

ENGAGEMENTS

Stailing-Bennett

The family of Kristi Sue Bennett announces her engagement to Michael Jarred Stailing of Damariscotta, Maine. Bennett is a 2002 graduate of Grant Union High School in John Day. She worked at a horse ranch in Texas, an airline in Idaho and an insurance company in Washington, and she met Stailing during her eight years as a wildland firefighter in Oregon and Montana. Bennett now works at the Pacific Northwest Incident Support Cache in Redmond, providing logistical support to emergency incidents. Stailing is a 2006 graduate of Lincoln Academy and a 2008 graduate of Southern Maine Community College. He volunteered at Damariscotta Fire Department while completing his fire science degree before moving to the Pacific Northwest. Both Stailing and Bennett are employed by the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon. Stailing works as a firefighter on the Deschutes National Forest. Stailing is the son of Karen Fossett and Michael Stailing of Newcastle and Damariscotta, Maine. Bennett is the daughter of Penny Bennett of Terrebonne and Ed Bennett of Mt. Vernon. The wedding will be held on Dec. 29 in Terrebonne, where the couple currently resides.



OBITUARIES

Kenneth Alvin Hensley

Kenneth Alvin Hensley went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the age of 81. His gentle spirit and kind soul will be greatly missed.



Ken had big hands and a bigger heart. His extraordinary work ethic was shown from his younger years on his family's ranch, to his service in the Navy Reserves, his dairies in Bodega Bay, California, Windsor, California, and Mt. Vernon, Oregon, then the years with Les Schwab in John Day and E.O.F.F.

He was a man of integrity who worked hard and was always quick to smile and laugh. He loved people, and his genuine kindness and enthusiasm for life made him easy to love back.

Ken was born Sept. 19, 1937, in Santa Rosa, California, to Ann and Alvin Hensley and was the oldest of three children. He attended Petaluma High School where he met and fell in love with Dottie Malley. The two were married for 58 years when she passed in July of 2017; he was a devoted husband and an amazing father.

In 1969 Ken discovered his dream dairy with a river for fishing and hunting in the hills and moved the family to Mt. Vernon and then to John Day. He loved the community, the hunting and fishing.

In 2004, Ken and Dottie moved to Prineville, and for the last few months he has been cared for in Culver, Oregon, where he passed.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Dottie Hensley; son Ken Hensley; and parents Ann and Alvin Hensley.

He is survived by his sister Diane Taylor; brother Dennis (Jan) Hensley; daughter Nadine McCarty; son Tom (Melanie) Hensley; daughter Janet (Wayne) Johnston; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The family is grateful for the loving care of his caregivers at L.L. Owen Home Care and Partners in Care Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please make a gift of kindness in his memory to someone who is alone, sick or just needs a helping hand.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2019 in John Day.

Colleen Page

Colleen Page, 88, of Boise, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Dec. 13, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. A graveside service will be held on Friday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. at Fox Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fox Cemetery through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Melva Jane Heckman

Melva Jane Heckman, 80, of Canyon City died Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20, from 3-6 p.m. at Driskill Memorial Chapel. A funeral service will be held on Friday, Dec. 21, at 1 p.m. at Driskill Memorial Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Chester 'Chet' Harry Willis Jr.

Chester "Chet" Harry Willis Jr. died Nov. 25 at the age of 72 in Bend, Oregon.

Chester was born Sept. 14, 1946, in Eugene, Oregon, and considered Prairie City his hometown. Chester passed away peacefully after fighting like Superman against cancer. He was born to Chester Harry Willis and Jesse LaVerne Counts.



Nobody loved old Fords and classic country music more than Chet. He spent a lot of time fishing and loved baseball. He worked more than 30 years for the state of Oregon in Eugene and Salem.

He met his wife when he accidentally sat on her in the movie theater she worked at. Love was in the air! They married Nov. 15, 1968, in Seattle, Washington.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Aletha Willis, of Prairie City; a son Jonathan Willis of Lenexa, Kansas; a son Denis Willis of Portland, Oregon; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a huge extended family.

Funeral arrangements will be at a later date. Donations in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society, Baird Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 2425 NE Tweet Place, Bend, OR 97701.

The Chester's Elves give back to local youths



Contributed photo

The Chester's Elves, an employee-operated fund at Chester's Thriftway, donated \$3,000 collected from change drops at check stands to Families First, the Department of Human Services and the Grant County Extension. The money benefits local children.

Mt. Vernon to host Christmas tree decorating contest

By Blue Mountain Eagle

Only shatterproof ornaments will be allowed.

The city of Mt. Vernon is hosting a Christmas tree judging contest.

Trees will be available for decoration on Main Street, and the limited number can be reserved by contacting Courtney Montague, 541-932-4777 or courtney@frontierinc.org.

Trees will be judged Dec. 21 and will be on display through Dec. 29. Prizes will be awarded.

CORRECTION

In last week's Cops and Courts, an entry stated an agency received a report of sexual abuse at Grant Union High School. This was incorrect. A report of sexual abuse was received from Grant Union High School, according to Principal Ryan Gerry. The Eagle regrets the error.



Toni Fowler



Marcia Paquel



Clayton Lewis

Winner, Winner, Christmas Dinner!
Congratulations from CCS

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The family of Dave Gray would like to thank the ambulance crew, Blue Mountain Hospital, doctors and nurses, life flight, the doctors and nurses at St. Charles in Bend, Pastor Dave and all members of Prairie Baptist Church and all the community members for their cards, kind words and food during this very difficult time. Dave will be greatly missed.

Thank you,
Rose, Jenny and Family.

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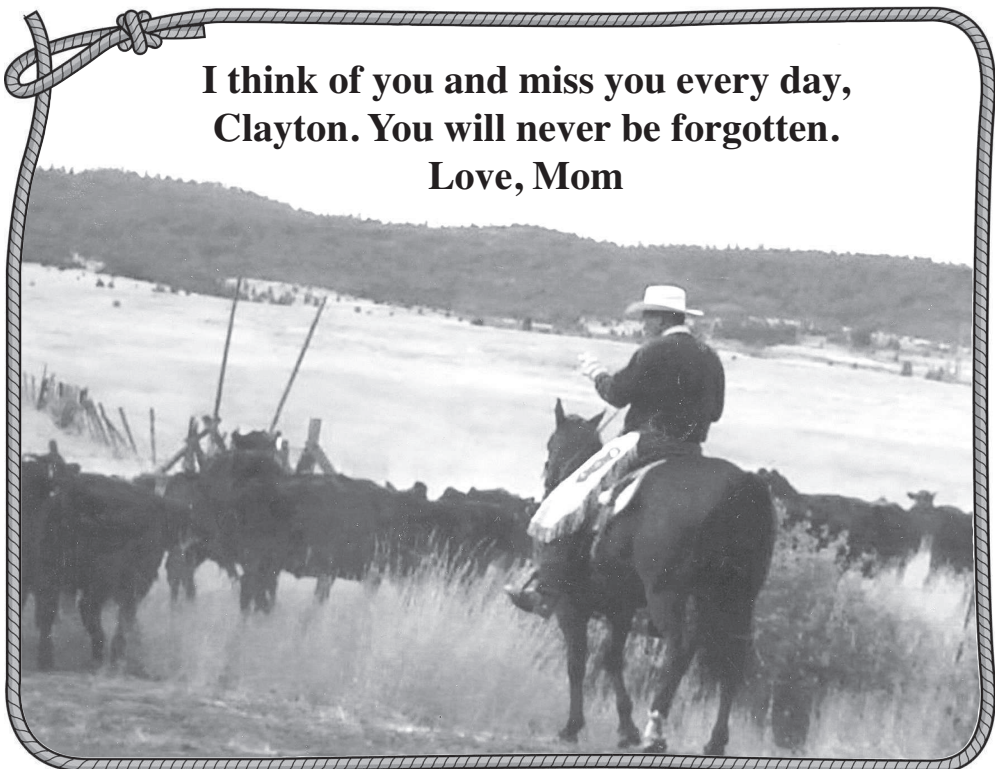
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BARGAIN MATINEE IN () Adults \$7
ALL FILMS \$8 ON TIGHTWAD TUESDAY
MOVIE SCHEDULE DEC 21- DEC 27

AQUAMAN (PG-13)
Jason Momoa. Arthur Curry learns that he is the heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis.
FRI - THURS (3:30) 6:30 9:30

MARY POPPINS RETURNS (PG)
Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.
FRI - THURS (3:45) 6:45 9:35

SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE (PG)
Miles Morales comes across the long-dead Peter Parker. With Parker's guidance, Miles will become Spider-Man; and through that he will become part of the ever-expanding 'Spider-Verse'
FRI - THURS (4:00) 7:00 9:40
\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

I think of you and miss you every day,
Clayton. You will never be forgotten.
Love, Mom



Wishing you the Peace and Joy of the Christmas Season. Best wishes for 2019 from your friends at Eastern Oregon Realty. Jerry, Michal, Lindsey, Traci, Deann and Jo.



Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	43/27
Wednesday	39/28
Thursday	44/26
Friday	48/31
Saturday	47/32
Sunday	54/42
Monday	48/36

24/7 Forecast

Automated: 541-575-1122
Road conditions: 511; tripcheck.com
NOAA Weather Radio for John Day
162.500 MHz

Weather Forecast for the week of Dec. 19-25

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
44	46	37	39	41	38	36
38	30	25	34	37	22	19