

Quilt show makes a comeback

By STEVEN MITCHELL
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JOHN DAY — After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 20th annual Grant County Quilt Show was held at the county fairgrounds' Trowbridge Pavilion last month.

Hosted by the Grant County Piecemakers Quilting Guild, the show was held Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21.

Karen Hinton, president of the guild, said the show saw roughly 150 people throughout the two-day exhibition and featured work from around 70 local quilters. She told the newspaper that, in total, 114 quilts were on display.

Hinton said attendance was down this year because of the pandemic.

"It's been hard," Hinton said, "because people are out of the habit of coming (to the quilt show). So we have to get the word out again that we're back."

Hinton said the quilt show held a raffle and then a quilting workshop led by featured quilter Sharon Mitchell. Hinton said quilting provides the quilters with a creative outlet. Many, she said, cannot get out of town as much as others.

"(Quilting) is creative and gives us joy," she said.

For her part, Mitchell said there is quite the fellowship among the quilters.

"It's really a camaraderie," Mitchell said. "We all admire each other's work, we admire their color selection and we admire their pattern. And that's what we do. It's a little sisterhood."



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Sharon Mitchell, the featured quilter at this year's Grant County Quilt Show, said there is a "camaraderie" among the local quilters.

Lusco named assistant principal at Grant Union

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JOHN DAY — Andy Lusco has been named the new assistant principal at Grant Union Junior/Senior High School.

Lusco, a former history and government teacher, will fill the void left by the ascension of former assistant principal Karen Shelton into the role of principal.

Lusco will also take on the role of athletic director for the school. Lusco's knowledge of Grant School District and his vast experience in coaching and athletics make him a highly qualified athletic director, according to Shelton. Shelton also adds that Lusco's background in positive behavioral intervention and support and solid relationships with students will make him a strong leader of student behavior.

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Grant Union High School teacher Andy Lusco walks his students through the judicial branch of the U.S. government on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Lusco has been named assistant principal and athletic director of the school.

SERVICE NOTICES James Whale

A potluck to celebrate the life of James Whale will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, at the Grant County Regional Airport, 72000 Airport Road in John Day. Burgers, hot-dogs and drinks will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a favorite dish, dessert or both. RSVP to Facebook or just show up. For more information, call 541-620-4154 or 541-620-1355.

Patricia J. "Pat" Howard

May 8, 1933 - May 4, 2022

Patricia J. "Pat" Howard, 88, a longtime resident of the Forest Grove community, died Wednesday morning, May 4, 2022, at Jennings McCall II Assisted Living Center in Forest Grove.

PATRICIA JEAN HOWARD was born May 8, 1933, in Prairie City, Oregon, the daughter of the late William Ray Galbraith and Lorena May (McCauley) Galbraith. She was raised and received her education in the Prairie City community, having been a graduate of the Prairie City High School Class of 1951. Upon her high school graduation, Pat attended Eastern Oregon State University in LaGrande, having received a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

She was united in marriage to Jack Earl Howard on June 13, 1954, in the United Methodist Church in Prairie City, Oregon. After completing their college educations, they moved to the Forest Grove community, where they have loved life since 1958. They moved to the Jennings McCall Retirement community in 2018, where Pat had resided since.

While Jack was attending college, she taught school for the Springfield School District. After moving to the Forest Grove community, Pat was a substitute teacher for the Forest Grove School District #15 for several years. She then taught third grade at Joseph Gale School from 1976 to 1992, when she retired.

Pat was a member of the Junior Women's League, P.E.O. and the quilters group at Valley Art in Forest Grove.

Among her special interests, she enjoyed reading, quilting, biking, hiking and traveling. Jack and Pat enjoyed travel of all sorts. They rafted the Colorado River. Backpacking and hiked many a trail and mountain. They traveled to many countries, including Canada, Mexico, Austria, Germany, Ireland, England, Kenya and Tanzania. They enjoyed Peru, Ecuador and the Galapagos islands. China, Tibet and Bali were highlights on their list of places visited. They spoke with strangers everywhere they traveled and 9 times out of ten there was a significant human connection to people or places they knew and loved. They traveled by motorhome and pulled their pop-up trailer on many adventures. Some of those favorite times were spent at Death Valley, California and Borrego Springs, California.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, on October 22, 2021, after celebrating over sixty-seven years of marriage together. Pat was also preceded in death by her parents, William and Lorena Galbraith; by her brother, William "Bill" Galbraith and her son, Dwight J. Howard in 1961.

Survivors include her two daughters and sons-in-law, Gail and Michael Clary, of Sunriver, Oregon and Marilyn and Joe Rodriguez, of Gaston, Oregon.

Also surviving are her three grandchildren and their spouses, Alisha and Justin Carey, of Forest Grove, Oregon; Meghan and Michael Whitlock, of Hood River, Oregon and Allison Rodriguez and her partner, Colton Underhill, of Forest Grove, Oregon and her three great-grandsons, Howard and Bradley Carey and Alden Whitlock and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to Doernbecher Children's Hospital, 700 S.W. Campus Drive, Portland, Oregon 97239, in her memory.

Paid for by the family of Patricia Howard.



Man arrested in shooting incident

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JOHN DAY — A John Day man is in jail after allegedly firing a rifle at phantom "intruders" who weren't really there.

About 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, emergency dispatchers received a call from Christopher Ryan Hoppe, 39, saying that unknown people were surrounding the garage he was in at a house on Lower Yard Road, according to information from the Grant County Sheriff's Office. Hoppe reportedly fired at least one shot from a high-powered rifle before law enforcement arrived.

Sheriff Todd McKinley and Oregon State Police Sgt. Tom Hutchison responded and determined that there were no intruders in the area. They took Hoppe into custody and transported him to the Grant County Jail.

According to McKinley, methamphetamine was found in Hoppe's possession.

No one was injured in the incident.

Hoppe was charged with three counts of felon in possession of a firearm, three counts of first-degree theft in connection with the theft of two shotguns and a rifle, two counts of reckless endangerment, and one count of third-degree criminal mischief in connection

with a broken door.

He was scheduled to be arraigned on the charges Thursday, May 26, in Grant County Circuit Court.

In January, Hoppe was arrested in Mt. Vernon after allegedly brandishing a machete in a bar and stealing a car.

McKinley said only two officers responded to Wednesday's incident because no one else was available.

"That's all there is," McKinley said.

The John Day Police Department was shut down in October due to budget constraints. Since then, the city and county have been at loggerheads over whether the city will provide additional funding for the Sheriff's Office, which has taken over much of the responsibility for law enforcement in John Day even though it has only four patrol deputies. The county, meanwhile, is grappling with an \$800,000 budget shortfall.

McKinley expressed frustration that his office hasn't received funding to hire additional deputies to relieve the staffing shortage.

"It's super-critical and somebody's going to end up getting killed," he said. "Maybe that's what it's going to take before somebody stands up and makes some hard decisions get us some help."

LOCAL BRIEFING

Free fishing weekend June 4-5

SALEM — Fishing in Oregon is free this weekend, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, everyone can fish, clam and crab in public waters around the state at no charge.

That means no fishing or shellfish licenses or tags — including a combined angling tag, Columbia River Basin endorsement or two-rod validation — are required on those two days, either for Oregon residents or nonresident visitors.

In addition, it's free to park and camp at Oregon state parks on Saturday, June 4.

All other fishing regulations apply, according to ODFW, including closures, bag limits and size restrictions.

BLM campfire restrictions in effect

PRINEVILLE — Annual campfire restrictions go into effect Wednesday, June 1, on Central Oregon rivers and lakes managed by the Bureau of Land Management. That includes portions of the John Day, Deschutes, Crooked and White rivers, as well as BLM lands along Lake Billy Chinook and Lake Simtustus.

The restrictions are intended to reduce the risk of wildfire in river canyons and other areas where fires can spread quickly due to limited access, grassy fuels that can dry out quickly and steep slopes, the BLM said in a news release.

The rules, which remain in effect until Oct. 15, allow commercially manufactured lanterns and metal camp stoves for cooking that use bottled propane or liquid fuel. Traditional campfires are banned, as are portable propane campfires and wood pellet-burning devices. Smoking is prohibited except in non-public buildings, inside vehicles, in boats on the water or when standing in the water.

On the John Day, restrictions apply within a quarter-mile of the river between Tumwater Falls and Kimberly on the mainstem, between Kimberly and the Umatilla National Forest boundary on the North Fork, and between Smokey Creek and the Malheur National Forest boundary on the South Fork.

State issues peanut butter warning

PORTLAND — The Oregon Health Authority is urging Oregonians to watch out for Jif brand peanut butter that may be contaminated with salmonella bacteria.

The J.M. Smucker Co. issued a voluntary recall on May 20. The Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are investigating the salmonella outbreak.

The peanut butter that is being recalled was distributed in retail stores and other outlets across the country. And includes creamy, crunchy and natural varieties. Specifically, products with lot codes 1274425-2140425, with the digits 425 in the fifth through seventh position, are being recalled. This information is found on the back label of the jar.

Some of the recalled peanut butter was distributed in OHA food boxes. The agency is inspecting food boxes at OHA food hubs and replacing recalled peanut butter. All warehoused Jif products that were waiting to be distributed have been replaced, OHA said in a news release.

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Joseph "Joe" William Langenfeld

October 7, 1950 - May 23, 2022

Joseph "Joe" William Langenfeld, 71, passed away peacefully losing his battle with leukemia on May 23, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 7, 1950, in John Day, OR to Daniel and Hilda (Moffett) Langenfeld. He was number four out of nine children.



Joe grew up in Mount Vernon and attended school there until he graduated. He loved working in the cafeteria during school to get free lunches and a little extra spending cash. He really hated the lime Jello and carrots because it made him puke. In the third grade, he was running like a bat out of hell in the school hallway when someone opened the bathroom door and he ran into it, laying him out flat. His concussion was so severe, he ended up staying a week in the hospital. Joe was always a willing participant in fun and creative adventures. He always was working on the ranch to help his family.

Joe was drafted into the military and completed basic training in Mississippi but was never deployed.

While working at his family businesses, Joe met the love of his life, Joy Lee Whisenant at the Orbit Motel next to the Night Owl Café. He rescued her from being locked out of her hotel room because Sammy the dog locked her out. She was just traveling through but loved bloomed from this meeting. They were married March 15, 1974, in Reno, NV at the Chapel of Love. Joe and Joy traveled around doing construction jobs until they started their family. From this union, Joseph "Bill" William and Michelle Lynn were born on July 4, 1977, one minute apart in La Grande, OR. In 1980, the family relocated to Burns and shortly after purchased their ranch 9 miles east on Hwy 78. He worked for various businesses in Harney County using his CDL license to deliver fuel for Chevron and Union 76; hauling hay for Norman Ranches and then started his own business custom farming all over Harney County with his wife and children. At the same time they built a cattle ranch on their place.

Joe enjoyed spending time with family and friends hunting, snowmobiling, off roading in ATVs, and camping. Fishing in Alaska was one of the highlights of his life. Joe had an amazing self-motivated will power, he was very determined to accomplish anything. He never gave up until the job was done, even if that meant hours of tireless work, dealing with ornery cows, equipment that kept breaking down, pivots that got plugged or pumps going out, baling all hours of the night, and helping anyone with their problems with the same determination. The past few years, Joe has been the primary caregiver to his wife. He was a devoted husband, father, grandpa, and friend. Nothing was more precious to him than his sweetheart, his children, and his grandchildren.

Joe is survived by his wife, Joy; son, Bill (Ann) Langenfeld; daughter, Chelle (Joe) Arnold; grandchildren Katy, Wyatt, and Morgan Langenfeld; Derek and Alayna Taylor; sister Dana (Chuck) Wold of Arizona City, AZ; brother Ronald Langenfeld of Chandler, AZ; brother, Daniel (Jean) Langenfeld of Mesa, AZ; sister Lisa (Mark) Merklin of Longview, WA; Aunt Mardell Philips of Fruitland, ID; unofficial adopted family; Brandon Baron, Sarah Ayling and their children Lucy, Dayton, Signor and Ayva; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Linda, Cindy, and Tammy; and brother Nicholas.

A celebration of life will be held at the Burns Elks Lodge on June 4, 2022, at 11:00 am followed by a luncheon. At 1:00 there will be a procession to Harney Cemetery for burial of Joe's ashes. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Joe's memory can be made to Harney County Hospice. Paid for by the family of Joe Langenfeld.

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	79/50
Thursday	76/49
Friday	67/42
Saturday	56/40
Sunday	47/37
Monday	50/40
Tuesday	66/44

24/7 FORECAST

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162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1-7

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Scattered thunderstorms	Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
72	72	67	60	64	63	68
50	50	51	50	45	42	46