

# Nelson earns Ph.D. in nuclear engineering

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Noel Nelson, Grant Union High School valedictorian of 2008, earned a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State.

Nelson, who finished his doctorate in fall 2018, participated in the spring 2019 commencement ceremony.

His dissertation was titled "Validation and Uncertainty Quantification of the Data Integration with Modeled Predictions (DIMP) Inverse Radiation Transport Model for Holdup Measurements."

His father, Bryan Nelson, said holdup — a deposit of radioactive material that typically builds up over time in processing equipment at nuclear fuel fabrication facilities — must be tracked for nuclear security and radiological safety reasons.

Noel Nelson dedicated his master's thesis and doctoral dissertation to the loving memory of his mother, Deanna Nelson, who passed away just before his high school graduation ceremony.



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**Noel Nelson, left, stands with his father, Bryan Nelson, after earning a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University.**

She always encouraged him to follow his dreams and do his best, Bryan Nelson said.

The recent graduate is already employed as a nuclear safety engineer

with the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office at the Oak Ridge Reservation in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

# Culvert work will close Forest Road 15

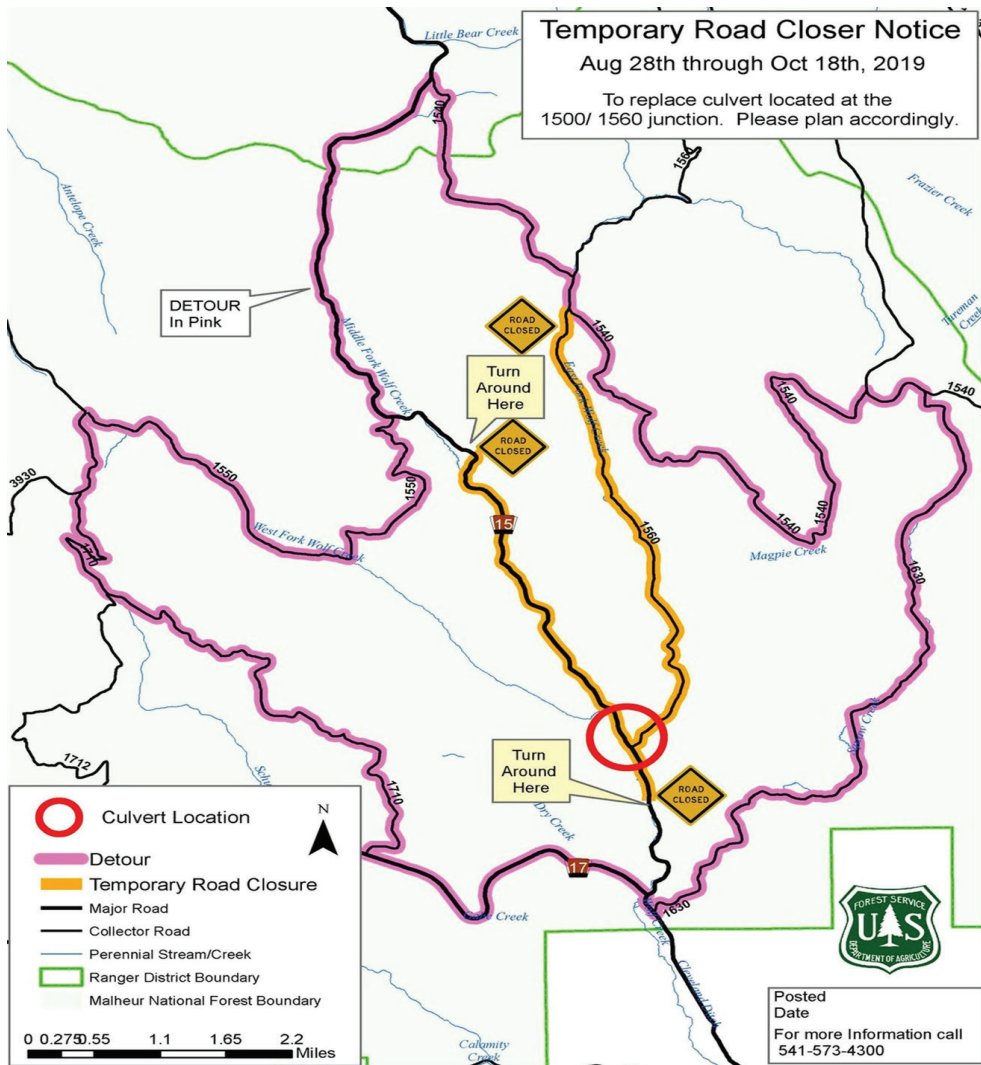
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The Emigrant Creek aquatics staff have announced a temporary road closure on Forest Road 1500. The closure will be in place Aug. 28 through Oct. 18.

The closure is part of the East Fork Wolf Creek Culvert Replacement project and will be in effect to replace a culvert on the East Fork Wolf Creek. The culvert replacement will improve sediment transport, retain hydrologic connectivity and protect water quality, critical to maintaining resilient stream and riparian habitat that sustains water and forage for multiple uses.

Multiple detour routes have been established to allow visitors access to the area. Be prepared for heavy equipment moving in and out of the area during the work period.

For more information, contact Howard Richburg at 541-573-4322.



## 60TH ANNIVERSARY

### Jack and Katie Johns

Jack and Katie (Herburger) Johns are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Fox School House in Fox. Cake and refreshments will be provided. The daughters of the couple invite family and friends to join this celebration. The couple requests no gifts.



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# Forest Service reopens Big Creek Trail 3151

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Forest Service officials on the North Fork John Day Ranger District have reopened the portion of Big Creek Trail 3151 that was closed in July due to an unsafe bridge that crosses Big Creek approximately a mile and a half uphill from the North Fork John Day River Trail.

The bridge supports were completely rotted, making the bridge unstable and prompting the temporary trail closure. Forest Service employees have established a safe

stream crossing downstream of the bridge, allowing the trail to be reopened for public access. The trail is suitable for pack and saddle horse use and may require hikers to wade through shallow water at late summer and fall low stream flows.

For more information, contact the North Fork John Day Ranger District at 541-427-3231. For a list of trails on the Umatilla National Forest, visit fs.usda.gov/umatilla or download the Pacific Northwest Forests app onto a mobile device.

# Upper crust: Fair's pie contest winners announced

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Winners of the Grant County Fair Pie Contest include Dalena Norton, who won first place for her double crust pie in the adult division; Tiffnie Schmadeka, who won first place for her single crust pie in the adult division; and Grayson Schmadeka, who won first in the youth division for his pie.

# SMART seeking reading volunteers in Prairie City and Long Creek

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SMART Reading is kicking off its 28th year of providing shared reading time and books to kids in Oregon with a campaign to find local volunteers who want to give just one hour a week to read with pre-kindergarten through third-grade students at elementary schools in Prairie City and Long Creek.

Over 95% of students who participate in SMART show improvement in measures of literacy development, vocabulary and reading enjoyment. With the help of 15 volunteers, SMART plans to serve over 40 children in Pra-

irie City and Long Creek this year.

The aim is to help foster a love of reading in children, as well as provide them with books to keep and read with their families.

"SMART Reading volunteers are critical to making our program happen," said SMART Area Manager Jennifer Zardinejad. "Without reading volunteers, our program simply would not exist."

Volunteers have been at the heart of SMART's work since its founding 28 years ago, and are critical to the success of its mission. To learn more, call 541-797-7726 or visit smar-treading.org.

## OBITUARIES

### Charles 'Chuck' Corwin

Charles "Chuck" Corwin, 95, of John Day passed away June 26 at Valley View Assisted Living. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Canyon City Cemetery.

A gathering will follow at daughter Lynda Christensen's house.



### Carol Ann Kilpatrick

Carol Ann Kilpatrick, 69, died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday night at her home in Beaverton, surrounded by her family. Memorial information as well as a full obituary will be released at a later date.

The Monument 4th of July Fun Festival would like to thank all the volunteers, participants, visitors, the Grant County Chamber of Commerce and the following businesses and people for supporting our 2019 event: Gibco, Mill's Building Supply, Rose Howe, Ed Staub & Sons, Ciochetti family, John Day Golf Club, Mosier's Home Furnishings, Les Schwab Tires, Doug's Auto, Pioneer Feed, NAPA Auto Parts, JD Rents, Nydam's Ace Hardware, Roger Lawrence, Radio Shack, A.K. Moss, Chester's Thriftway, John Day True Value, Grant County Republicans, Apricot Apiaries, Windwave Communications, Inland Machinery Company and those who donated desserts.



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### Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	96/56
Wednesday	88/56
Thursday	78/56
Friday	86/50
Saturday	89/54
Sunday	80/54
Monday	84/47

**24/7 FORECAST**  
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 ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM  
 NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY  
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### WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 28-SEPT. 3

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunshine	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
<b>98</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>