

OBITUARIES

Ronald Field

Ronald Field, 47, of Prairie City passed away Saturday, Aug. 4, with his family by his side. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Prairie City Cemetery. To offer condolences to his family, visit driskillmemorial-chapel.com.

Norman Charles Strawn
Dec. 23, 1929 - July 24, 2018

Norman Charles Strawn was born December 23, 1929, in Central City, Nebraska, to Dwight and Fern Strawn.



At the age of 4, his family moved to Eastern Washington, eventually settling in Richland. During World War II, the Strawns sold the farm to the U.S. government — Norm was the oldest living Hanford Project evictee.

After high school, Norm joined the Army. He served four years during the Korean War, spending the majority of his service stationed in England with the Royal Artillery.

Norm moved to Burns after the war, where he met his first wife, Barbara Timms. The two operated a mobile home park at the edge of Hines for decades.

In the 1980s, Norm met Maria Daly. The two wed in 1989, moving to John Day shortly thereafter.

Norm enjoyed hunting, the outdoors and watching Westerns. Later in life, he enjoyed singing to family, friends and strangers alike.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; two step-daughters, Florence Merritt of Kirkland, Washington, and Kathleen Sliagar of Portland; and his sister, Janice Hillmand, of Seattle.

Norm passed Tuesday, July 24. No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Norman's name to the John Day Senior Center.

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Donations matched for CASA book drive

A local fundraising effort hopes to deliver 120 sets of books with a toy to Grant-Harney County CASA for children. Usborne Books and More will match the donations at 50 percent up to the first \$2,000 raised for a total of \$3,000, which would purchase the desired amount. Donations are required by Aug. 16 so the books and toys can be delivered to

children as they return to school. Payments may be made online at gofundme.com/books-for-grantharney-casa or mailed to Laurel Coombs, Attn: CASA, P.O. Box 23, Canyon City, OR 97820. For people interested in volunteering for the court appointed special advocate program, a new training begins Oct. 2. For more information, call 541-575-5574 or visit grantharneycasa.org.

Forest Service to crush rock at four pits

The Malheur National Forest will soon begin rock crushing operations of 66,000 cubic yards on four separate rock pits. Operations will take place over the next several months

and may possibly extend through the summer of 2019, according to a Forest Service press release. The affected pits will be closed to the public while work is being performed. Work will take place in the Four Corners, Summit Prai-

rie, Star and Crystal Springs rock pits. Crushed rock will be stockpiled in the pits and available for future forest road maintenance needs. During operations in the Summit Prairie rock pit, crews will drain the pond to do work, creating a larger pond.

Large equipment will be hauled between the sites at various times. Location maps of the affected rock pits are posted on the Malheur National Forest website at fs.usda.gov/malheur. For more information, call 541-575-3000.



Susie Gonzales, left, presents one of two Prairie City Green Thumb Garden Awards to Maria Butler and her husband, Ed, not pictured, for their yard design.



Randy Hennen, left, receives an ornamental frog from Susie Gonzalez of the Prairie City Green Thumb Garden Club for his yard design, which includes a plethora of native plants.

Prairie City residents awarded for beautifying ways

Two Prairie City residents were awarded ornamental frogs from the Prairie City Green Thumb Garden Club for best yard design. Randy Hennen received an award for his yard, which includes wildflowers with spotted areas of sage brush,

bitter brush and clump grasses. "This all comes together to create a visually pleasing yard as well as a wildlife habitat," said club secretary Jan Plemmons. The second winners, Ed and Maria Butler, have a walking path to their front door flanked with pink and lavender petunias.

"Walking up to the front door is a beautiful pathway and a wonderful journey of smell — very beautiful and a lovely balance of color," Plemmons said. Club member Susie Gonzales presented the winners with the yard ornaments, which are marked with the year and club name.

OTEC promotes Tracy to engineering director

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative has promoted Charlie Tracy to director of engineering. Tracy moves into the position after a total of 13 years as a systems engineer for the cooperative. During that time, Tracy has spearheaded multiple major projects, which include transmission design

and substation construction. "I sincerely believe in the cooperative model and in the communities we serve," Tracy said. Tracy has also worked for TriAxis Engineering in Corvallis as a utility power line designer.



Charlie Tracy

"I look forward to supporting OTEC and our members in all that the future holds," he said. Tracy received his electrical engineering degree from New Mexico State University in 2002. He also earned his professional engineering license from the state of Oregon in 2011. OTEC General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Les Penning said Tra-

cy has been the anchor point for the cooperative's focus on accessing innovative technology in renewable energy and how its future may be shaped and impacted in areas such as power supply, battery storage and electric vehicles. "Charlie's passion, knowledge and strategic focus in these areas will be of great benefit as he assumes his new role," Penning said.

Deadline approaches for conservation program enrollment

The deadline to sign up for enrollment in the Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program is Aug. 17.

"Any agricultural producer that has eligible land should review the benefits of this program," FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said in a press release. "It removes from production marginal,

erodible land and, in doing so, improves water quality, increases wildlife habitat and provides more opportunities for recreational activities, including fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing."

FSA will use updated soil rental rates to make annual rental payments, reflecting current values. It will not offer incentive payments as part of the new signup.

For this year's signup, limited priority practices are available for continuous enrollment. They include grassed waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others.

USDA will not open a general signup this year, but a one-year extension will be offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less. For more information, call 541-523-7121.

David Warren Freeman
January 5, 1946 - July 29, 2018

Dave Freeman passed away July 29, 2018. Dave was born January 5, 1946 in Ontario, Oregon to Rex and Wilma Freeman. He met his wife, Betty, of 52 years, while growing up in Payette, ID. They began dating when they worked together at the Charm Theatre - Betty sold tickets and worked the snack bar, Dave ran the projectors. They moved to Caldwell and lived there until Dave decided to go to school at the University of Idaho. Dave attended University of Idaho and earned a BS in business, with a major in accounting. Dave and Betty had two daughters, Jodie in 1969, and Amy in 1972. The family moved to Baker City, where Dave worked as a staff accountant at Mitchell and Guyer. Needing a change of scenery, Dave went to work driving a log truck. He eventually started his own logging company. After several years, Dave went back into accounting and got his CPA license. He was able to become a partner at Mitchell and Guyer. Dave worked here for the rest of the family's time in Baker City. In 1989 Dave acquired an accounting firm in John Day, OR and Betty worked as the office manager. Dave and Betty lived in John Day for 25 years. While in John Day, Dave was blessed with two granddaughters, Paige in 1997 and Abbey in 2000. He finally retired in 2015. He and Betty moved to Lafayette, OR to be closer to Jodie, Amy and their granddaughters. Dave enjoyed being in the outdoors. He spent much of his time hunting, fishing, camping, rafting, and the Freeman tradition of "Going for a ride". Dave was also an active philanthropist, especially with groups supporting the outdoors and children. He was always working on a "project" of some sort and willing to help anyone with a "project". Dave loved to tease his granddaughters, nephews, and nieces - times many of them won't forget. Loved ones surviving him include daughters Jodie Kester and Amy Freeman, granddaughters Paige & Abbey Kester, brother Rex Freeman, sisters Janiece Haylett, Elaine Stepp, Linda Phelps, and Betty Dressen, and beloved Norwegian Elkhound, Elka. He's also fortunate to have a large family of cousins, sister and brother in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Rex and Wilma Freeman, brother Charles Freeman and wife, Betty Freeman. A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11 AM at the Payette United Methodist Church (502 N 11th St., Payette ID), with a lunch to follow. This will be a joint service for both Dave and Betty, who passed on 7/11/18. Memorial donations can be made to the Blue Mountain Hospital Ambulance, 170 Ford Rd, John Day OR, 97845, attn: Rebecca Rand.

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SATURDAY	85/51
SUNDAY	87/53
MONDAY	93/55

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Blazing sun	Very hot	Plenty of sun	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Plenty of sun	Plenty of sun
102	104	98	82	90	91	94
64	65	55	48	54	49	50