

OBITUARIES

Vicki Lee Breck

Vicki Lee Breck, 83, of Prineville, died on Dec. 23, 2020, at the St. Charles Hospital in Prineville, Oregon. She was born Nov. 11, 1937, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Vicki is survived by her husband, Leonard Breck; her son, Bobb Breck; her daughter, Bonnie Brown, and four grandsons, Brandon and Joe Beers, Bucky and Brody Breck, one great-grandson, Baelor Beers; and two sisters, Patricia Ellis and Rosalee Patelzick. She was preceded in death by her son, Leonard Harry Breck Jr. (Bucky); and her brother, Mike Smith.

Vicki was raised in the Santa Ynez Valley in Southern California. She attended the Santa Ynez high school where she met and married her high school sweetheart.

Vicki worked side by side to her husband Leonard for 66 years of marriage. She was an integral part of their ranching operations. She loved her family beyond measure, and her grandkids and great grandson were the greatest joys of her life. She loved the outdoors and her ranch life; she was a hunter and rode horse back when needed on the ranch. She never let anyone go hungry and loved to cook; if you stopped to visit, she was going to feed you. She enjoyed collecting antiques and western art.

Vicki will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

A celebration of life will be held summer of 2021. The family will release details at a later date.



Eddie Smith

Jan. 1, 1940 – Jan. 22, 2021

Eddie Smith, age 81, passed away Jan. 22, 2021, in Prairie City, Oregon. A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2021.

Eddie was born Jan. 1, 1940, in Highfill, Arkansas, to Jackson and LuVeta (Trimble) Smith. He went to school in Sweet Home, Oregon. Eddie then enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1958 and returned home in 1962.

He married Latrona Wineger in June of 1965 in Redmond, Oregon. Eddie was self-employed as a medical salesman and continued his career for 30 years before retiring.

Eddie was a volunteer fireman in Sweet Home and Gresham, Oregon. He also enjoyed being Santa for the Shriner's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. His hobbies included hunting and fishing.

Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and LuVeta Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Latrona; their three children, Bryan Smith of Raymond, Washington, Kristi Smith and Mary Guthery of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and sister, Sara Fesler of Centralia, Washington.

Memorial contributions can be made to American Legion Post 106 through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



'Deer 139' to be screened online through Feb. 11

Blue Mountain Eagle

Blue Mountain Land Trust will screen "Deer 139" online through Feb. 11.

The film "Deer 139" follows an all-female team — a biologist, a naturalist, a reporter and a pregnant mule deer — as they

embark on an 85-mile journey through sagebrush steppe and winter ranges.

The film unveils the mysteries of long-distance wildlife migration and makes a case for sustaining intact landscapes.

For more information, visit bmlt.org/events.

Grant County Court passes pot tax ordinance

By Steven Mitchell
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County Court finally approved the county's recreational marijuana tax ordinance Jan. 27.

The 3% tax on marijuana products will take effect 90 days after last week's second reading.

County Judge Scott Myers said the court members would discuss how the county should spend the tax revenue. He said the court would be open to suggestions from other government bodies and county departments about how the county spends the funds.

Myers said that he would like to see the money go to law enforcement.

County Commissioner Jim Hamsher said the county tax has fewer "strings attached"

in how the county can use the money, unlike the state pot tax.

In other county news:

The court approved the purchase of two properties that it had been leasing as a workshop in Long Creek at \$10,000 per parcel. According to Alan Hickerson, the county's roadmaster, the county will trade crushed rock for a part of the purchase.

The court approved Grant County Fairgrounds' request for \$800 to have magician Louie Foxx appear at a Feb. 19 fundraiser. Hamsher, the liaison to the fairgrounds, said the event would follow all social distancing guidelines. Tickets for the event will cost \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 6 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the fairgrounds or the Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

Michael George Smith

Michael G. Smith, age 83, a local rancher of Prairie City, passed away on Jan. 25, 2021. No services are planned at this time.

Mike was born March 5, 1937, in Rio Linda, California, to Michael and Lydia (Blomgren) Smith.

During his lifetime, he was dedicated to preserving the local ranching and timber industries.

Mike is survived by his wife, Elaine; and children, Dave and wife, Karrie, Gayle and husband, Dean, Todd and wife, Deana, Eric and wife, Jana, Wayne and wife, Midge, and Michelle and her husband, Chris; along with 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Judy and Joyce; and a brother Dave and wife, Barb; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His family would like to thank the staff at Cinnabar Adult Foster Care Home along with the Blue Mountain Hospice team for their loving care on Mike during his last days.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cinnabar Adult Foster Care Home through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To offer online condolences to Mike's family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



A. Joseph Petty

Andrew Joseph Petty (known as A. Joseph Petty), 101, of Walla Walla, Washington, formerly of Prineville, Oregon, passed away in his sleep at Wheatland Village Retirement and Assisted Living in Walla Walla.

Joe was born in Goshen, Oregon, on July 27, 1919, to Riley and Mamie (Sheridan) Petty. He grew up on a farm and completed early education in the Creswell, Oregon, area. In 1943, he earned his B.S. degree in agriculture engineering at Oregon State University. Later he received his civil engineering rating. On Nov. 26, 1943, Joe married Virginia Park at the First Baptist Church in Redmond, Oregon.

Joe was employed with Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture working in Redmond, Baker City and Lakeview, Oregon, before transferring to Elko, Nevada, until his retirement in 1968.

Joe and Virginia returned to Oregon to acreage along the John Day River near Mitchell, Oregon, until failing health required a move to Prineville, Oregon, and later to Walla Walla, Washington.

He enjoyed doing outdoor activities with his family. He took pride in his work projects, showing friends and family unique sites.

Joe is preceded in death by his son, Karl Petty, in 2006.

Joe is survived by his wife of 77 years, Virginia Petty, of Walla Walla, Washington; daughters, Cheryl (David) Dine of Portland, Oregon, Carolyn (Randolph) Ford of Boise, Idaho; son, Joel Petty of Sandpoint, Idaho; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Whispering Pines Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements: 3168 NE Third St., Prineville, OR 97754, 541-416-9733.

CORRECTION

In "Forest Service axes 21-inch rule" Jan. 20, the Eagle incorrectly reported the Forest Service defines old trees as over 100 years old when the correct number of years is 150. The Eagle regrets the error.

Dorene Ann Delano

April 26, 1943 ~ January 18, 2021

Dorene Ann Delano, age 77, of Mount Vernon passed away Jan. 18, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She fought a valiant demanding battle with diabetes for 45 years. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Dorene was born in Prairie City OR, April 26, 1943 to Hank and Hazel (Hopper) McKrola. She attended all 12 grades at Mount Vernon Schools where she played volleyball, was a cheerleader, was active in the HS paper, Student Government and graduated Valedictorian in 1961.

Dorene married Kenneth H. Delano at her home Dec. 29, 1959. After graduation she joined her husband in Newport Rhode Island where she assumed the role of Navy Wife ("Hardest Job in the Navy") which lasted until 1981. She then moved with 4 of their 5 children home to Mount Vernon with her now civilian husband. (The oldest daughter remained in WA with her new husband). They built a new home on the land she was raised on and lived there until her death.

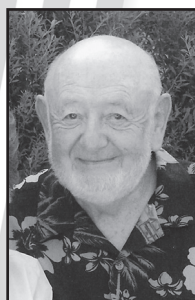
She enjoyed flower gardening, sewing clothes for the children, including wedding dresses, sports coats and whatever was needed. Her cross-stitch needle work was heirloom quality and provided a keepsake to nearly every member of the family before her failing eyesight halted her efforts. She made decorations, games, toys and would always end up with the kids, grandkids and great-grandkids at the table drawing, tracing, writing, painting or coloring eggs at the proper time. There were always craft materials and books at Grandma's house for busy little minds and hands. Her life was her children and their children. There was never a baby she didn't love.

Survivors include sister Joy Myers of Sumpter OR, husband Kenneth of 61 years, daughter Barbara (Gary) Collins, son Kenneth Jr. (Karen), son Maurice (Lisa), son Monte (Autumn) and daughter Hazel LaBrie. Nine grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Hank and Hazel McKrola, older brother Donald and younger sister Lorraine (Gordon) Shaw.

Her husband Ken likes to say "My life didn't have direction until I seen That Girl." Sixty one years later he and his family still love and will miss "That Girl". What a trip we've had. Paid for by the family of Dorene Delano.

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James Stewart Thomason

July 29, 1931 ~ January 22, 2021

James Stewart Thomason, 89, of Roseburg, OR, passed away peacefully with family by his side on January 22, 2021. Jim was born on July 29, 1931 in Seattle, WA to parents Gena and J. Thad Thomason. He grew up in West Seattle, and frequently could be found outdoors with his friends in the neighborhood or his cousins

at Lake Twelve. He graduated from Seattle University in 1953. While also a Navy Reservist, Jim began a career in banking at First National Bank of WA in Seattle, quickly rising to a management position, and opening a branch in Sitka, AK in 1957. While in Sitka, he met and married the love of his life, Irene Gelezinski. Jim, Irene, and their seven children spent many memorable years in Sitka and Anchorage, Alaska, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, family camping and road trips. In 1978, the family moved to John Day, OR, where they owned and operated Nugget Lanes until moving to Roseburg, OR in 1987. After his retirement from the Douglas County Assessor's office in 1998, Jim relished golfing with family and friends, once shooting a hole in one. Jim supported his family and community in many ways, including active involvement in Boy Scouts, Little League, Rotary, Elks, and others. He served on the board of directors at Western Cascade Credit Union (now Cascade Community CU) for many years. He volunteered numerous hours at the Roseburg Visitors Center, honored in 2003 as Recycler of the Year. Known to many as JT throughout his life, RUJ ("rich" Uncle Jim) to his nieces and nephews, and DOD (Dear Old Dad) to his kids, he adored his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his many close friends, and was deeply loved in turn. A charismatic story-teller, he was a friend to all. Jim is survived by his sons James Jr. (aka Skipper), Darhl (Cricket), and Kyle (Darcee); daughters Susie Thomason-Ankeny (Jerry), Mona (Brian Shenk), Lynn Rooker, and Natasha Smith (David). He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene, and his sister, Beverly O'Kelley. Celebration of life is planned for July 31, 2021 at River Forks County Park near Roseburg.

Paid for by the family of James Thomason

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Farm Bureau names Dan Driscoll Scholarship recipients

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant County Farm Bureau has awarded its 2020 Dan Driscoll Memorial Scholarships.

This year's winners, Denali Twehues and Brianna Zwegardt, received \$1,250 and \$750, respectively, to go toward their education and complimentary memberships to the Farm Bureau.

Twehues, a student at Treasure Valley Community College, is working toward a degree in animal science. In a Farm Bureau press release, she said she has lived in Dayville for 10 years and grew up around animals, and was always active in 4-H and FFA.

After earning her degree at TVCC, Twehues said she

plans to further her education and become a veterinary technician.

"I would not be where I am without the support of my family and community," she said.

She is the daughter of Matt Twehues and Julie Perkins.

According to the Farm Bureau, Brianna Zwegardt, who grew up in Prairie City and played volleyball, basketball and softball, is in her third year at Eastern Oregon University. She said she is completing a biochemistry major, an agricultural science major and an animal science minor at Oregon State University. Zwegardt said she is in the Ag Club and the Pre-Vet Club and is a captain on the softball team.

She is the daughter of Lance and Louanne Zwegardt.

Lusco, Manitsas earn first place in Elks Most Valuable Student contest

Blue Mountain Eagle

The John Day Elks Lodge recognized the winners of the Elks Most Valuable Student contest Jan. 14.

For the girls, Abby Lusco placed first, followed by Katie Johnson and Jesaka Culley. For the boys, Parker Manitsas placed first.

Each of their applications have advanced to the district level where they will

be judged in comparison to winners from the other seven lodges in southeast Oregon.

The top places from that judging advance to the state level. Each time an application is advanced, the student receives more money.

The top 20 students in the nation will be invited to Chicago where each will receive between \$20,000 and \$60,000 for schooling.

Frazier named to university dean's list

Blue Mountain Eagle

Ginni Frazier of Canyon City was among those who earned dean's list recognition at George Fox University for the fall 2020 semester. Tradi-

tional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn a spot on the dean's list. Frazier is a senior majoring in computer science.

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	34/21
Wednesday	43/28
Thursday.....	43/37
Friday	43/32
Saturday	46/32
Sunday.....	52/39
Monday.....	55/43

24/7 FORECAST

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162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 3 - 9

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Scattered snow showers	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
40	43	44	46	48	46	45
26	30	30	29	28	18	27