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Dayville School students stands in front of a tree they decorated while listening to Christmas music.

Bringing Dayville the gift of normalcy in December

By Rudy Diaz
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December in 2020 provided a new experience for many during the holiday season, but many Dayville traditions came to fruition to end the year on a high note.

Dayville City Recorder Ruthie Moore said the city held a variety of fun events during the month of December that the community supported and participated in.

"It's just fun, and I think it's really important and people enjoy it," Moore said. "Just seeing the Christmas tree still on the lamp posts ... brings some normalcy to our life during the really crazy time."

Dayville held the city's 25th annual Christmas Decorating Contest, the Adopt-a-Christmas-Tree event and the city Christmas Tree Decorating activity followed by the lighting ceremony.

For the first time this year, the city had a Christmas Eve jingle event. Bells were given to all of the Dayville school kids, and anyone wanting them, with the instructions to go outside on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. and ring their bells for one minute. She said, when she gave the jingle bells to the teachers, the kids that were around were excited.

"After a tough year, we wanted to create a wonderful activity for our families to promote hope, togetherness, and a little Christmas magic," Moore said.

Dayville School and students stepped up this year in participating in the various Christmas activities, according to Moore.

"We are especially grateful to the students of the Dayville School and their teachers, who help spread Christmas cheer with all of their wonderful tree decorating," Moore said.

Moore said, for the Dayville Christmas Decorating Contest, homes and businesses located within eyesight of a city street or Highway 26 within the city limits and 5 miles outside of town were automatically entered.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST

First: Kyle and Tiffany Hand and family

Second: Sydney and Brandon Thompson and family

Third: Cindy and Skip Inscore

Fourth: Tiffnie Schmadeka and family

Fifth: Justin and Emma-leigh Larson and family

Sixth: Lori and Brian Smith

Local businesses in Dayville donated prizes for the winners.

For the seven-year-old Adopt-a-Christmas-Tree event, trees were placed on the 13 lamp posts lining Franklin Avenue. Individuals, families, students and businesses adopted a tree and then decorated it.

Dayville School students made ornaments to decorate the city Christmas tree, an event that has taken place for the past seven years. Moore said this year, the city used a small spruce tree located in the city park. Students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade decorated the tree while listening to Christmas music and then enjoyed goodies afterwards, according to Moore.

A very small group of residents during the evening gathered around the city's Christmas tree on Dec. 14. Moore said they enjoyed seeing the tree lit for the very first time along with cookies and hot chocolate.

"It's fun to celebrate the beauty of the Christmas season with our community family," Moore said. "We are very fortunate to have great people in our community who are willing to put forth the time and effort to make Dayville looks festive for the holidays."

"I would just like to express my appreciation for everyone stepping up and really going above and beyond this year to help us have the Christmas spirits here," Moore said.

COVID-19 outbreak postpones trap shoot fundraiser for the Lawrence family

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The clay pigeon shoot fundraiser scheduled on Jan. 16 in Monument for the Lawrence family has been canceled due to the recent COVID-19 outbreaks.

The event will be rescheduled for a later date.

The fundraiser was planned to help Lonnie Lawrence and her son Roger after their

home burned down on Christmas Day in Monument. People can still donate to the family through other fundraising efforts held by different people in the county.

People can go to <https://gofund.me/90779eea> to donate money to the Lawrence family.

A donation account has also been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Call Jennie Mund at 541-934-2076 for more information.



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Lonnie Lawrence

OBITUARIES

Michael 'Mick' LeRoy Jenison

July 13, 1943 – Dec. 23, 2020

Michael "Mick" LeRoy Jenison, born in Belmond, Iowa, on July 13, 1943, passed away on Dec. 23, 2020. Mick was raised and graduated from Dayville. He joined the Army right after graduation, returned to Dayville in 1964. Mick married Cheryl Mac Arthur on Aug. 13, 1966, in Winnemucca, Nevada. They raised two sons, Michael S. and Kevin T. Jenison. He worked mainly for ODOT on the extra gang, then became assistant foreman in Spray, retired on March 1, 1998, as the foreman for ODOT in Spray. He loved his family and was very proud of them. His hobbies were fishing and hunting with his family and friends.

Mick is survived by his wife, Cheryl; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and LeeAnn Jenison, Monument, Kevin and Sherri Jenison, Redmond; brother Darin Jenison, John Day; sister Jeri Grover, Florida; granddaughter and husband Kaela and Miles Steele; two great-grandsons Wyatt and Wade Steele from Redmond; sister-in-law Gwen and husband Rick Valade and family; mother-in-law Bette Mac Arthur, Dayville; along with many many family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Jenison; father, Delbert "Ole" Jenison; sister Kaye Petersen; father-in-law Keith Mac Arthur; brother-in-law Colin Mac Arthur; and niece Linda Petersen.

James 'JP' Paul Garinger

Dec. 3, 1961 – Jan. 2, 2021

James "JP" Paul Garinger, age 59, of Long Creek passed away peacefully at his residence with his loved ones by his side. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel. To offer an online condolence to JP's family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Ron Bright

On Tuesday, Dec. 29, heaven gained another soul. Ron Bright passed away in Boise, Idaho. He was 72.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; daughters Ronda (Justin) Huff, Tanya (Steve) Balyeat and Cassie Bright; sisters MaryAnn Walker and Linda (Clyde) Kight; and brother Ray Burn. He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Ruby Bright, and sister Gayron.

He served in the Army from 1966-1969. Ron and Carol met and married in Anchorage, Alaska, in 1969.

Ron was a mechanic by trade, but could fix anything. He took great pride in bringing machinery back to life. He had many friends he loved to chat with. He will be greatly missed.

No services are planned.

Clara Lemley

Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, Clara Lemley's memorial service has been postponed until spring of 2021.

Anna Elaine Dalglish

Anna Elaine Dalglish, 89, of Baker City, Oregon, passed away on Dec. 30, 2020. Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions may be made to Best Friends of Baker through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit grayswestco.com.

Ralph Peter Metcalf

March 22, 1939 – Jan. 3, 2021

Ralph Peter Metcalf, age 81, a longtime resident of Dayville, Oregon, passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 3, 2021. A celebration of life will be held on Jan. 9, 2021, at 12 noon in the Dayville Community Hall.

Ralph was born on March 22, 1939, in Portland, Oregon, to Ralph Merton Metcalf and Virginia Bell Dhooghe Metcalf. He was a longtime log truck driver and mechanic and retired from Metcalf Logging in 2015.

Ralph married Merle Jane Green Metcalf on Oct. 18, 1960, in Reno, Nevada. Ralph and Merle had four children, three sons and one daughter.

Ralph was an avid supporter of local youth sports, rock collecting and reader. He was known for his sense of humor, always giving everyone a hard time with his wit, followed by his great smile. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Virginia, and his sister, Joan Simmons.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Merle Metcalf of Dayville, Oregon; his brother Raymond (Ralene) Metcalf of Loomis, California; his sons Fritz (Kathy) Metcalf of Cottonwood, California, Adam (Shelley) Metcalf of Anderson, California, and Lee (Dana) Metcalf of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and daughter Patti (Randy) Kimball of Dayville, Oregon; as well as 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dayville Community Church through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To offer online condolences to Ralph's family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Milan Uppendahl

Aug. 9, 1934 – Jan. 4, 2021

Milan Uppendahl, 86, of Prineville was a very godly man. He was born Aug. 9, 1934, and passed away Jan. 4, 2021.

Milan was in the military as a paratrooper and then was a policeman for a while. He married Donna Turman in 1956 and had three children. He then was a farmer in Dallas, Oregon, until he moved the family to a ranch outside of Dayville.

He was a very hard worker all his life, and he absolutely loved going to auctions. He and Donna moved to a small farm outside of Prineville in 1980 where he spent the rest of his life.

Milan was one of four brothers. He was third in line. He was preceded in death by his oldest brother, Martin, and a few years later, his brother Delmer. His younger brother, Gail, lives in Texas.

In 2010, he lost his wife after a seven-year battle with cancer. Since then his eyes have been to heaven. He missed her so badly that all he wanted to do since then was go to be with her.

American Legian Auxiliary to meet Jan. 15

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The Ellis Tracey Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. Fri-

day, Jan. 15, at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce office in John Day. All members are urged to attend.

Robert (Bob) Clyde Stewart

March 26, 1939–December 13, 2020

Bob went home to be with his parents on December 13, 2020. Bob was the second of four sons born to Mabel Thwaite Stewart Holt and Donald Lee Stewart on March 26, 1939 in Forest Grove, Oregon. They moved to Redmond, Oregon in his early years where he and his brothers grew up, hunting and fishing. Bob loved working on mechanical things and his first car was an old Model T. He was pressed into service working on his fathers log truck. Bob attended and graduated from Redmond High School. He joined the Marine Corps serving one tour, working on and operating heavy equipment. He lived by the motto "Once a Marine always a Marine". Returning back to Oregon after being in the service Bob moved to John Day where he met another fellow Marine and life long friend Dave Traylor. Bob worked for Edward Hines in John Day and Seneca. He always loved the Bear Valley area and eventually bought his patch of heaven up there. Bob left Grant County for a couple of years after the mill closed and worked in Othello, WA where he met his friend and cousin Jerry. He moved to Portland briefly in the 80's and worked at Ken R Humke, a parts supplier. Bob was always traveling back to his love Grant County, usually during 62 Days as Bob was a member of the Whiskey Gulch Gang. He was a black powder shooter, and loved to just shoot anything. No doubt those skills were honed in the high desert of Deschutes County when he and his brothers would hunt Jack rabbits and deer, and in the Marine Corps, as everyone's primary job was infantry. Being an avid tinkerer Bob worked on motorcycles, cars, trucks and anything mechanical. One of Bob's final jobs was working at Napa in John Day, where you would always meet a happy face and a good razing. His last project was restoring a vintage Orient car for the Grant Canyon City Historical Museum. Bob loved looking at maps, he had two projects he was always looking at the routes of The Dalles-Canyon City Military Road and the Y-reka trail both which came into Grant County. Bob is survived by his three brothers and sister-in-laws: Tom (Jan), Lowell (Stevie) and Craig (Martha) and by many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

He will be remembered as a loved uncle, cousin, brother and friend.

Paid for by the family of Bob Stewart



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Last Week's Temps

	HI/LO
John Day	
Tuesday	43/29
Wednesday	46/36
Thursday.....	43/33
Friday	37/31
Saturday	38/24
Sunday.....	41/23
Monday.....	41/22

24/7 FORECAST

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162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 13 – 19

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Early rain	Sunny	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy
47	46	49	47	48	49	43
24	32	33	32	30	25	24