

Passport to Fun



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Bud Irwin shows Payton Whitmore how to pan for gold at the Canyon City park on March 28 during the Passport to Fun activity day. Other stations included arts and crafts, a STEM activity, kids yoga, a display of fossil replicas and more. Passport to Fun, held during the week of spring break, gave children, ages 7-12, and their parents or guardians an opportunity to explore the local museums which had special events for the visitors. Peggy Murphy, curator of the Grant County Historical Museum in Canyon City, organized the event along with several volunteers.

AmeriCorps crew coming to Malheur National Forest

Blue Mountain Eagle

From April 24 to Aug. 27, a nine-person crew from AmeriCorps will be coming to work on the Malheur National Forest. Crew mem-

bers range in age from 18-24.

Each year, AmeriCorps crews work for 10 months on about five projects, including the Malheur National Forest. The crews will work with fire and fuels employ-

ees and assist other project areas throughout the forest.

AmeriCorps projects allow members to engage youth, clean up trails, fight and prevent wildfires and help communities.

BEO Bancorp first quarter earnings up from last year

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BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced first quarter 2019 consolidated net income of \$1,094,000 or \$0.92 per share, compared to \$758,000 or \$0.64 per share for first quarter 2018. Total assets were \$468.2 million, up 19.9 percent year over year. Net loans of \$340.1 million were up 8.7 percent from the same period in 2018, while deposits were at \$421.6 million, up 20.6 percent year over year.

“There were a few non-ordinary events that occurred during the quarter,” said President and CEO Jeff Bailey in a press release. “The purchase of the four former-Umpqua branches in Washington was completed, and expenses

associated with that transaction hit the books. This was offset by a substantial recovery of a troubled asset. The bottom line is that firstst quarter was a very good start to 2019 from a net income standpoint.”

Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said shareholder equity is up 9.7 percent over the past year.

“The interest rate environment has been interesting,” he said. “While the U.S. economy seems to be doing relatively well, the world economy raises some concerns. The Federal Reserve has gone from an expectation of continued rate increases in 2019 to a wait and see approach. Deferred rates have dropped dramatically over the past few months.”

Chief Operations Officer Gary

Propheter said, even without the bump in deposits associated with the new branches, which amounted to approximately \$40 million, organic growth would have been just over 8 percent year over year. Loans purchased with the branch relationships amounted to about \$3 million, so organic growth in loans was also up about 8.5 percent, he said.

“The late spring snows in much of our trade area delayed spring field work, but the moisture is welcomed,” Bailey said. “This, coupled with a better renewal season for our ag customers than we have seen for the past few years, makes me cautiously optimistic about our ag areas for 2019.”

For more information, visit beo-bank.com.

OBITUARIES

David Ernest King

Dec. 22, 1929 — April 6, 2019

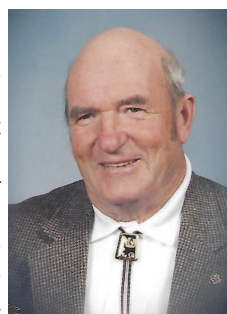
David Ernest King, age 89, of Baker City, Oregon, and formerly of John Day, Oregon, passed away on April 6 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 13, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Baker City.

David was born on Dec. 22, 1929, in Baker City to William King and Beatrice VanCleave. He attended Big Flat Grade School and Aumsville High School. On June 1, 1951, David married Shirley Dimmick in Baker City. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, John Day Volunteer Ambulance and John Day Police Reserve. David enjoyed cutting wood, hunting, camping, fishing and tinkering in the garage.

David is survived by his wife, Shirley King, of Baker City; daughters, Karen Carriere of Baker City and Linda (Don) Wright of Madras, Oregon; son, Gary King, of Baker City; grandsons, Bradford (Molly) of Hawaii and Daniel (Rebecca) of Culver, Oregon; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and four sisters. Memorial contributions in memory of David can be made to the charity of one's choice or The Gideons through Gray's West & Company at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit grayswestco.com.



Allen Eugene Chappell

Allen Eugene Chappell, age 68, of Fox, Oregon, passed away Sunday, April 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Kelly McGirr. A celebration of his life will be planned and announced in the coming months. To offer online condolences to his family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Patrick Lee

Patrick Lee passed away in Reno, Nevada, on Feb. 8. A memorial and celebration of life will be held on May 4 at 1 p.m. at 54778 Happy Valley Lane, Mt. Vernon, Oregon (the former Happy Valley Ranch). Meat and some sides will be provided by the family. Please come and share your stories with family and friends. Contact Kathleen if you need directions, 541-620-0378.

Marcia Jean 'Mackie' (McKern) Griffith

July 19, 1941 – March 5, 2019

At 77 years old, our beloved mother went to be with our Lord Jesus on March 5, surrounded by her family. She was born on July 19, 1941, in Mt. Vernon, Oregon. Growing up, she loved helping her daddy on the farm; she moved to Wenatchee, Washington, at the age of 13 and later met and married Russell Lee Griffith and raised six children.

Mackie loved being outdoors and enjoyed camping, riding her bike or walking on the loop trail and attending annual Rod Run car shows with her husband. She played as catcher for the women's softball teams, and for the over 50 Jack and Jill teams. She loved watching the Mariners play ball, often yelling at the TV as if she were at the game. Mackie enjoyed spending time with her sisters and taking road trips to see the Montana family. She was well loved and kept us all laughing. She showed all of us how to hold on when life didn't go as planned. She was a caring, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and her face always brightened whenever she was spending time with her family.

When she was told by the doctors that there was nothing more they could do, she bravely responded, “If I've got to go, I got to go” and later said, “I love you so much, I'll see you on the other side.”

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Russell Griffith; and her sister, Janice Scott. She is survived by two sisters, Judy Ford and Mary Harris; her children, Donna Fritz, Rick Griffith, Sheila Walters, Lanny Griffith, Tami Jameson and Rachele Olin; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Our mother requested a graveside service, which was held Monday, April 8, at Evergreen Memorial Park in East Wenatchee.

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Thank You

It is with abundant gratitude that the Freshour family would like to recognize members of the John Day community for their care of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, Jeanne Freshour. She left this life Friday, April 5th at Blue Mountain Hospital. We would like to thank Dr. Hall, the nursing staff, and all the wonderful staff at the hospital who gave special care to Jeanne. A thank you as well to the great many friends and church members who visited, sang, prayed, and provided food, lodging, and comfort. The love of this community is appreciated during this difficult time.

-Gene Freshour and family

Attend a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Dinner and Benefit Auction

Where fun and fund-raising combine for a memorable evening.

Date: Saturday, April 20
Time: 4:00—Doors open
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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	43/36
Wednesday	48/35
Thursday.....	48/37
Friday.....	52/39
Saturday.....	60/36
Sunday.....	44/38
Monday.....	53/33

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 APRIL 17-23

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Light showers	Times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Sun and clouds	Light showers possible
63	75	65	58	65	69	66
40	45	36	32	37	36	31