Arnett on July 4, 2008, at Lands Inn B&B on Rudio Mountain. They moved to Blaine, Washington. Together Jamie boy and Jaime girl had one son, Gavin Osric Zimmerlee, born March 3, 2010. He was a big man with a big smile and a big laugh.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fixing engines and mechanical things. He worked at various jobs, including as a contract laborer with Ivanof Bay Village in Alaska, a fishing guide in Alaska, a caregiver for Alternative Service Inc. in John Day, and, most recently, driving log truck for J.C. Benson II Inc., Astoria, Oregon. The other side of this happy-go-lucky kid was a troubled young man who fought as long and hard as he could. He never recovered from his sister's death in 2003, and eventually he took his own life.

He was preceded in death by his sister Shannon Lee (Zimmerlee) Halvorson; his maternal grandfather, Thomas Alan Buce; and his paternal grandparents, Jim and Vivian Zimmerlee.

He is survived by his mother, Heidi McCrary, and Troy Allen, Kimberly; his father, Richard Zimmerlee, and wife, Debbie, Bend, Oregon; son Gavin and ex-wife Jaime; grandmother Barbara (Weatherford) Buce, La Grande, Oregon; nephew Garrett Halvorson, Prineville, Oregon; and a loving, supportive extended family.

**Ernie McCoy Dyer**


Feb. 10, 1937 - June 17, 2018

Ernie McCoy Dyer, 81, of Ontario died at home June 17. Condolences may be left at shaffer-jensenchapel.com. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette, Idaho.

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**Walter 'Walt' Lee Eaton Sr.**  
Aug. 24, 1942 - June 9, 2018



Walter "Walt" Lee Eaton Sr., 75, of Prairie City passed away June 9 at his residence. A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at Walt and Yvonne's home. Friends and family are invited. His urn will be entombed at Willamette National Cemetery at a later date.

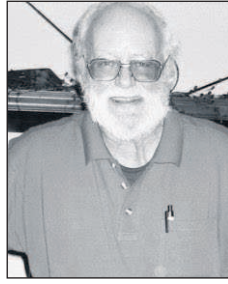
Walt was born Aug. 24, 1942, in Russellville, Arkansas, to Theodore Walter Eaton and Vella Violet Reynolds and was raised by his mother and stepfather, Jay Manley. In 1960 he joined the United States Air Force, where he would serve for three years. Walt married Yvonne Freeman on June 7, 1978, in Scio, Oregon. He worked as a union carpenter and enjoyed fishing, hunting and pretty much anything having to do with the outdoors. He especially loved his grandchildren.

Walt is survived by his wife, Yvonne; two sons, Butch Eaton of Burns, Oregon, and Travis Eaton of Scio, Oregon; and two daughters, Deborah Webb of Baker City, Oregon, and Wendy Yeager of Albany, Oregon. He also leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Vella; son Richard Michael; and sisters Dee and Charlotte. Condolences may be offered to his family at driskillmemorialchapel.com.

**John 'Jack' Arthur Oldham**

Sept. 10, 1934 - Jan. 9, 2018



John "Jack" Arthur Oldham, 83, died Jan. 9 in Eugene, Oregon. John was born Sept. 10, 1934, in Miles City, Montana, to Grace and Nathan Oldham. He grew up in Stanford, Montana. Jack attended Montana State for a year and a half before enlisting in the Navy. From the Navy, to university research vessels, to Alaska ferries, to the Army Marine Corp of Engineers, Jack worked most of his life in the engine room of ships. He retired in 1999 from the Corp of Engineers where he was chief engineer of the Essayons.

Jack leaves behind his wife, Janet Sebo Oldham, whom he met and married in Seattle, Washington. Jack and Janet were married for 50 years and had one son, Andy Oldham, of Eugene, Oregon. Jack had two other sons, Steve and Jim Oldham, from a previous marriage to Margret Schick of Los Angeles, California.

In his retirement, Jack spent much of his time with Janet traveling the northwest by RV and setting up a second home in Canyon City. Jack loved reading, music, cookies, tractors, guns and his dogs.

Jack is survived by his wife, Janet, his sons Steve, Jim, and Andy and four grandchildren. As a veteran of the Korean War, a memorial service with military honors will be held on June 18 at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

**Culvert installation will temporarily close forest road**

Work may begin June 20 and could continue through July 4

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Malheur National Forest officials will temporarily close Forest Road 4560 as contracted crews install a new culvert. Culvert installation is the first part of floodplain restoration efforts on a segment of Big Creek within the Big Mosquito Project Area. Contractors will begin work as early as June 20 and may continue through July 4.

The affected project area will be signed, and alternate travel routes will be available to those visiting the area. Travelers may encounter heavy equipment and increased traffic as crews will be hauling rock and other materials to and from the site.

Culvert replacement projects are part of an ongoing effort to improve aquatic fish passage on the forest. This work not only increases access to vital habitats for fish and aquatic organisms but also increases the lifespan of the culvert by decreasing potential damage from flooding and preventing debris build-up.

For more information, contact Bob Hassmiller, 541-575-3433, rjhassmiller@fs.fed.us.

**EAGLE ON VACATION — ROOKSTOOL**



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Eight-year-old Zoey Rookstool, left, and her brother Zeke, 9, of John Day take the Eagle on vacation to Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota. The siblings traveled with their parents, Zane and Heather Rookstool, and grandparents, Gene and Nicky Essex, also of John Day, to 17 states in 20 days. Among the sites the family visited were Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Yellowstone, the Louisville Slugger factory, the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam.

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**Grant SWCD Weed Control Dept. Working for You in 2018**

Thanks to the Grant County Court and Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee, Grant Weed Control is able to offer a **50% Cost Share Program for Noxious Weed Control on Private Grazing Lands, through a Title II funded Grant Project.** This program will provide a maximum \$5,000 of noxious weed control services with a \$2,500 maximum landowner contribution to qualifying participants. To be eligible for participation, the treatment property must not be actively irrigated and must be primarily managed for livestock grazing, minimum of 20 acres in size, located within Grant County, and must contain weed species listed on the Grant County Noxious Weed List. Applications for this limited weed control assistance opportunity will be funded on a first come first serve basis.

**Contact the Grant Soil and Water Conservation District Office at (541) 575-1554 or visit 721 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845 for applications and additional information.**

**LAST WEEK'S TEMPS**

JOHN DAY	H/I/O
TUESDAY	81/41
WEDNESDAY	82/48
THURSDAY	71/48
FRIDAY	73/43
SATURDAY	68/46
SUNDAY	69/47
MONDAY	59/52

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**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20-26**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Some clouds	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>