

Forest Service expands Every Kid Outdoors program

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Forest Service announced it will expand its Every Kid Outdoors program to offer fourth- and fifth-grade students and family members fee-free access to more than 2,000 sites on national forests and grasslands for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

A new voucher is available for download now through Aug. 31, 2021.

“The year’s events have made it harder for many students to get out to their local national forest and to use their Every Kid Outdoors Annual 4th Grade Pass as intended,” said Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen. “We hope the added time will encourage millions of families to use their free pass to get out to their National Forest, connect with nature and experience the mental and physical benefits of the great outdoors.”

Every Kid Outdoors is

a federal public lands partnership created to inspire fourth-grade students and their families across America to recreate, explore cultures, discover connections to nature and spark a life-long passion for America’s great outdoors. The program focuses on children ages 9–11 who, research shows, are beginning to understand the world around them, and are uniquely receptive to engaging with nature and the environment.

By focusing on this age group year after year, the program aims to ensure every child in the United States has the opportunity to create a life-long connection to America’s big backyard.

To obtain a free fifth-grade voucher, visit the Every Kid Outdoors website, click on the “Hey, fifth graders!” banner, and download a voucher. The voucher is valid through Aug. 31, 2021, to correspond to the traditional school year.

Quilt guild donates to fire victims



Contributed photos

The Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild made and sent four quilts to the area by Blue River. These quilts went to some of the people that were affected by the wildfires this summer. All the time and pieces of the quilts were done by members of the quilt guild, which is still working on other donation quilts.

OBITUARIES

Rita May Meyer

Dec. 29, 1930 – Nov. 26, 2020

Rita May Meyer, 89, passed away Nov. 26, 2020, at her residence with her loved ones by her side. A private family graveside service will be held at the Canyon City Cemetery with a memorial for the public to be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions in her honor can be made to Blue Mountain Hospice, Grant County Food Bank or the American Alzheimer’s Association through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Ronald Mitchell

Dec. 24, 1960 – Nov. 25, 2020

Ron passed away peacefully at his home. Even though he was retired he was the state director for Dizzy Dean Baseball, enjoyed hunting, umpiring, student teaching and his grandchildren. He is survived by his parents, Maurice and Caroline Mitchell; sisters Vicki Nodine and Glenda Young; sons Bradley (Leaha) and William (Laura) Mitchell; grandchildren Bryce, Ali, Hamp and Luke; nephews Tyler (Danielle) Nodine, James (Jessica) Young and Brent (Meagan) Young; niece Tasha (Colorado) Marciel; great-nephews Wyatt and Karson Young; great-nieces Aaliyah, Shayna and HaileyAnn Marciel and Haddie Young. Services will be Dec. 5 at Welch’s Funeral Home in Starkville, Mississippi. The family will accept friends from 1-3 p.m. The family has requested in lieu of flowers that donations be made in Ronald’s name to Mississippi Dizzy Dean Scholarship Fund: mail to Mississippi Dizzy Dean Baseball & Softball, c/o Brett Frey, P.O. Box 5327, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Gustav E. Peterson

March 24, 1922 – Nov. 14, 2020

Gustav E. “Gus” Peterson, age 98, passed away Nov. 14, 2020, in Redmond, Oregon. A private family urn burial will take place this December, with a memorial service to be held at the Monument Senior Center in Monument, Oregon, at a later date.

Gus was born on March 24, 1922, in Ione, Oregon, to Carl and Alverta (Wilcox) Peterson. He attended Dry Creek Elementary and graduated from Monument High. Gus served in the United States Army from January 1945 to November 1946. After his discharge from the military, he married Ruth L. Scott in Canyon City, Oregon, on November 7, 1948. Together they welcomed two sons, Pete and Lonnie. Ruth passed away Feb. 12, 2011.



Gus worked as a fleet mechanic for Columbia Power Co-Op from 1957 to 1986 when he retired.

He enjoyed collecting early day engines, tractors and memorabilia. As a volunteer in his community, he volunteered for his local fire department EMS services, search and rescue, sheriff’s posse and helped organize the five-year community reunion. Gus was also on the Cemetery and School Boards, was a member of the Oregon Tree Farmers Association, Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association and took pride in the Monument Senior Center.

Gus is survived by his sons, Lonnie Peterson of Central Point, Oregon, and Ture E. (Pete) Peterson of Terrebonne, Oregon; and granddaughter, Turice Ruth Peterson of Nashville, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Alverta Peterson; wife, Ruth Peterson; one older sister and two younger sisters; and his granddaughter, Marissa Peterson.

Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to a charity of one’s choice or to Monument Fire Department, Monument Senior Center or the Monument Cemetery District through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Delbert Eugene Burril

July 16, 1939 – Nov. 13, 2020

Delbert Eugene Burril passed away on Nov. 13, 2020. Delbert was born in Caldwell, Idaho, on July 16, 1939. He moved as a young child with his family to Spray, Oregon, where he finished grade school. The family then moved to John Day, Oregon, where he graduated high school. He then began working at Safeway as a butcher. It was here he met and married Doris Vaughn on May 10, 1959.



Delbert loved people and was a good friend to everyone he met. He had a gentle soul and was a jack of all trades. Delbert worked as a bookkeeper for Edward Hines and then helped build the bowling alley in John Day, where he became a manager. He spent 16 years in Alaska building roads and working in lumber camps. In Newport, Oregon, he operated heavy equipment in the rock pit and installed windmills in the Redding area. He reconnected with his first love Doris, and they remarried on May 10, 2008. They retired on a 40-acre ranch in Oak Run, California.

Delbert loved fishing, hunting, camping and just being together. There was no one day that went by that he didn’t make people laugh. Delbert leaves behind his wife, Doris; a son, Jim Burril, of John Day, Oregon; a daughter, Judy George, of Smith River, California; step-children that he loved as his own, along with five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lexi and Vivian Burril, a twin brother Deloy Burril and sister Juanita Burril.

Graveside services will be held at the Millville Cemetery on Dec. 4, 2020, at 1 p.m. Allen and Dahl Funeral Chapel in Palo Cedro, California, will be handling services.

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Seventh grade
Emmalyn Northway
Parents: Chris and Shanna Northway



Eighth grade
Logan Randleas
Parents: Lucas and Katrina Randleas



Ninth grade
Drewsey Williams
Parents: Zach and Marissa Williams



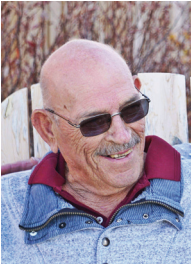
10th grade
Meika Pereira
Parent: Tracy Hawk



11th grade
Billy Radinovich
Parents: Tonna Holliday and Joseph Radinovich



12th grade
Devon Stokes
Parents: Kelly and Lori Stokes



James “Jim” Moulton

June 7, 1938 ~ November 22, 2020

James “Jim” Moulton, age 82, a former long-time resident of Seneca and Canyon City, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at his current residence in Emmett, Idaho. A graveside memorial service will be held Friday, November 27th, 2020 at St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery in Canyon City. Pastor Levi Manitsas of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship will officiate.

Jim was born June 7, 1938 in Ontario, Oregon to Orville and Elizabeth Moulton. He lived most of his life in Seneca, Oregon then moving to Canyon City, Oregon in 1978. Jim graduated from Grant Union High School in 1956, then joined the Army and served in Germany from 1956 to 1958.

Jim was a family man. He married Mary Trafton on June 6, 1959 and they later divorced in 1979. He then married the love of his life, Norine Winters. They married November 20, 1982 and had just celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary, surrounded by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jim loved golfing and travelling until he and Norine were no longer able to due to his health. He enjoyed fishing, camping and hunting alongside his family, and he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. It gave him great pleasure to teach his grandchildren and great grandchildren to say Papa before they could say Mama and Dada.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Norine, of Emmett, Idaho; his children, Joni and Johnny Gibson of Joseph, OR; Danny and Allison Winters of John Day, OR; Michell and Shawn Hill of LaPine, OR; and Tina and Michael Wiley of Huntington, OR; his 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Delores and Dunk Ostberg and his brother Burrel Moulton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Elizabeth Moulton; his brother Gene Moulton; and his children Mark and Traci Moulton.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 2414 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, Oregon 97845. To offer on-line condolences to his family, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com

Paid for by the family of Jim Moulton

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Roger Raymond Meusborn

June 10, 1927 ~ November 19, 2020

Paid for by the family of Roger Meusborn

Roger Raymond Meusborn, age 93, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2020, in Yakima. Roger was born on June 10, 1927 to Ewald and Louise (Michel) Meusborn, in Cedar Rapids, Nebraska. He was the youngest of four children.

Immediately after completing high school in Cedar Rapids, Roger joined the Navy and was stationed on a destroyer, the USS Stormes. Following his discharge from the Navy, Roger attended Colorado State College of Education in Greeley. He graduated in 1950 and began his teaching career in John Day, Oregon.

On Christmas Day in 1952, he married Edna Kostol, and they had three daughters while living in John Day. His career took the family to Baker City, Oregon, then to Yakima, Washington in 1968. He completed his career at Yakima Valley College as a vocational counselor. After his retirement from Yakima Valley College, Roger and Edna purchased an apple orchard and for twelve years, Roger enjoyed a second career as an orchardist.

Roger was a quiet, practical man who loved his family. He enjoyed teaching his daughters many skills including how to change a tire and put on tire chains so they would not be stranded anywhere. He was always supportive and could be counted on for sound advice.

Roger was a skilled carpenter and woodworker. He built the first house Edna and he lived in near John Day, and their home was furnished with many of his fine wood projects. Roger enjoyed snow skiing and was a member of the Ski Patrol for many years, at Anthony Lakes and White Pass Ski Areas. He also hunted and participated in competitive shooting in his younger years.

Roger is preceded in death by his wife Edna, his parents, Ewald and Louise Meusborn, and his siblings and their spouses, Wilma (Paul) Olson, M. Michel Meusborn, and Vernelle (Frank) Koberstein. He is survived by his three daughters, Stefani (Calvin) Meusborn-Marsh, Lisa (Mark) Herke, and Melanie (RE) Cornelius. He is also survived by two cherished grandsons, Trace and Alex Cornelius, a sister-in-law, Virginia Kostol, and nieces and nephews.

Roger’s family is very grateful to the staff at Summitview Healthcare Center for the love and care given to Roger, and for the support they offered to the family.

At Roger’s request, there will be no funeral service. To leave a message or a memory for the family, please go to www.brooksidefuneral.com. Brookside Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Last Week’s Temps

| John Day | HI/LO |
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| Tuesday | 47/28 |
| Wednesday | 44/32 |
| Thursday..... | 44/30 |
| Friday | 46/25 |
| Saturday | 44/28 |
| Sunday..... | 47/26 |
| Monday..... | 45/31 |

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 DEC. 2 - 8

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| Sunny | Patchy freezing fog | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Cloudy |
| 46 | 43 | 48 | 49 | 48 | 50 | 42 |
| 22 | 20 | 22 | 22 | 23 | 31 | 19 |