



**SERVICE NOTICE**

**Carol Coombs**

A celebration of life for Carol Coombs will be held at noon on Saturday, April 23, at Depot Park, 425 S. Main St., Prairie City.

*James (Jimmy) Stephen Cole*

August 9, 1952 ~ April 8, 2022

Jimmy was born to James Lawrence and Kathryn Lena Cole on August 9, 1952 in Emmett, Idaho. Jimmy passed away and received his wings on April 8, 2022 at St. Charles Hospital in Bend, age 69.



You just can't cover "Jimmy Cole" in a few sentences! The family has decided that Jimmy's life needs to be told, no matter how many words are used. Anyone who knew Jimmy will quickly recognize the part of Jimmy's life they were involved in. Jimmy was a resident of Grant County for most of his life. He was a cowboy in every sense of the word: "Tough as a pine knot" and "soft as butter" all at the same time. In cowboy terms – "He always saddled his own horse!"

Jimmy was a "hell of a hand" in his day, he knew how to gather a pasture clean on the first pass and how to keep 'em mothered up when he got to the next one. He also excelled at team roping, traveling and roping at numerous ropings throughout the Northwest. He really enjoyed those years and could recall and relive them at any point in his life. Many of your names were included in these stories.

Jimmy's favorite horse was Ole Baldy. He was an all-round horse with lots of speed and could run just as fast through the rocks and hillsides as he could in the arena. Some of Jimmy's fondest memories were cowboying off him and gathering cattle on him alongside his father, Jim Cole. In fact, he roped the first buck deer he ever tagged off of Old Baldy. You would think remembering a horse that has been dead for close to fifty years at your time of passing would be a little odd, but not for Jimmy Cole! He planned on cowboying for an eternity and wanted us to know he will be well mounted!

Jimmy was a true believer in God. He lived in the "Valley of the Shadow of death" for most of his life as he was diagnosed with a crippling arthritis as a teenager. It would ravage his body and cripple him for the rest of his life. So, Jimmy set up camp in this valley and lived there for many years. His family and friends were his "Rod and Staff." Despite his physical challenges, Jimmy was a fighter; he always knew God was in his corner. He never questioned God on why he had such a heavy load of pain and suffering in his life. He just took it with a smile and a joke. Jimmy figured that it was "his job and he was going to do the very best he could and give it his best shot." God knows he did an exceptional job of it and he's finally collecting his pay check now!

Jimmy was never married or a biological father; he didn't have time or room for that. He was too busy being a son, a brother, a father figure, a brother-in-law, an uncle, and a cousin. He claimed every nephew and niece as his own, and last, but far from least, he was a friend and coach to countless many! He was most happy with that. He always said he didn't need to get married and have a family. He already had all he needed!

Jimmy always loved to tell stories; he had an unbelievable memory...with an emphasis on the unbelievable part. A lot of his stories had a message embedded in them, those messages changed many lives of friends and family.

Jimmy really enjoyed card and board games; he was very competitive to say the least. He was a cribbage master. In fact, when they started renaming roads and lanes in Grant County a few years ago, the driveway/lane leading to his house was named "Cribbage Lane."

In Jimmy's younger days he was a very good athlete who excelled in basketball. That carried over into him being a very avid basketball fan and supporter/personal coach to numerous players on the local basketball teams and his niece, Anji Weissenfluh's, players at Eastern

Oregon University (EOU). He went years without missing local high school games and was able to see and follow several EOU Women's basketball games at Eastern. He always looked forward to the district play-offs where you would find him at almost every game played. He truly understood the game and it was a passion of his for most of his life. Jimmy enjoyed hunting and was very successful at it. Being crippled up did not slow him down. He was always ready to fire and could shoot accurately from the most contorted positions imaginable, left or right-handed. He cherished his hunts with friends and family and relished in the fact that he could take his own meat and share it with friends and family. If we get to telling hunting stories on Jimmy this obituary will become a book!

Jimmy was very proud of the fact that he could take care of himself and was self-sufficient with the help of friends, family, and neighbors. Jimmy wanted everyone to know how much he appreciated all the help everyone gave him over the years, from the first county-wide fund raisers back in the 1970's to current times. He appreciated all his friends, family, neighbors, the community of Monument, and Grant County as a whole. Some of his last words were "Tell everyone thank you." He truly appreciated all of you.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his father, James Lawrence Cole; his mother, Kathryn Lena Cole; three sisters; Mary Louise Boyer, Sandra Lou Weissenfluh, and Kathryn Etta Maley; five nieces and nephews; Laurie Lynn Boyer, Brandi Lou Weissenfluh, Andrew Paul Boyer, Rocky Maley, and Tyler Boyer.

He is survived by his younger brother John Lawrence Cole and his wife Deborah and their three children: Sarah (Cole) Newton and husband David and their four children; Kayla (Cole) Hand and her husband James and their daughter; Cody Cole and his dog, Bowzer-Hagen (AKA Slogger).

An older sister, Sherry Diane Cole and her partner Jude Lehner, Sherry's four daughters: Kim (Weissenfluh) Beck and her husband Gary and son; Christine Weissenfluh and her partner, Jackie and their three children; Angela Weissenfluh and her partner, Missy and their two children; and Andrea Weissenfluh and her two daughters.

Brother-in-law – Richard Boyer and three children: Richard (Richie) Boyer and his wife Charity and five children. Deb (Boyer) Twiet and her husband Butch and two daughters; Wes Boyer and wife Missy and two sons.

Brother-in-law – Jerry Maley and his daughter: Tammy Maley and her two sons; daughter-in-law – Deanna Maley and her three children.

Deceased sister, Sandy Weissenfluh's daughters; Paula (Weissenfluh) Craig and husband Brandon; Sally Weissenfluh and partner Tricia and five children.

Jimmy is also survived by numerous great nieces and nephews that he was more than just a "Great Uncle" to, he loved them and they loved him.

Everyone is invited to attend the services for Jimmy on April 23rd, starting at noon a Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Monument Gymnasium. Graveside services will follow at the Monument Cemetery. A community potluck at the Monument Senior Center will follow the services.

Memorial Contributions may be made payable to the Monument School District – in care of "Jimmy Cole Memorial Athletic Fund".

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# Painted Sky looking for public input with survey

By JUSTIN DAVIS  
Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY — The Painted Sky Center for the Arts in Canyon City is conducting a survey to find out what the community wants and needs the center to provide.

The survey will first be on Facebook but will later transition to a printed anonymous survey. The creator of the survey, Skirma Janavice, says the survey's purpose is to see how the center can improve.

"The results are for me to see what classes they enjoy or lack, if the time of the classes is OK for them — I just really want to know what our community wants and how we can improve," Janavice said. "We

won't be using the results for anything else."

The results of the survey will lead to adjustments and new offerings by the center if the community wants them, according to Janavice. "If we see the people would like more music classes, of course we'll look for more music teachers to fill that need."

Prior requests for new classes have already resulted in changes at the art center. "We started pottery classes a couple of months ago, and they are going very well," Janavice said. "The people that asked for pottery classes got it, and we're happy with that."

Painted Sky, located at 118 S. Washington St., has plans for an active summer. "We are going to

to be doing quite a few events during the summertime, so if people want to come and learn more about us, we're going to have brochures ready," Janavice said. She added that the art center is going to have a printed version of the survey available at those events, stressing that the survey will be totally anonymous.

Janavice encourages people to follow the Painted Sky Center for the Arts on Facebook because that is where the majority of information about classes and events can be found.

The center also has a catalog that comes out every four months. The art center's summer catalog will be out on June 1 and can be found at the Earthly Home Natural Market, 401 W. Main St. in John Day.

**LOCAL BRIEFING**

**OTEC warns members to beware of scam calls**

BAKER CITY — The Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is warning its member-owners about an increase in scam calls.

The electric co-op says it has received numerous reports from members in Grant County saying they have received calls from a person claiming to be an OTEC representative and threatening the cut off electricity unless payment is made immediately.

OTEC officials say this is a scam. They say the co-op will never demand immediate payment over the phone.

Anyone who receives a call of this type is advised to hang up immediately and call OTEC at 541-523-3616 to report the incident.

**Lawmakers to hold virtual town hall**

SALEM — Three Eastern Oregon lawmakers will hold a joint virtual town hall to update constituents on issues, answer questions and take comments.

Sen. Lynne Findley, R-Vale, and Reps. Mark Owens, R-Crane, and Daniel Bonham, R-The Dalles, will host the event over Zoom and Facebook Live.

The virtual town hall will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27.

To participate in the Zoom meeting, register online at <https://tinyurl.com/yckzxac5>.

Questions can be submitted in advance at registration, using the Q&A feature during the event or asked live during the virtual town hall.

**Construction resumes on Highway 395**

HERMISTON — Work has resumed on a road improvement project on Highway 395 between Hermiston and Interstate 84, the Oregon Department of Transportation announced.

The project includes new pavement on 6.5 miles of Highway 395, upgraded curb ramps in south Hermiston and downtown Stanfield, and lane reconfiguration in Stanfield to encourage slower speeds and improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The contractor is expected to complete the project by early May. Until then, crews will work between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Motorists can expect lane closures for paving and striping, should watch for workers and should be prepared to slow or stop in work zones.

**Hunter ed classes slated to begin on May 2**

JOHN DAY — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will offer a hunter education class in John Day next month.

There will be six classroom sessions from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on May 2, 4, 5, 9, 11 and 12 in Keerins Hall at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 411 NW Bridge St., followed by a field day on May 14 beginning at 9 a.m.

Register online at <https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login>.

For more information, call Deanna Maley at 541-575-1167.

— Blue Mountain Eagle

*Bradley Steven Baughman*

July 25, 1953 ~ March 30, 2022

Bradley Steven Baughman passed away March 30, 2022 at his home in Dallasport, Washington with family by his side. Bradley was born July 25, 1953 in Roseburg, Oregon to parents Glenn Spencer and Doree Ellis Baughman.



He spent his early years in Winston, Oregon and Glide High School in Glide, Oregon. He attended Umpqua Community College where he got his GED. He enlisted in the Police Academy. He served many years in law enforcement in Douglas, Sherman and Grant counties in Oregon.

He married Susan R. Holley on June 30th, 1973 in Lookingglass, Oregon. He was a Life Member of The Masonic Grand Lodge and The Oakland Lodge #16 in Oakland, Oregon as well as Pudget Sound Knappers.

Bradley is survived by his wife Susan Baughman, son Glenn Baughman (partner Jessica Reynolds), daughter Tamica Baughman, mother Doree Baughman, siblings Christine (Gordon) Cottrell, Dana (Anne) Baughman, Jennifer (Stephen) Seefeld, Lewis (Kerri) Baughman and his step siblings, Mark Harrington, Arianne Harrington (Richard Lipphardt), Eric (April) Harrington, Lynette (Mike) Butler, Kirk (Rosa) Harrington, in-laws, Leo (Patsy) Holley, Steven Holley, Shelley & Russell Harter along with many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Glenn Baughman, step-mother Audrey Harrington Baughman, and step-sister Janis Harrington Nelson.

A Memorial service will be held 2:00 P.M., Friday, April 29, 2022 at Winston Community Center (440 SE Grape Ave, Winston, Oregon). A live stream will be available with details to come at Anderson's Tribute Center Memorial page for Brad.

## Drug take-back set for Prairie City

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PRAIRIE CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office will host a drug take-back event in Prairie City this week.

Unused or expired prescription medications can be dropped off at City Hall, 133 S. Bridge St., between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, April 22.

For more information on how to safely dispose of prescription medications, call 844-482-5322 or visit [medtakebackoregon.org](http://medtakebackoregon.org).

**CORRECTION**

**Defamation suit:** A story in our April 13 edition overstated the scope of a legal decision in the defamation lawsuit filed by former Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer against Haley Olson. The judge dismissed three counterclaims filed by Olson against Palmer. Olson is appealing that ruling. The defamation suit itself is ongoing. The Eagle regrets the error.

**Last Week's Temps**

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	35/23
Thursday	39/26
Friday	43/34
Saturday	41/25
Sunday	48/31
Monday	62/32
Tuesday	46/31

24/7 FORECAST

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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20-26**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
52	49	49	53	57	63	57
38	31	34	32	36	42	37