

# Friends rally around family who lost infant in crash

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**Christy and Derrick Erickson of La Grande lost their 4-month-old baby, Jordy, on Wednesday after a crash on Highway 82 in Wallowa County.**

Friends of the Eastern Oregon family whose infant died in a crash this week are spreading the word about ways people can help.

Christy and Derrick Erickson of La Grande lost their 4-month-old baby Jordy Erickson on Sept. 11, after a crash on Highway 82 in Wallowa County.

Jessica McCallister, Jordy's godmother, said the family is devastated. She started a GoFundMe campaign online to collect money to help with costs they will face, including funeral expenses, a new vehicle, time off work and medical bills for their 2-year-old son who was

field and now lives in Union, said she was thrilled when the Ericksons asked her to be Jordy's godmother, knowing that she is unable to have children of her own.

"They wanted to offer me the honor of loving a child," she said. "I promised them I would do anything for him."

She was out of state when Christy went into labor, but hopped on a plane immediately and made it in time for his birth. She said it is difficult losing him so soon, but nothing compared to what his parents are experiencing.

People can donate to the family through the GoFundMe online at bit.ly/2ITzFIq or donate to an account set up in the Erickson family's name at any Community Bank.

Candace Salim, another family friend, is organizing a dinner to collect donations for the family on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the American Legion building at 301 Fir St. in La Grande. Salim said she is asking people to donate spaghetti, salads and desserts for the dinner. There will be photos of Jordy and a journal where people can write notes of condolence for the family.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. for people to drop off food, and the dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with food for the dinner can call 541-910-3991.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Daniel's Knopp Crematory in La Grande.

## OBITUARIES

### Wynton Gerald Shaw

Jan. 10, 1929 – Sept. 1, 2019

Wynton Gerald Shaw, 90, of Long Creek passed away on Sept. 1.

Born to Gerald and Della Shaw in Long Creek, Oregon, Wynton was the eldest of five children.

Dr. Shaw is survived by his wife of 69 years, Darlene; two sisters, Sarah Spaulding and Marcene Halverson; three children, Doreen Shaw-Wentland, Dyanne Cogley and Robert Shaw; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janelle Teichman; brother, Melvin Shaw; and sister, Carol Morrill.

Dr. Shaw practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 31 years at Palomar Hospital, delivering over 10,000 babies during his career.

Dr. Shaw will forever be remembered as a Christian gentleman who loved God and family. Our lives have been blessed by knowing Dr. Shaw.

A Celebration of Life Sabbath will take place on Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Escondido Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1305 Deodar Road, Escondido, CA 92026.



### Arlot James Jewell

Nov. 7, 1962 – Sept. 14, 2019

Arlot James Jewell was born in Heppner, Oregon, and passed away at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Oregon.

A celebration of life will be held at the Jewell Family Ranch, 45712 Highway 402, Kimberly, Oregon, on Sept. 28 at 1 p.m.

## Mt. Vernon artist places first at Art at the Crossroads

Blue Mountain Eagle

A Mt. Vernon artist took home a top honor at the annual open regional show Art at the Crossroads.

Carrie Bellinger placed first in the two-dimensional category for her acrylic painting "It's a Beautiful Day."

People can view the art from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays through Sept. 28 at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City.

"There are so many talented artists in our area, and it is wonderful to share their work here at Crossroads with everyone who stops in," said Community Art Director Crystal Rainwater. "It's thrilling to showcase the community pride within Crossroads through the medium of art."

The annual exhibit was judged by Kirsten Furlong, a gallery director and lecturer at Boise State University. Crossroads received 136 pieces of art work submitted by 53 local and regional artists, including watercolor, oil, acrylic, clay, photography, pastel, wood, metal, jewelry of various materials, bronze, mixed media and various repurposed materials.

Best of Show was awarded to Boise artist Laurel Macdonald for her linocut print "Nature Girl."

The People's Choice award was presented to Cindy Frazier of Baker City for her pastel drawing "Taking a Break."

The Northwest Pastel Society award was presented to Bonnie Zahn Griffith of Meridian, Idaho, for her pastel drawing "Resilience."



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**This acrylic painting 'It's a Beautiful Day' by Carrie Bellinger of Mt. Vernon earned first place in the two-dimensional category at Art at the Crossroads in Baker City. It will be on display there through Sept. 28.**

In the three-dimensional category, first place was awarded to Robert Anders for his untitled tree motif bronze bowl, and second place was awarded to Stephen Wadner of Union for his "Conversation Piece" made of repurposed materials.

For the two-dimensional category, Abbey Prevot of Beaverton took second place for her egg tempera and gold leaf painting "Smoke in the Gorge."

Honorable mention was awarded to John Clement of Kennewick, Washington, for his photograph "Wisdom Barn-



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**Laurel Macdonald of Boise, Idaho, won Best of Show at Art at the Crossroads with this linocut print 'Nature Girl.'**

1890"; Genie Sue Weppner of Boise, Idaho, for her raku ceramics "Poppy Seed Pot"; Laurel Macdonald of Boise for her linocut print "Rainbow Bouquet"; and Sarah Fry of Haines for her oil painting "All-American."

Receiving honorable mention from Baker City were Tom Clement and his wood, stone and metal sculpture "Gnarly Brown"; Robert Anders' untitled bronze bowl; "The Gatherer" of found wood by Michael Meyer; Nancy Coffelt and her acrylic painting of "Skyward"; John W. Anderson and his watercolor painting of "The Rescue"; and Hillery Lay's "The Forest" made of mixed media.

## Lightly used donations wanted at Ye Old Thrift Shoppe

Blue Mountain Eagle

Ye Old Thrift Shoppe in John Day has been a source for treasured finds for years, and volunteers at the store would like to announce that lightly used, salable items are what they look for in donations.

Thrift shop manager Bev Petersen has volunteered at the thrift store, adjacent to the United Methodist Church, for 17 years.

She said recently they've seen an uptick in dropped off donations that are less than desirable, including boxes of discarded school books, large items they don't have room for, even a dead chicken in a pet carrier.

Some are "dumping all their items from yard sales or estates, and not sorting through to find what can be used in the thrift shop," Petersen said. "They're not being considerate."

She said she and the 25 other volunteers who sort through and ready the items for sale do appreciate donations such as clean clothing, shoes, dishes, small household items, games, etc.

Proceeds from the

thrift store sales benefit CASA, Families First Parent Resource Center and the local food banks. They also help families in need, including victims of disasters, such as house fires, and they support the local schools' Coats for Kids. They also enjoy keeping their prices low, Petersen said.

"We do a lot of good in the community, and provide a service (with) usable clothing and other items," she said, adding it costs the thrift shop helpers their time and takes money away from the good causes the store supports when they have to pay for loads of garbage to be taken away.

People can drop off items that are in good condition in the space near the front door of the thrift shop, located at 126 NW Cantor St.

When the door to that area is closed, it means they are not accepting donations at that time.

If anyone has questions about donations, they can reach the thrift store at 541-575-0772 or visit when the store is open on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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### Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday .....	65/44
Wednesday .....	71/46
Thursday.....	82/47
Friday.....	81/54
Saturday.....	87/50
Sunday.....	87/52
Monday.....	56/47

24/7 FORECAST  
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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY  
162.500 MHZ

### WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 18-24

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rainy	Partly sunny with showers	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Cloudy	Mostly sunny	Sunny
60	60	62	70	65	66	74
45	44	44	49	45	35	36