

Institute launching journeyman electrician apprenticeship program

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Baker Technical Institute is launching a journeyman plant electrician apprenticeship program. A core requirement is to have an oversight committee that consists of journeyman electricians and industry represen-

tatives. The program also requires industry partners to offer on the job training opportunities to students to be able to meet their 8,000 hour requirement.

Both Ash Grove Cement Company and Marvin Wood Products, along with local electricians, stepped up and partnered with BTI to make this all possible.

Students in the apprenticeship program will attend class one night per week at BTI and work onsite with a journeyman electrician when not in class. Students will need to complete 576 hours of classroom work and 8,000 hours of on the job training to complete the program. BTI plans to begin classes in January.

ODF ends fire season

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The Central Oregon District of the Oregon Department of Forestry terminated the fire season Oct. 12.

Continued cool moist weather over the last few weeks has significantly reduced the fire danger within the Central Oregon District, according to a press release. Fuel conditions in Central Oregon are heavily influenced by weather patterns, and while the risk is diminished erratic winds and lack of precipitation can quickly cause a rise in fire danger.

Monitoring weather forecasts, following prevention tips such as having a shovel and water available when burning, and being aware of a fire risk will help limit wildfires this fall.

"We live and work in an environment prone to wildfires, (and) termination of fire season doesn't mean the risk of wildfires is gone," said Rob Pentzer, acting district forester for the Central Oregon District. "It means the risk is reduced to a point where we can work with landowners, operators and the public so

they can have campfires and operate chainsaws without restrictions, but are still cautious and aware of the risks."

Year-to-date the Central Oregon District has had 74 human caused fires, up over 20 percent compared to the 10-year average of 61 and up from the 65 fires in 2017. These fires have burned over 8,000 acres of land. Fires started by lightning were down by 35 percent, with only 45 fires year-to-date versus 10 ten-year average of 70.

ODF does not require burn permits for burning yard debris in the John Day Unit. Contact local fire departments to determine if a permit is necessary prior to burning. Use caution when burning yard debris, never leave a fire unattended and monitor weather forecasts before deciding to burn. A burn permit from ODF is required before burning logging slash or debris from fuel reduction activities. Contact the John Day ODF office to obtain a permit.

For more information, contact the local Oregon Department of Forestry office. Contact information is available at odfcentraloregon.com.

Delta M. Rude

May 17, 1920 – Sept. 28, 2018

Delta May Rude, 98, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed into eternity Sept. 28, at her residence in Ontario, OR, with loved ones at her side. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) at the John Day United Methodist Church, 126 NW Canton St., John Day, OR, on Friday, Oct. 26. Laypersons Sherry Feiger, Shermayne Boethin and Becky Carey will be officiating. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory in La Grande is in charge of arrangements. A meal will follow the service. Delta was born on May 17, 1920, in Ontario, Oregon to Charles L. Kelso and Nina R. Baker Kelso. She attended various schools throughout the Treasure Valley, graduating from Caldwell High in 1938. She then attended beauty school where she earned her state beautician license. Her 62-year marriage began Dec. 27, 1941, when she married Robert (Bob) Rude in Weiser, ID. They became parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy. Delta was ambitious and had several jobs during her years of employment, most notably at Grant County Bank and as secretary at Prairie City High School. She was very active in Eastern Star for 66 years and was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church and its women's group; she was a committed Christian. Following retirement, she and Bob discovered the world of golf and loved the game. She became an avid, excellent player at the John Day Golf Course and gained many friends during the time spent there. She continued to play after her move to Ontario in 2004 and made numerous new friends in the Ontario Golf Ladies Association. Her move to Ontario opened a new circle of good friends. She continued to be active in the United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star. As a volunteer in the gift shop at Holy Rosary Hospital (now St. Al's), she encountered and mastered challenges and gained friends as she enjoyed her new experience. With all of her accomplishments, her family was always her most prized. Delta's survivors include daughters, Leslie Olson (Gary), Rebecca/Beck Morgan (Ron); son, Robbie Rude; sister, Melba Shaver (Dean); grandchildren, Chris Gibson, LeAnne Flodstrom, Stephanie Navarrete, Eric & Nick Morgan, Travis & Tim Rude; 14 precious great-grandchildren; special nephew, Scott (Carol) Franks, as well as numerous other nieces and nephews, whom she loved. Preceding Delta in death, included her parents; her husband, Bob; infant son, Eric; daughter-in-law, Janet Rude; sister, Ethel Franks; and brothers, Milo, Wilbert & Orval Kelso. In lieu of flowers, Delta requested donations be made to Star Chapter #69, Order of the Eastern Star (O.E.S.). Checks made payable to Star Chapter, can be sent to: Leslie Olson, 2040 Bonnie Drive, Payette, ID 83661. Donations will then be forwarded to a state project supported by O.E.S. Family members want to express their appreciation for all those at Dorian Place Assisted Living in Ontario who made her 4.5 years as a resident very pleasant and comfortable; she was treated with respect and loving care. Thanks to her physician, Dr. John Phillips, for caring for and about her through her years in Ontario. Heart-n-Home Hospice was very helpful in the last week of her life as well. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com. *Paid for by the family of Delta Rude*



Merrill McKern



Merrill McKern was born on the family ranch west of Mt. Vernon May 20, 1920 to parents Jay and Jessie Stormer-McKern. His youth included all of the usual fun, outdoor Grant County pursuits as well as ranch chores. He graduated from Mt. Vernon High School as valedictorian in his class of nine seniors. He had a lot of help from his kid sister Wilma who was paid – occasionally – to catch his horse for him so he could ride to class in style. Merrill went to Western Oregon College in Monmouth for 2 1/3 years until Pearl Harbor. He then promptly enlisted in the Navy with buddy Dale Morris "because the line for the Marines was too long". He served as a radio operator on the submarine tender U.S.S. Fulton in Brisbane, Australia, until selected for Midshipman's School at Columbia University. After commissioning in 1943, he married Lois Bowerly of Mohawk, Oregon, in Norfolk, Virginia with sister Charlyne and her husband Jim Rutter, also a Navy officer, in attendance. He then was assigned as radio officer on the destroyer U.S.S. Fitch in Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific theaters of war, including being right off shore at Utah Beach on D-Day. He was on his ship in Tokyo Bay at war's end. Not quite sailing around the world, he missed transiting the Indian Ocean (but did not miss it much!).

After finishing his bachelor's degree at University of Oregon post war, he taught in Mt. Vernon (1948-1950) and then Eugene schools. He earned his master's degree while teaching full time and was an elementary school principal for over 25 years until retirement. He and his family were frequent visitors in Grant County over the years and his sons still own a part of the Century Farm homesteaded by his great grandparents, Wells Willcott and Eva Allen Stone. Nephew Neil and Jan Bauer own and operate most of the rest of that "since 1882" holding.

He enjoyed ocean salmon fishing on his boat at Florence, geology and rock collecting, baking lip smacking desserts such as mincemeat pie, beach combing, Jack Russell terriers and making up original puns and jokes. Merrill passed peacefully of complications of advanced age at Laurel Parc senior living center in Portland on Sept. 15 where he and his wife of 51 years had lived since 2015, previously living in Eugene.

He is survived by his wife, Joann, of Portland, and sister Wilma Bauer of Mt. Vernon. And by son Craig and daughter Kay of Eugene, son Roy of Junction City, Joann's daughters Mary and Anne of Portland; and all their spouses. In addition, by eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Charlyne Rutter, brother Melvin "Shorty" McKern, many other Grant County kin and his first wife Lois Bowerly McKern.

His remains will be placed in the columbarium at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland on Oct. 22, at 2:30 p.m. with military honors. Later memorials will be arranged for family and friends in Eugene, Florence and Mt. Vernon.

Paid for by the family of Merrill McKern

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — SEPTEMBER



Alex Finley
Grade 7
Parents: Aaron and Janita Finley



Amelia Hall
Grade 8
Parents: David and Alicia Hall



Cole Ashley
Grade 9
Parents: Lonnie and Andrea Ashley



Jacob Smith
Grade 10
Parents: Brandon and Angela Smith



Ellie Justice
Grade 11
Parents: Ken and Julia Justice



Kori Jo Girvin
Grade 12
Parents: John and Brandi Girvin

Cook hired as Malheur National Forest deputy supervisor

The Malheur National Forest has hired Leisa Cook as deputy forest supervisor.

Cook comes to the forest from her current position as the branch chief of Community Nutrition Programs, USDA Food and Nutrition Services, in Atlanta, Georgia, according to a Forest Service press release.

Cook earned her bachelor's degree in environmental health sciences along with master's degrees in business administra-



Leisa Cook

tion and public health.

"We are excited to welcome Leisa to the Malheur National Forest and Eastern Oregon," said

Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin. "Leisa brings excellent communication, leadership and conflict resolution skills to the position. She and her husband are welcome additions to the forest and local communities."

Cook will assume the role from Larry Sandoval, who will return to the Walla-Walla-Whitman National Forest upon Cook's arrival in October.

CORRECTION

Members of the winning Rally for the Cure golf scramble team were Melody Miller, Kathy Gregory, Julie Proctor and Virginia Miller. One team member's name was listed incorrectly in last week's issue. The Eagle regrets the error.



In Loving Memory HON. THOMAS MATHEW MOSGROVE

June 5, 1929 - October 7, 2018

Hon. Thomas (Tom) Mathew Mosgrove, was born June 5, 1929, to Pauline Myrick and Thomas Henderson Mosgrove in the old Walla Walla Sanitarium & Hospital, now a Whitman College dorm. He died of pancreatic cancer at home in Walla Walla surrounded by family on Oct. 7.

It was Tom's grandfather, Matthew Mosgrove, who brought the family to Oregon from Ireland in 1875 and opened the Mosgrove Mercantile stores in Milton, Athena, Dayton and Waitsburg. That Irish connection was always in Tom's heart and he made many trips there to visit relatives.

Tom grew up in Milton, OR, until the passing of his father, when he and his mother eventually moved to Pendleton, OR, where she became the Umatilla County Treasurer. Tom spent many summers working in the wheat fields and at the pea cannery. Upon graduating from Pendleton High School in 1947, he wasted no time planning a future that did not include manual labor and attended the University of Oregon with an eye toward medicine. Discovering a distinct distaste for chemistry, Tom switched to law and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1953.

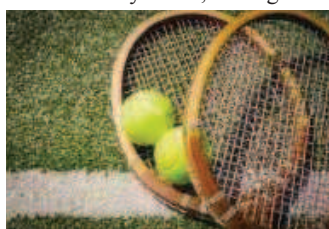
After his marriage to Carla Cunha, and a stint as 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force stationed in Dayton, OH, during the Korean War, Tom went on to practice law in Pendleton and John Day, OR. He was legal counsel to the local school board, Blue Mountain Hospital board, and the towns of John Day, Prairie City and Mount Vernon. In 1979, then Governor Vic Atiyeh appointed him to the 11th District Circuit Court. Judge Mosgrove served in that capacity in Bend, OR, until he retired in 1994 to travel, play tennis and fish at the family campsite near the Copper River in Alaska. Many delicious salmon dinners were enjoyed as a result of those Alaskan adventures.

Tom was an avid tennis player and, by the time he was 86 years old, his coverage of the tennis court had slowed but his blistering serve continued to make him a sought-after doubles partner. His love of jazz and an aptitude for making dry martinis carried through his life and was the cause for many delightful evenings with lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved sons, Matthew (Matt) Mosgrove and Douglas (Doug) Mosgrove. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jerry Marshall Mosgrove and children Shauna Mosgrove, Michelle Liberty, David Liberty and Mary Liberty-Traughber; five grandchildren, Loren and Ryan Traughber, Isaac Liberty, Asia Richardson (Ollie), Maxime Liberty-Point; three great-granddaughters and his faithful rescue dog, Cody.

A celebration of life will be held on Oct. 23 at Waterbrook Winery, 10518 W Highway 12, Walla Walla, WA, from 3-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Blue Mountain Humane Society or Walla Walla Hospice. Friends and family may send condolences or sign the online guest book at www.mountainview-colonialdewitt.com

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	51/42
WEDNESDAY	50/36
THURSDAY	57/31
FRIDAY	68/34
SATURDAY	56/33
SUNDAY	56/28
MONDAY	63/30

24/7 FORECAST

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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 17-23

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy
70	71	72	75	73	70	63
39	38	42	43	43	30	34