

# Children enjoy Halloween activities

By Rudy Diaz  
Blue Mountain Eagle

A robot glowing with green lights, vampires, werewolves, and other monsters ruled the night during the Oct. 30 kids party at the John Day Elks Lodge.

"So far I like it, and the kids are having fun," said Karl Varenhorst, a father who brought a werewolf to the event. "We are happy, and it's important that the kids are happy too."

Logan Varenhorst, 6, enjoyed the event with games like the difficult to beat claw machine, mini bowling, throwing a bean bag to knock down a tower and more.

"Things are going good," Logan said. "Halloween is my favorite, and I am going to be a skeleton next Halloween."

Instead of charging a price of admission, the Elks Lodge accepted cans and donations, which will go to the food bank according to Tom Winters, the Lodge Officer and Committee Chairman and organizer of the event.

Cathy Currey collected the donations.

"I used to teach school,



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**Grant County Search and Rescue member Cindy Lemcke offers candy to trick-or-treater Clive Northway at the Canyon City Fire Hall on Halloween. In back, from left, Blue Mountain Hospital District paramedic Sam Utley, EMT-Intermediate Johni Lee and SAR member Kim Kell.**

and I do this so I can see all the kids I used to teach bring their kids," Currey said.

Everett Silva, 4, caught the eye of many spectators with his robot costume that shined with a green aura. Joel Silva, his father, made the costume, which took about 3-4 hours to put together.

"It's neat having a community event because the Elks are very community oriented, and it's fun to see all these little kids in their costumes having fun and playing and for us being able

to provide them with that," Winters said.

Numerous events were held around the county on Halloween night, including a free haunted house sponsored by the Canyon City Volunteer Fire Department at the community hall.

Next door at the Canyon City Fire Hall, volunteer firefighters, members of Grant County Search and Rescue and emergency responders from Blue Mountain Hospital District handed out candy to trick-or-treaters.



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**Pippa Kowing, 1, has a blast at the Elks Lodge Halloween party dressed as a lion.**



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**One of many spooks provided a fun, frightening moment going through the free haunted house at the Canyon City Community Hall sponsored by the Canyon City Volunteer Fire Department.**

# Cow Fire area reopened

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Malheur National Forest officials have rescinded the closure order following the Cow Fire, southeast of Prairie City.

This area included roads west of Forest Road 13, roads east of Forest Road 1665, Sheep Creek Trail 371 and Horseshoe Trail 363, and the entire Elk Creek Campground, according to a press release.

Forest visitors should be cautious when entering a recently burned area and be aware of increased hazards, particularly snags (which are recently burned or dead trees). Forest officials ask that visitors do not camp or hang out in a burned area.

Dead or dying trees that remain standing after a fire are unstable, especially in high winds. Loose rocks

and logs can be present in a burned area and are unpredictable, creating a falling hazard.

Additionally, burned vegetation can also contribute to landslides, mudslides and erosion when rain occurs. The ground in a burned area can also be unstable, due to burned-out roots beneath the surface. After soils and vegetation have been charred, rainfall that would normally be absorbed could run off extremely quickly.

Prescribed burning activities are continuing, and the Malheur National Forest wants all forest visitors to have a positive and safe experience while recreating on their public lands.

For more information contact the Forest Supervisor's Office at 541-575-3000 or visit fs.usda.gov/malheur.

## OBITUARIES

### Betty Zimmerman

Betty Zimmerman passed away at her home on Oct. 27. She was preceded in death by her longtime partner, Jackie Harris, and brother, Edmond "Sonny" Zimmerman. She is survived by her two children, Elmer Kruchten Jr. of Las Vegas, Nevada, and her daughter, Linda "Zip" Gabriel; as well as her sister, Sharon (Zimmerman) Kramer; and two grandchildren, Brandon Kruchten and Lianne Kruchten. Betty worked for John Day's U.S. Bank for 35 years where she retired. She then returned to work at the adjacent liquor store.

A celebration of life was held at her home in Mt. Vernon on Nov. 2. Her family would like to thank all of those who attended or called to offer condolences. Special thanks to Patty Ross, Kelly and Lori Stokes, Pearl Lingefeld and Shawn Duncan from the Squeeze-In Café.

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# October was the coldest on record

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It was the coldest October on record.

Temperatures in John Day averaged much colder than normal during the month of October, according to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton.

The average temperature was 40.5 degrees, which was

8.9 degrees below normal. The previous coldest was 43.3 degrees in 2013.

High temperatures averaged 55.5 degrees, which was 9.9 degrees below normal. The highest was 72 degrees on Oct. 23.

Low temperatures averaged 25.6 degrees, which was 7.8 degrees below normal. The lowest was 8 degrees on Oct. 30.

There were 26 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.44 inches during October, which was 0.55 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on six days with the heaviest, 0.19 inches, reported on Oct. 17.

Precipitation this year has reached 10.15 inches, which is 0.43 inches below normal.

The outlook for November from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near- to below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day fall from 57 degrees at the start of November to 44 degrees at the end of November. Normal lows fall from 31 degrees to 25 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.35 inches.

## SKI SWAP

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**  
Riviera Activity Center at 2nd & Y Ave., La Grande

**SALE 12:30 - 3:30**  
Equipment Check In 9:00 - 12:00 Equipment Pickup/Payout 4:00 - 5:00

**New and Used Equipment**

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**Warren Miller's New Movie - Timeless**  
When: Friday, Nov. 15. Doors at 6PM, show starts 6:30PM  
Where: EOU Zabel Hal, Lewis Auditorium, Rm 101  
Cost: \$5 Adults (12 and up), \$2.50 kids and EOU students  
Tickets available at Blue Mountain Outfitters, EOU Outdoor Adventure Program, and at the door

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## DRISKILL MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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# HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Thank you for your service!  
Honoring those who have fought to protect our freedom. We thank you!

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**State Farm**

## Come Join Us to honor Grant County Veterans

Friday, November 8, 2019 at 5:30 pm  
at the John Day Elk's Lodge

Quilts of Valor will be awarded to some local Veterans by members of the Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild followed by a Taco Feed

\$6 per person, children under 3 and Veterans eat free

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:  
**The Shiny Thimble** 100 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon  
At the door the evening of the banquet

### Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	37/17
Wednesday	49/16
Thursday	53/27
Friday	58/28
Saturday	62/30
Sunday	59/32
Monday	62/33

#### 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 NOV. 6-12

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy.
<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>