

OBITUARIES

Edith Gooding

Edith Gooding, 96, of John Day passed away Saturday, March 30, at her residence. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 5, at 2 p.m. at Driskill Memorial Chapel. To leave an online condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Colleen Rae Conlee

Sept. 2, 1956 — March 24, 2019



Colleen Rae Conlee, 62, of John Day, Oregon, died Sunday, March 24, at her home following a battle with cancer. She was laid to rest on Saturday, March 30, at St. Andrew's Catholic Cemetery.

Colleen was born Sept. 2, 1956, in John Day. She graduated from Grant Union High School in 1974 and attended Eastern Oregon University. Colleen married W. Kim Conlee on July 10, 1976.

She worked briefly at Western States Equipment and Gardner Enterprises followed by a 30-year career as an office coordinator with the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Although Colleen had no children of her own, she loved to dote on all her nieces and nephews, Travis, Ian, Riley, Megan, Sylvia, John, Rachel, Cody, Leslie, Amanda and Sydni. The tradition continued with her 16 great-nieces and nephews.

Colleen enjoyed camping at Big Creek with her husband, Kim, celebrating birthdays and holidays and making lasting memories with family and friends. She was a talented crafter and interior decorator, creating a warm and inviting magazine-worthy home that she openly welcomed everyone into.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Kim Conlee, of John Day; mother, Joyce, of Canyon City, Oregon; brother Mike (Lisa) Hendricks of Coos Bay, Oregon; sister Karla (Dan) Averett of Canyon City, Oregon; father-in-law, Alva (Marge) Conlee, of John Day; brother-in-law Dale (Nancy) Conlee of Prineville, Oregon; and sister-in-law Laura (Jerry) Gill of Mt. Vernon, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her father, Herman, and mother-in-law, Helen.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Elks Children's Eye Clinic or Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

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Leray 'Ray' Huff

March 16, 1943 — March 27, 2019

Leray "Ray" Huff, 76, passed away March 27 in Vale after a valiant nine-year battle with cancer. Services will be held at 11 a.m. April 5 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Vale. Visitation is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Procession will leave at 1 p.m. from the Vale church to New Plymouth, Idaho, cemetery. Interment is at 2 p.m.

Ray was born on March 16, 1943, in Gooding, Idaho, to Elmer and Eleanor Huff. He was the oldest of seven children. He grew up working on his parent's dairy farm in New Plymouth, Idaho, and attended New Plymouth schools, graduating from New Plymouth High School in 1961. He attended University of Idaho from 1961-1963. Ray served a church mission from 1963-1965 in the Eastern States Mission (USA) and was assigned to serve at the New York City World's Fair. After his mission, he returned to the University of Idaho and received a BS Degree in ag management, dairy science and public health in 1968. He was the environmental health director for Malheur County Health Department in Vale and also worked in Grant, Harney and Baker counties and the Southwest Idaho District Health Department.

Ray married Coralie Richards on Dec. 16, 1966, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

He served in many church callings including the Boise and Meridian, Idaho, temples.

Leray is survived by his wife, Coralie, Vale; children, Anjanette (Craig) Cude, Twin Falls, Idaho, Tirza Ross, Ontario, Andrea, Pocatello, Idaho, Erin (Ron) Sorenson, Bluffdale, Utah, Farrah (Wayne) Chastain, Baker City, and Hayden Huff, Meridian, Idaho; siblings Joyce (Bruce) DeGraff, Payette, Idaho, Arlene (John) Bartlett, Las Vegas, Nevada, Elroy (Edith) Huff, Nampa, Idaho, and Gary (Elaine) Huff, Kimberly, Idaho. Ray was blessed with 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy (twin brother), Dennis (brother) and Lael (son).

Joe Wolter horse clinic returns May 31

By Blue Mountain Eagle
Joe Wolter will be back in John Day for the sixth straight year to conduct a horsemanship and cow-working clinic at the Grant County Fairgrounds May 31 to June 2.

One of the most sought-after trainers working today, Wolter travels all over the world conducting clinics but says he always looks forward to John Day.

"It's one of my favorite clinics," he said in a press release. "The fairgrounds is great and everyone is so friendly and welcoming, plus there's just a lot of good horse people that seem to show up for this one."

Wolter began his career working for the renowned horseman Ray Hunt on the Soldier Meadows Ranch in Nevada. Later, he joined with legendary roper and rawhide braider Bill Dorrance to conduct the first ranch roping clinics, and also worked with Dorrance's



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Participants in a previous horse clinic learn from master trainer Joe Wolter, who will host another clinic May 31 to June 2 in John Day.

brother, master horseman Tom Dorrance. Both men were originally from Wal-lowa County.

He went on to train horses for the famed 6666 Ranch in Texas, as well as the Texas division of the Oxbow Ranch. His winnings include numerous versatility ranch horse competitions and ranch roping events. He has been a judge for the Road to the Horse, World

Championship Colt Starting Competition in Lexington, Kentucky. He's also a ranch roping judge at the annual Will James Roundup in Hardin, Montana, and a featured presenter at the Legacy of Legends annual gathering in Fort Worth, Texas.

"We're so fortunate to have someone of Joe's caliber coming to Grant County," said clinic sponsor Patti Hudson of Long Creek.

"I have riders signed up from all over Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California, but I would really like to see more locals take advantage of this opportunity right here in their backyard."

A few openings remain in both classes, and anyone interested in riding in the clinic should contact Hudson as soon as possible to be sure of a spot. Auditors are also welcome at a cost of \$30 per day. Admission is free to 4-H and FFA members. Toni Clark's Chuck Wagon from Long Creek will serve a trip-tit dinner to participants on Saturday night.

"It's just a great opportunity for horse folks from all over to get together, have a good time and learn from one of the best," Hudson said.

For more information about the clinic, contact Patti Hudson at patti@pattihudson.com or 541-620-1951. To learn more about Wolter, visit joewolter.com.

EAGLE ON VACATION

Monument Flying Tigers visit Iceland



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Monument School's Flying Tigers Club took the Eagle on vacation to Iceland. From left, Mark Thomas, Kristi Emerson, Donovan Schafer, Kyla Emerson, Jeff Schafer, Shawnah Schafer, Faythe Schafer, Chuck Thomas and Bailey Thomas pose in front of Seljalandsfoss Falls March 27.



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The Grant/Harney County CASA organization held their St. Patrick's Day dinner March 15 at the John Day Elks Lodge.

CASA goes 'over the rainbow' with benefit dinner

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant-Harney County CASA has been celebrating the program with a St. Patrick's Day benefit dinner for three years now, and Executive Director Hannah Hinman said this year was another success.

"We are incredibly grateful to be able to share that the third annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Auction raised \$14,642 to support Grant-Harney County CASA's advocacy for neglected and abused children," she said. "It is really impressive how generous and supportive this community is."

She said they were completely sold out for the March 15 dinner with 128 tickets sold, and 37 businesses donated to their live and silent auctions headed up by emcee and auctioneer Jack Southworth. Prairie City FFA members also assisted with the auction and served dinner, and Jeff Meyerholz was the DJ for the evening.

Hinman said the event is not only their most important

fundraiser, but also allows them to share their work with community stakeholders.

"We were excited to report on significant accomplishments since this time last year, including bringing our staffing from .75 to 2.0 FTE by hiring a full-time Harney County program coordinator and training and swearing in 15 new CASAs," Hinman said, noting that 10 CASAs were sworn in for November.

Despite training so many new Court Appointed Special Advocates, she said they are still unable to serve more than 50 percent of the children in care in their jurisdiction.

"We know we have more to do and are eager to continue putting this community's support to work for vulnerable children by increasing the numbers of children we serve and improving the quality of our advocacy," Hinman said.

Anyone interested in learning more about the organization or becoming a volunteer can visit grantharneycasa.org, email info@grantharneycasa.org or call 541-575-5574.

Dale Martin passed away Nov. 8, 2015 at the age of 76. Dale was raised just a few miles outside of Long Creek at his parents, Herb and Nelda Martin's Ranch. His brother, Jerry Martin, and his parents, Nelda and Herb Martin, preceded him in death. He is survived by his sisters, Connie and Marla. He graduated from Long Creek High School.

After high school he went on to college; upon graduation, he worked in The Peace Corps. He adopted four children from some of the South American Countries that he was stationed at in the Peace Corps. Dale helped them and others by paying their way thru college and helping with their day-to-day needs. He worked as a teacher in San Francisco for many years and came home to Long Creek to help care for his elderly parents. When his father, Herb, had to go into a nursing facility, he stayed in Long Creek and took care of his mother, Nelda, for many years. Dale is fondly remembered for his love of flowers, animals (he used to teach 4-H for many years), music and AVON (his mother sold AVON for many years and when she became ill, Dale continued selling AVON for her for many years).

Dale also loved a good joke, baking (he still had his grandmothers sourdough starter) and games; he loved to play cards and Bunco with friends. He had a strong sense of community and could often be seen at most community functions. He put on the Long Creek Timber Fest, which, all agreed, was hugely successful and good fun. He was very proud of all his family members and loved to talk about the very many happy memories he had of growing up on the ranch with his parents, brother and sisters. He absolutely loved growing up in Long Creek and loved the many opportunities that one can only experience growing up in the country in a small town. He loved gossip, the dances, the rodeos, the school projects, 4-H, going horseback riding, chasing butterflies, and going to potlucks where all the women in the area, which he swore were the best cooks in the world, brought all their favorite secret recipes; none of the old women would tell you how they made them. He loved going to ball games, and the pride of getting his first gun; he loved picking huckleberries up in the mountains on a beautiful summer day. Dale was unique, funny, loving, generous, thrifty and sharp as a tack; he is greatly missed.

Paid for by the family of Dale Martin.

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	55/38
Wednesday	54/36
Thursday.....	48/33
Friday.....	52/32
Saturday.....	56/32
Sunday.....	60/32
Monday.....	55/40

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3-9

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cloudy with light showers	Cloudy with showers	Cloudy with light showers	Cloudy with evening showers	Mostly cloudy with showers	Chance of showers	Cloudy
58	58	52	52	57	60	65
43	42	39	41	44	31	31