

Paving begins on U.S. 395 north of Long Creek

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A pavement preservation project along U.S. 395 has begun between Cape Horn near mile point 36 and Long Creek at mile point 90.8, according to an Oregon Department of Transportation press release.

Paving activities will skip over a short section near the middle of the project area between mile points 66.6 and 72.2. The bulk of the work will consist of chip sealing the road surface, but some areas with deteriorating pavement will be ground out and new asphalt inlaid. The Five Mile Creek and Long Creek bridges within the project area will also receive deck upgrades with old pavement removed and new asphalt applied. Crews started replacing deteriorating pavement and upgrading bridge decks Monday, with the chip seal operation anticipated to occur in August. The project will help protect and extend the useful life of road surface.

Travelers can expect reduced speeds and up to 20-minute delays, with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic. During the chip seal operation, also expect loose

rock on the roadway plus daytime and nighttime road sweeping activities taking place after the chip seal has been applied. Loose rock may be present for several days after the chip seal work is completed. Please slow down in the area and plan extra travel time during this highway preservation project. Traffic fines are double the amount in all work zones. Bicyclists and pedestrians will be escorted through the work zone, as needed.

ODOT is asking highway users to keep farm equipment off the highway during the chip seal operation in August. To prevent chip rock adhesion problems due to animal waste on the roadway, ranchers are requested to keep cattle and other livestock off the highway during this same time period. Animals can be driven on appropriate open range highway sections after the chip seal has been applied.

Chip seal work is weather dependent. All dates are subject to change, depending on weather conditions.

For more information, contact ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330.

Antique cars tour Grant County



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Jim Stutzman is at the wheel of his 1929 Franklin with his wife, Susan, and friends Ralph and Rita Roberts in back. The Stutzmans from Lewiston, Idaho, and the Roberts family of Northern California joined the Horseless Carriage Club during their July 8-11 visit to Grant County, which included stops in John Day, Prairie City, Sumpter, Silvies Valley and Dayville.



A group with the Horseless Carriage Club of America comes rolling into John Day. In front is Bruce Spainhower and his wife, Eadi Popick, in a 1915 Model T, followed by Frank and Laura Hurley in a 1918 Cadillac and Jim and Susan Stutzman in a 1929 Franklin with friends Ralph and Rita Roberts riding in the backseat. There were 24 drivers joining the trek, all members of the Portland regional group, visiting Grant County museums and scenic areas.

REAL Oregon seeking applications for next class

By George Plaven
EO Media Group

A program designed to incubate new leaders in Oregon agriculture and natural resources management is seeking applications for its second class, scheduled to begin in November.

The Resource Education and Agricultural Leadership program, better known as REAL Oregon, was established in 2017 and graduated its first class in March. Participants have the chance to learn about farming, fishing and forestry over a series of five sessions held statewide, while also networking with profes-

sionals in the field.

REAL Oregon is designed to help members grow into leaders through training in board governance, communication, conflict resolution, public policy work, critical thinking, government interaction, media relations, public speaking and presentations.

Applications for Class 2 are due July 27. The cost is \$5,000 per person, of which half is paid by business sponsors.

"We expect it to be a fairly competitive process," said Greg Addington, REAL Oregon director.

The REAL Oregon board of directors will review application materials in Au-

gust and announce members of Class 2 in September. Addington said the program will accept up to 30 people. Application materials can be found online at realegon.net.

Bill Buhrig, REAL Oregon board chairman, said graduates from the first class are already making their presence felt around the state, serving on various boards and commissions. Alumni are also serving on the program board and helping to recruit future members.

"I hope it's a testament to what we put together that people want to come back and help make this program even better," Buhrig said.



Nancy Wilson January 10, 1950 - July 10, 2018

Nancy Jean Stirewalt Wilson passed away at her home on Butte Creek surrounded by family on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 after a nearly two year fight with brain cancer. Nancy's unfathomable faith, grace and grit were a true testimony during her 23 month battle.

Nancy was born on January 10, 1950 to Jim and Effie (Snabel) Stirewalt of Kimberly, Oregon. She attended grade school and high school in Monument where she was involved in sports, cheerleading, theater, and dancing the Charleston. She was a Grant County Fair and Rodeo Princess and a Spray Rodeo Queen. Nancy participated in 4-H

from age nine until her passing. Stirewalt Ranch activities were an enormous part of Nancy's childhood and that love of ranching lasted throughout her lifetime. Nancy attended Eastern Oregon State College and graduated from Northwestern Business School in Portland in 1970.

Nancy was married to Phil Wilson of Mayville on July 25, 1970 in Monument. They spent the first two years of their marriage in San Luis Obispo, California while Phil finished up his schooling at Cal Poly. Nancy was employed at the university in Ag Business Management and Home Economics. Phil and Nancy moved to the ranch on Butte Creek outside Fossil in 1972. It was here that they raised their three children Milne, Kara, and Zane. Nancy was well known for her abilities as a seamstress. She also enjoyed baking, canning, crocheting, embroidery, and gardening.

Ranching was in Nancy's blood and she was a true partner to Phil in all aspects of raising cattle on Wilson Ranches. In March 2000 Phil and Nancy opened Wilson Ranches Retreat Bed and Breakfast to nurture guests' body and soul, offering an opportunity to experience ranch living and the beauty of Eastern Oregon's high desert. Guests from all over the world have become a part of the Wilson Ranches family.

Nancy's deepest joys were celebrating the life she created with her Cowboy and family. Nancy started horse racing as a young girl and was in her final race at the Spray Rodeo at the age of 45, breaking a wedding vow. She loved that she raised her family on horseback and taught thousands from around the world to ride. Nancy will be remembered for her smile, laugh, and the amazing hugs that made strangers feel like family.

Nancy was involved in the Bit and Spur Club, Wheeler County Fair Board, Wheeler County CowBelles, Oregon CowBelles, Eastern Oregon Pioneer Association, and as a 4-H leader. Nancy was so honored when she and Phil were asked to be Grand Marshals of the Wheeler County Fair in 2015. Nancy worked as a bookkeeper, receptionist and eventually administrator at Asher Community Health Center. She was instrumental in bringing Home Health to Wheeler County and was so blessed to benefit from the care of Home Health in her final days.

Nancy is survived by her husband Phil Wilson of Fossil; children Milne (Mike) Macy of Culver, Kara (Brian) Anglin of Fossil, Zane (Marissa) Wilson of Madras; grandchildren Tegan and Kailee Macy, Marina and Dima Anglin, Nate and Sam Wilson; great-granddaughter Lillian; sisters Judy Bertsch, Dina Stirewalt, Elizabeth Parke, and brother Jim Stirewalt; and numerous nieces and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents Jim and Effie Stirewalt and sister Lula Daniels.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held at Julia Henderson Pioneer Park on Saturday, July 21, at 10 a.m. Nancy had a lifetime love of county fairs starting in Grant County. The Wilson family asks in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Nancy's honor to 4-H and FFA programs in your county or to the Eastern Oregon Pioneer Association.

Paid for by the family of Nancy Wilson

EAGLE ON VACATION — GOLD DIGGERS



Contributed photo

The Gold Diggers AAU volleyball team take the Eagle on vacation to Gatorland in Orlando, Florida. The Grant County girls did some sightseeing during the week while competing at the AAU Junior Girls National Volleyball Championships June 25-28. From left: McKeely Miller, Hailie Wright, Baylee Combs, Mariah Moulton, Katlyn Wells, Alcie Moore and Kaylee Wright. The group traveled with their AAU coach Kristi Moore.

Wilson, Zweggardt earn Elks scholarships

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The John Day Elks Lodge has awarded scholarships to Dorran Wilson and Brianna Zweggardt, both of Prairie City High School. Wilson will receive \$2,000, and Zweggardt will receive \$1,000, each award paid out over two years.



Brianna Zweggardt
Dorran Wilson

McCloskey makes OSU honor roll

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Jennifer McCloskey of John Day was named to the spring 2018 Oregon State University honor roll with

a GPA of 3.5 or better. McCloskey is a senior studying applied visual arts. To be eligible, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	81/53
WEDNESDAY	87/51
THURSDAY	91/51
FRIDAY	98/58
SATURDAY	94/58
SUNDAY	95/58
MONDAY	94/65

24/7 FORECAST

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162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18-24

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Morning shower	Sunny
91	90	92	91	91	94	91
54	55	53	53	53	49	53