

# Squeeze-In Restaurant offering free Christmas dinner

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Tara Young, the Grant County Seniors and an anonymous donor.

The Squeeze-In Restaurant and Deck will be serving a free Christmas dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 25 via pickup or delivery.

Squeeze-In owner Shawn Duncan said the meals were made possible by Russ and

Duncan said the meals will include ham, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, stuffing and a dessert.

Anyone interested in ordering a meal can call 541-575-1045.



**Shawn Duncan, the owner of the Squeeze-In Restaurant and Deck, takes a phone call on the restaurant's first day back for indoor dining.**

The Eagle/Steven Mitchell

# Five staff members at Blue Mountain Care Center test positive for COVID-19

By Steven Mitchell  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Five staff members at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 28 days.

The Grant County Health Department and Blue Mountain Hospital District announced the results of BMCC's COVID-19 testing program for employees and residents Tuesday.

All five of the positive results are employee-related, with no positive resident test results, according to a press release.

These positive test results are components of a required employee testing program mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Due to these positive test results, BMCC will be listed on the Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Weekly Report, which summarizes long-term care facilities with three or more positive tests over 28 days ending on Dec. 20.

The health department and hospital district believe these positive test results were not facility-spread but acquired from an independent community spread over the last three weeks.

BMCC continues to take numerous steps to maintain

staff and resident safety and reduce the transmission of COVID-19, including:

- Social distancing and hand hygiene
- Suspension of communal activities that cannot maintain social distancing
- Temperature checks and screening for symptoms upon facility entry
- Limitation of facility entry to employees and essential individuals
- Suspension of in-house visitation except for compassionate care situations. Visitation options such as window visits and video conferencing have been implemented.
- Twice weekly testing of staff and residents as CMS regulations dictate
- Assessing residents every shift for symptoms
- Proper wearing of masks and eye protection while in the facility
- Enhanced sanitation procedures using approved solutions for cleaning and disinfecting
- Ongoing infection control education

Communication to BMCC residents, families and employees regarding the status of positive cases is ongoing.

BMCC has a comprehensive staffing plan to ensure all resident care needs are being met, including increased staffing when needed.

BMCC and the health department continue to work collaboratively and continue to actively monitor testing programs and public health guidelines for long-term care facilities.

## OBITUARIES

### Connie J. 'Bo' Lawrence

Jan. 6, 1944 – Dec. 12, 2020

Connie J. "Bo" Lawrence, age 76, of Monument, Oregon, passed away Dec. 12, 2020, in the home he built on his ranch in Monument, Oregon. He was surrounded by his wife, sons, grandchildren, great-granddaughter and his beloved dogs.

Bo was born Jan. 6, 1944, in Miami, Arizona, to Nathan and Frona Lawrence, joining six brothers and two sisters.

He attended school in Camp Verde and Bullhead City, Arizona. In 1966 he was drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive.

After serving in the Army, Bo moved to Monument, where he met and married Lorynn "Lonnie" Cox. They raised two sons, Roger and Blake, on Wall Creek, where they built a home, ranch and family.

He loved animals, kids, the outdoors and all that nature has to offer. He spent many years building fence for local ranchers but also worked in the woods logging. He worked hard to improve the family property and build a home on Wall Creek.

Bo is survived by his wife, Lonnie Lawrence; sons Roger and Blake Lawrence; granddaughter McKinzie Dawson; grandson Nick Lawrence; and great-granddaughter McKenna Dawson.

Contributions in Bo's honor can be made to the Knights Cancer Institute through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.



### Letha 'Lee' Colleen (Moore) Catlett

June 26, 1938 – Dec. 11, 2020

Letha "Lee" Colleen (Moore) Catlett, of Baker City, Oregon, and formerly of Unity, Oregon, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, passed away in Baker City, Oregon, on Dec. 11, 2020, at the age of 82. There are no services scheduled at this time. A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2021.

Letha was born June 26, 1938, in Mt. Vernon, Oregon, the daughter of Delcie (Hogeland) and Jess Moore.

She graduated from Toledo (Oregon) High School in 1956. Lee married Robert "Bob" Catlett on April 8, 1961. They lived in many places while Bob served in the Army, including Germany twice and Japan and many places in the U.S., but Unity, Oregon, was always home.

Lee worked as a cosmetologist for many years; even after retirement, she would cut family and friends' hair. After retirement, Lee and Bob would spend their winters in Quartzsite, Arizona, where they enjoyed spending time with friends, attending music jams and going to various dances and shows. When Bob passed, she continued to spend the winters in Arizona with Delcie, her mom. Later she would travel with family friend Gene Bettin.

She is survived by her four daughters, LeeAnn, Carla, Deborah and April; seven grandchildren, Memorey, Jason, Miranda, Jennifer, Julia, Allison and AJ; 12 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many friends and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jess Moore; stepfather, Darrel Perdue in 1995; husband, Robert Catlett in 2000; and mother, Delcie (Hogeland) Perdue in 2005.

Lee will be greatly missed by everyone whose life she touched, friends and family alike. To leave an online condolence for the family of Lee, visit grayswestco.com.



### Hilda Iris Langenfeld

Aug. 31, 1926 – Dec. 14, 2020

Hilda Iris Langenfeld passed away at the age of 94 in Chandler, Arizona. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Hilda was born in Drewsey, Oregon, to William and Mable Moffet. She graduated from Crane Union High School in 1944.

On Dec. 13, 1945, she was married to Daniel Hugh Langenfeld, the love of her life. They lived most of their married life in Eastern Oregon with their nine children, and later retired part-time in Yuma, Arizona. Hilda enjoyed flowers, gardening, ranching, dancing, singing, animals and she was an excellent cook and baker. She was one of the first women to drive a school bus for the Mt. Vernon School District. She drove the school bus for several years.

Hilda was one of the kindest, hard-working, devoted, loving persons and a delight to be around. She had an infectious dimpled smile.

Hilda is survived in death by her daughters, Dana (Chuck), Cindy (Sid) and Lisa (Mark); sons Joe (Joy), Ronnie and Daniel (Jean); and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sister Mardell.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughters Linda and Tammy; son Nicholas; sisters Marjorie and Eugenia; and brother Robert.

Memorial (graveside service) to follow at a later date in Canyon City, Oregon.



### Patricia 'Patty' Moore

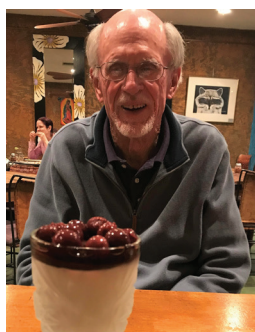
Patricia "Patty" Moore of John Day, Oregon, died on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, at St. Charles Regional Medical Center in Bend, Oregon. A celebration of Patty's life will be held in the spring of 2021, place, date and time to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

### Arlene Mae Schoorl

Arlene Mae Schoorl, 71, of Unity, Oregon, passed away at her residence on Dec. 16, 2020. In the spring of 2021, the family will hold a get-together to honor Arlene. To leave an online condolence, visit grayswestco.com.

### Clara Ann Lemley

Clara Ann Lemley, 80, of John Day passed away Dec. 18, 2020, at her residence. To leave condolences, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



### William (Bill) Maclean George

December 15, 1937 – December 2, 2020

*Paid for by the family of Bill George*

Bill passed away on December 2, 2020 from bacterial pneumonia, not related to COVID-19. He was born in Portland, Oregon, December 15, 1937. Bill, his parents Mac and Bernice George, and his siblings Robert and Gerry Lou George moved to John Day in 1949 and purchased the Cote d'Or Motel where Bill lived until he left for college.

Bill often said he was the luckiest guy in the world to have grown up in John Day. He and his friends were always outdoors hiking, camping, hunting or getting into mischief. They had many adventures driving and pushing his 1938 Chevy and the family Jeep. Bill graduated from Grant Union High School (GUHS) in 1955 where he was valedictorian. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1959 where he received the Autzen Foundation scholarship as an Outstanding Business Administration Major. Bill married Mary Anne Brockley that summer and began a successful corporate career with General Electric. There are two children from that marriage, Carole Loy and Daniel George Brockley.

Bill served 5 years in the Army Security Agency reserves (6 months active duty). His business career advanced very quickly and he held several management positions in finance over 18 years with General Electric. In 1977 he became Corporate Controller for Memorex Corporation. Later he became Chief Financial Officer for several companies. He moved to Boise, Idaho in 1979.

Bill married Mary Powell in Boise in 1991. They had 30 wonderful years together traveling, hiking, fishing and enjoying time in the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho, at the Oregon Coast, and in the Sonoran Desert. Bill retired in 1993. In 2013 they decided to settle near Tucson in Marana, Arizona, where they lived at the time of his death.

In addition to his wife, his children, his grandchildren, Johnny and Danny Loy, his siblings, their families he will be missed by his extended family which included 4 great grandchildren, 3 step children, 6 step grandchildren, and 2 step great grandchildren.

His fondness for John Day was very deep and he had hoped to organize another GUHS reunion in 2021 with his classmates from 1955. Instead, there will be a memorial for Bill on June 26 at the Canyon City Cemetery at his "bench." The memorial bench was placed several years ago. Every year when he visited John Day he loved to go sit on his bench. If you would like to receive additional information of the memorial service contact Mary at maryg316@gmail.com. As per his wishes a scholarship fund has been established at Grant Union High School. Contributions should be sent to Grant Union Alumni, c/o Bill George Memorial Scholarship Fund, 911 S. Canyon Blvd, John Day, Oregon 97845.

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# Asher performance results in award increase

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Asher Community Health Center, a federally qualified health center, received a Quality Improvement Award of \$76,442 from the Health Resources and Services Administration, according to a press release.

HRSA provides awards to promote overall quality, efficiency and value of the health care services provided by health centers, and to celebrate achievements in providing high quality care. These awards recognize the highest performing health centers nationwide as well as those health centers that have made significant quality improvement gains from the previous year.

The award to Asher was \$26,000 higher than the previous year. The overall amount is determined by several categories, and Asher qualified in five categories. The funding increase was due to the clinic's performance in award categories, Access Enhancers and Health Disparities Reducers.

Of the 30 Oregon FQHCs, Asher was one of only seven of them to receive these two awards. These awards are in recognition of improvement to increasing the number of patients served and patients receiving comprehensive care and health disparities reducers. The funds will be used by Asher to further strengthen the clinic's quality improvement activities.

## CORRECTION

In the article "Grant County losing predator control officer" in the Dec. 16 edition, the Eagle incorrectly identified USDA Wildlife Services District Supervisor Shane Koyle as Shane Cowell. The Eagle regrets the error.

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John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday .....	40/28
Wednesday .....	45/32
Thursday.....	43/35
Friday .....	46/31
Saturday .....	47/36
Sunday.....	50/42
Monday.....	58/36

24/7 FORECAST

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## WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 23 - 29

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Slight chance of snow	Chance of snow	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>