

The year of the nurse — 2020

By Jean Ann Moultrie
For the Blue Mountain Eagle

The World Health Organization declared 2020 as “The Year of the Nurse,” a time to celebrate nurses today and honor the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, also known as “The Lady with the Lamp.” Nightingale was a British nurse during the Crimean War and is honored as the pioneer of modern nursing.

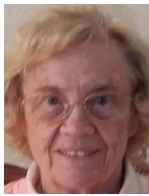
“Nursing is the embodiment of robust science and compassion,” said Patricia Barfield, Ph.D., assistant professor and assistant program director, Oregon Health and Science University – School of Nursing, La Grande campus.

“When people think of a nurse,” Barfield added, “they often envision tasks associated with nursing, such as taking a blood pressure or giving a shot. They are less likely to think about the complex decision making, the skilled observations, the constant analysis of data, the problem solving and the prioritization of action that nurses do innately — all the



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Kim Kirk, a nurse at Tom McCall Elementary School in Redmond, works on organizing a cabinet of supplies in preparation for the upcoming school year.



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while reassuring the patient and family.”

A recent graduate from the nursing program, Amy Black from

Prairie City, reported that nursing is “such an appealing career, a career that allows me to serve others and brings purpose and joy to my life.” Black passed the state board exam and will be working at a hospital rotating through critical care units. She reports

that high school staff helped her find financial resources including scholarships.

“Our nursing class had students just out of high school,” Black said, “and some in their 50s, both men and women, and we all got along and were supportive to each other.”

Barfield noted, “The OHSU La Grande campus offers residents of Eastern Oregon an excellent place to learn and to launch a nursing career.”

How to support nurses in the context of the pandemic experience?

“Two ways,” suggests

Barfield. “First, follow CDC guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19, wear a mask, social distance and maintain hand hygiene. When/if you become infected, or you infect another person, you put yourself, your family, your community at risk and every nurse on the front line increased risk. Nurses go home to their families at the end of their shift... Many nurses live in fear of spreading COVID-19 to their own families.”

“Second, be kind to the nurses,” Barfield said. “Nurses often receive the brunt of patient anger, aggression, frustration or outrage. Nurses work long hours ... (and) are facing overwhelming circumstances of loss and grief.”

“Random acts of kindness, little tokens of appreciation go a long way to restore the soul of a nurse. A kind word, a thoughtful card, a considerate act...the little things matter.”

For information regarding the OHSU La Grande campus nursing program, visit ohsu.edu/school-of-nursing/la-grande-campus.

New version of MyODFW app available

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A new update of the MyODFW app (version 2.3) is now available in Apple and Google Play stores.

The latest update will prompt users to update their app whenever a new version is available and provides an easier way to access the forgot username or password feature directly from the app, according to a press release.

This version also fixes a bug some newer iPhone users were experiencing which left them unable to view the list of fish they had tagged within the app, or made it more difficult to use the app when in dark mode. The new version makes all features visi-

ble when a phone is in dark mode in both Android and iPhone versions.

To update, go to the Apple or Google Play store and choose “Update” or “Open” to get the latest version.

Since the ELS system was launched for the 2019 license year, nearly 60% of customers have opened an online account and 33% are using e-tagging rather than paper tagging.

“ODFW thanks all hunters and anglers who have chosen e-tagging, and we appreciate your patience as we continue to fix any bugs in the app,” said Bruce Davis, ODFW Licensing Department. “This new version will make it easier to always keep your app updated.”

OBITUARIES

James Steven Grey

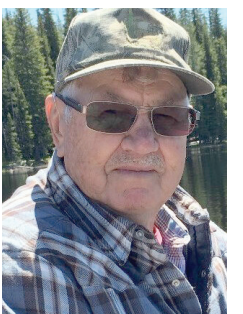
James Steven Grey passed away recently. He was a logger, knot bumper by trade, but was able to do all in the logging industry, worked for Columbia Helicopters, was also a tree planter and a firefighter, hard worker and tried hard at anything he did. He was loved by many.

William Holoboff

May 17, 1937 — Aug. 9, 2020

William Holoboff, 83, of Granite, Oregon, passed away at his residence on Aug. 9, 2020. A memorial service will be held for William at a later date.

On May 17, 1937, in Salem, Oregon, Nicoli and Mary (Popoff) Holoboff welcomed William into their family. He attended North Salem high school, graduating in 1957. After high school, Bill served in the United States Army as a PFC from 1959-1963. He worked for himself for 30 years as a farmer, retiring in 1992.



Bill married Mary Lou Sohler on March 12, 1966, in Hood River, Oregon. Mary Lou and Bill raised two daughters together, Bonnie and Heidi.

He enjoyed gold prospecting and wood carving; he was a life member of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, a life member of the Gold Prospectors Association of America. He was also a member of the NRA, Good Sam and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Bill is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Lou Holoboff, and his two daughters, Bonnie Holoboff-Johnson of Cambridge, Idaho, and Heidi Davidson of Kalaheo, Hawaii. He is also survived by three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arizona Desert Big Horn Sheep Society through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave a condolence for the family, visit grayswestco.com.

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Volunteers needed for statewide ATV Advisory Committee

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is seeking volunteers for two upcoming vacant positions on the All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Committee. One of the successful candidates will also serve on the ATV Grant Subcommittee.

OPRD is accepting applications for the following positions:

- At-large ATV user representative; this person will also serve on the ATV Grant Subcommittee
- ATV dealer representative

Volunteers serve up to two consecutive four-year terms. To apply for one of the open positions, go to the ATV-AC webpage at oregon.gov/oprd/ATV/Pages/ATV-committee.aspx#1 and click

the “Committee Interest Form” link at the bottom of the section. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Sept. 10.

The ATV-AC typically holds one to two public meetings per year, which may be conducted either in-person or remotely adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. It is tasked with reviewing accidents and fatalities resulting from ATV recreation; reviewing changes to statutory vehicle classifications as necessary for safety considerations; reviewing safety features of all classes of off-highway vehicles; and recommending appropriate safety requirements to protect child and adult OHV operators.

The Grant Subcommittee holds up to four public meetings per year, which may be conducted either in-person or conducted remotely adhering to COVID-19

guidelines. The subcommittee is responsible for reviewing and recommending grant funding in support of ATV recreational activities throughout the state, including maintenance, law enforcement, emergency medical services, land acquisition and planning and development. Computer access and experience is mandatory. Knowledge of OHV riding areas throughout Oregon is beneficial.

OPRD is committed to ensuring that all boards and commissions represent the growing age, racial and gender diversity of the state. All citizens with OHV experience are welcome and encouraged to serve.

For more information, contact Jeff Trejo, OPRD ATV safety education coordinator, at jeff.trejo@oregon.gov or 503-586-9622.

Dennis Reynolds Memorial Scholarship applications due Sept. 15

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The Dennis Reynolds Memorial Scholarship is sponsored through the Grant County Family Heritage Foundation and the Reynolds Family and many friends who have contributed in Reynolds’ memory. A pair of \$500 scholarships will be given annually.

Requirements:

- Must be a Grant County-raised student
- Applicant must have been an active 4-H or a FFA member for a minimum of four years
- Applicant must be pursuing a degree or trade in related to ag
- Applicant may be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior attending

a university, community college or trade school

- Proof of 4-H or FFA membership and an essay are both required with application
- Successful applicants are expected to give back to 4-H and FFA programs in a positive way
- Two letters of recommendation are required

Entering freshman will receive the scholarship at the beginning of their second term.

Applications are due by Sept. 15.

Send three copies to: Dennis Reynolds Memorial Scholarship; Grant County Family Heritage Foundation; PO Box 6; Seneca, OR 97873.

EPA bans outdoor burning for the Burns Paiute Reservation

By Rudy Diaz

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The Environmental Protection Agency banned outdoor burning for the Burns Paiute Reservation amid the rise of stagnant air con-

ditions and elevated air pollution.

A press release from the EPA said the ban is active until further notice and applies to all outdoor and agricultural burning — including camping and rec-

reational fires — in all areas within the external reservation boundaries. The burn ban does not apply to ceremonial and traditional fires.

Other reservations with a burn ban in place from EPA Region 10, which covers the Pacific Northwest, are Fort Hall Reservation, Klamath Reservation and Warm

Springs Reservation.

The ban helps protect high-risk people such as the children, the elderly, pregnant women, people with asthma or difficulty breathing and more.

To check the current status of the ban, visit epa.gov/farr/burn-bans-indian-reservations-id-or-and-wa.



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Ronald "Burns" Stewart

1956-2020

Ronald "Burns" Stewart passed away peacefully Aug. 16 at his home, surrounded by his family. In March 2019, Burns was diagnosed with a non-hereditary, rare brain disease, progressive supranuclear palsy or PSP, which he suffered from for several years.

Burns was born Sept. 8, 1956, in Sun Valley, Idaho. He was the third son of Donald Douglas Stewart and Lueanne (Lawron) Stewart. Burns graduated from Payette (Idaho) High School. He was an athlete, fan, and player of football, but known as "Hatchet Man" in basketball. Burns enjoyed ranching and was a ranch manager for most of his young adult life.

He was married to Michelle (Mansfield) Severe until 1991. Burns and Michelle had two daughters, Tegan and Kiley Stewart. Burns then switched his career to road construction, and met his current wife, Mardy (Geer) Stewart, while working in the Burns area. Burns and Mardy were married in July 1996, and raised Brandon and Samantha Hooker, making it a family of six. Burns and Mardy had just celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary.

Burns worked as a mechanic for McAllister Farm Store until 1999, then went to work for Weeks Oil/Ed Staub & Sons for the next 13 years. Burns then changed courses to his passion of farming in 2012, going to work for ACW. Burns also fulfilled his dream of getting his own land to farm in 2001.

Burns enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing, farming, having fun with family and friends, grandchildren, and his beautiful wife. He was hardworking, fun-loving, and a stranger to no one. Burns would give you the shirt off his back and always be willing to help anyone in need.

Burns is survived by his wife, Mardy; daughter, Tegan and her fiancé, Mike Breske, and their three children; daughter, Kiley, and husband, Jim Currie and their two children; stepson, Brandon, and his wife, Marcy, and their two children; and stepdaughter, Samantha, and her husband, John Lee; brother, Don, and wife, Deana, and their two children; sister, Myra, and her two children; brother, Doug, his wife, Tafney, and their two children; sister, Myra, and her two children; brother, Tim and his wife, Emi, and their two children; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, John. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at the Harney County Fairgrounds. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to Cure PSP, hospice, or to a charity of your choice. Paid for by the family of Ronald Stewart.

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	97/68
Wednesday	91/65
Thursday	89/59
Friday	94/58
Saturday	88/57
Sunday	74/40
Monday	81/45

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 26 - SEPT. 1

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Haze	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Chance of thunderstorms	Sunny
89	87	92	92	78	78	86
54	51	54	49	45	48	45