

DEATH NOTICES

Robert Thomas Fry

Robert Thomas Fry, 89, passed away on June 12 at Valley View Assisted Living in John Day. No services are planned at this time.

Janet Mary Burdeno

Janet Mary Burdeno, 78, of John Day passed away on June 16 at Blue Mountain Hospital. No services are planned at this time.

Zelva "Nada" Burdick

February 7, 1954 ~ June 10, 2022

Zelva "Nada" Burdick, 68, of Hereford, Oregon died on June 10, 2022 at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Zelva was born February 7, 1954 in Daisetta, Texas. Her name was decided upon a coin toss by her grandma. Had the coin toss gone the other direction her name would have been Zephra.



Nada worked various jobs in the berry and Christmas tree fields and was a natural at caretaking. She also adored and raised cocker spaniels and sold puppies for 50 years.

Nada enjoyed reading romance novels, the outdoors, gardening, canning, cooking, cross stitch and needlepoint. She cherished spending time working on a good jigsaw puzzle and taking care of her beloved cocker spaniel, "Fin."

She loved to take care of people and lived by the quote, "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now.

Nada was preceded in death by her parents Billy and Leola Pike and brother Thomas Pike.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years Earl Burdick of Hereford, OR; daughter Tammy Burdick of Mt. Vernon, OR; sisters Carol Vinson and Berta Doman.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Nada the family suggests the Carrie Young Memorial Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834.

Paid for by the family of Zelva Burdick.

George "Kent" Hettinga

May 29, 2022

George "Kent" Hettinga passed away at his family cabin on Rudio Mountain May 29, 2022.

Kent was a fourth generation descendant of Dayville homesteaders, Gaynon and John Campbell Martin.

He grew up and graduated from Dayville School. He loved sports and participated and lettered in basketball and baseball.

After high school he attended Eastern Oregon University and worked summers for the State Fire Patrol in Dayville under Big Paul Grindstaff. He served in the Army from 1966 to 1968.

He worked on the Munro Ranch until he moved to Portland for a short time with his brother Chet, where he worked as car salesman. In 1969 he moved to Pendleton where his brother Pete was going to college and started employment with the Pendleton Grain Growers, where he worked for 38 years until his retirement in 2007.

In 1989 he married his soulmate Linda. He enjoyed working on his cattle ranch on McKay Creek, being around all his animals and was especially fond of and always had to have his canine companion by his side. He was an avid hunter and loved to reminisce about past hunts.

The Hettinga family would like to thank all Kent's extended family and many friends for sharing and being part of his life. He touched many with his kindness and wonderful sense of humor. He will forever be missed.

He is survived by his wife Linda, children Robin Hettinga (Blanca), Julie Baratone, Jaimi Nye (Brent), brothers Chester and Peter, sister Vonda and many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kent will be laid to rest in the Hettinga family plot at the Dayville Cemetery.

There will be a graveside service for family and close friends at 11:00 June 25th with a celebration of life immediately following at the residence of Matt Hettinga in Dayville.

Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice through Driskill Memorial Chapel at 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To leave an online condolence for the family of Kent, please visit: www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Ad paid for by the family of Kent Hettinga.



Pool bond goes down in recount

By JUSTIN DAVIS Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY — It's still a tie.

The results of a hand recount conducted by Grant County Clerk Brenda Percy confirmed that the pool bond failed after ending in an 802-802 tie. A majority was required to pass the measure.

The recount was conducted on Wednesday, June 15, and the vote was certified following the recount.

The hand recount was automatically triggered due to the margin of the vote being within 1/5 of 1%. The confirmation of the machine count officially ends the doubt and debate surrounding the \$4 million pool bond levy that was presented to voters within the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Recreation District during the May 17 primary election.



Bennett Hall/Blue Mountain Eagle

A sign urges voters to reject a \$4 million bond measure to finance a new community pool. The vote ended in a tie in early unofficial results.

The bond measure ended in a 787-787 tie based on early unofficial returns on Election Night, and an updated tally the following day still had the levy deadlocked at 789-789. The total would be updated two more times, with the no

votes holding a 798-792 edge following an update on May 24.

Sixteen ballots with challenged signatures wound up deciding the fate of the bond measure. Most of those ballots were able to be counted

after the signature issues were resolved by Percy's office. The result of that final count was an 802-802 tie that triggered the hand recount.

If passed, the bond would have raised \$4 million for the construction of a new pool via a 20-year bond that would've added 70 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to property tax bills in the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Recreation District. The new pool would have replaced the recently demolished Gleason Pool, which was built in 1958 and had been closed for two years.

The city sold the pool property and neighboring Gleason Park to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for a planned expansion of the Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site. One of the contract's terms of sale with the city was the demolition of Gleason Pool and the grading of the

John Day sidewalk improvement begins

By JUSTIN DAVIS Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Construction has begun on a pedestrian safety project located on South Canyon Boulevard between Grant Union Junior/Senior High School and Southwest Sixth Avenue in John Day. The project broke ground the week of June 13.

The project calls for the construction of new sidewalks that meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, widening existing bicycle lanes, installing curbs and gutters for stormwater runoff and constructing stormwater facilities, according to project details released by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

John Day-based Tidewater Contractors is doing the work for the project. The

cost is estimated at \$1.8 million, according to ODOT. Funding for the project comes from the Safe Routes to School Program and the Multimodal Transportation Enhancement Program.

ODOT said to expect flaggers and lane closures at times during daylight working hours. Flaggers will control alternating one-way traffic through the area. The project is expected to be completed in October.

ODOT spokesman Tom Strandberg said the work is part of a multiyear effort ODOT is undertaking to improve sidewalks throughout the state, as well as an effort to provide a safe walking path to and from Grant Union. The current project is the only one of its type in the county for this year, but there will be more in the future, according to Strandberg.



Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle

A Tidewater Contractors employee operates a rock-cutting machine on Monday, June 20, 2022, along South Canyon Boulevard in John Day.

Remember this Disney movie filmed here? Share memories

Blue Mountain Eagle

Do you remember "Napoleon and Samantha"? The Disney movie, starring Michael Douglas and Jodie Foster, was filmed in Grant County in 1971 and released in 1972.

We're looking for local people who have memories of the film's production. We'd like to talk to you for a story on the movie's 50th anniversary, which is coming up July 5.

If you'd like to contribute to the story, please contact Bennett Hall at bhall@bluemountaineagle.com or 541-760-3182.



Handout Photo

The promotional poster for "Napoleon and Samantha." Filmed in Grant County, the Disney movie was released 50 years ago next month.

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LOCAL BRIEFING

Local students earn advanced degrees

CORVALLIS — A pair of students from John Day were among the more than 7,300 students scheduled to receive academic degrees during Oregon State University's commencement ceremonies on June 11.

Katharine Nicolato earned a master's degree in sustainable forest management from OSU, and Justin Thorson earned a master's in fisheries science.

Mt. Vernon man graduates academy

FORT BLISS, Texas — Command Sgt. Major Steven Baldwin, a Mt. Vernon resident, graduated on June 9

from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss, Texas, according to a news release from the Army's 10th Mountain Division.

Baldwin maintained a 3.7 grade point average during his studies and has published several articles on mission command and military tactics in the Non-Commissioned Officer Journal.

Command sergeant major is the highest rank an enlisted service member can achieve. Fewer than 1% of service members are nominated to attend the Sergeants Major Academy and approved by the Army's Headquarters Department, according to the news release.

OTEC bills get a new look, for now

BAKER CITY — If your electric bill looks different this month, don't worry — it's only temporary.

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative has started mailing out monthly billing statements in brown envelopes after running out of the usual white ones due to a supply chain issue, OTEC said in a news release.

It seems the company that prints and mails the co-op's bills ran out of white paper for the envelopes, and it's not clear when it will be able to get more.

In the meantime, the vendor has stocked up on brown envelopes and will use those until white paper becomes available again.

The brown paper envelopes will probably be used for at least two monthly billing cycles, OTEC said.

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Last Week's Temps

Table with 2 columns: Day and HI/LO. Rows include John Day, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

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162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22-28

Table with 7 columns: Day (Wednesday to Tuesday) and 2 rows of weather icons and temperatures (High/Low).