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Strawberry Mountain Community Clinic is now offering Saturday appointments between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. every other Saturday beginning June 25.

Clinic offering Saturday hours

By STEVEN MITCHELL
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic has expanded its hours to offer same-day Saturday appointments twice a month for the next three months from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joan Sonnenburg, Blue Mountain Hospital District's director of outpatient and provider services, said the Saturday clinic hours were set to begin on June 25 and then pick up again on Saturday, July 9. She said the district

plans to hold the clinic hours on July 23 as well, but the plans are still tentative. James Cook, a family nurse practitioner, will be the provider on duty at the clinic, 180 Ford Road in John Day. Those interested in making an appointment can call 541-575-0404. In addition to Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic, the Blue Mountain Hospital District operates Blue Mountain Hospital, Blue Mountain Care Center and Blue Mountain Home Health and Hospice Agency.

Lightning strike sends branch through cabin

Blue Mountain Eagle

DALE — A flying branch from a lightning-struck tree badly damaged a cabin in northern Grant County during an electrical storm on June 17. Georgia Burnett, who lives with her husband, Norm, in the cabin on Trout Road a few miles south of Dale, said a bolt of lightning struck a large fir tree near the cabin and sent branches and shards of wood flying in all directions.



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A lightning strike during a storm on June 17, 2022, sent this large branch through the roof of a cabin near Dale.

"It just exploded," Burnett said. "It was just crazy." One large branch, nearly the size of a tree in its own right, pierced the cabin's roof and came through the ceiling into the kitchen. Burnett said she was in Portland at the time to see her granddaughter's dance recital, but her husband was sleeping on the couch when the lightning

struck. He's hearing-impaired, but he was feeling the effects of the lightning strike's tremendous noise days later. "He was already deaf, but now he's really deaf," Burnett said. "His ears are still ringing."

Neal Allen Burch Elliott

May 22, 1978 – May 25, 2022

Neal was born in Roseburg, Oregon, the eldest son of John Allen Burch and Shannon Marie Elliott. Neal was partly raised by his grand-uncle Keith Elliott, after his parents' divorce, with help from his aunts Billie Jo Berry, and Kayse Elliott, and maternal grandparents Bill and Jessie Elliott.



Neal lived on the Elliott Ranch in Eastern Oregon, where he finished growing up. He attended Grant Union High, where he played sports, and excelled in academics. Neal was truly friendly and always inspiring.

He was talented, creative, and artistic. Best of all, he loved music. He played the guitar & sang, even writing his own songs. He loved hard, worked hard, and played hard. Most especially he loved his family, his friends, and his God.

Neal was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Chester "Brick" and Virginia, cousin Jeremy John, father John, aunt Kayse, grandparents Howard and Mary Jo, uncle Jim, grand-uncle Paul and grand-uncle Tom, great-granny Delana, uncle Todd, and grand-aunt Carolyn.

He is survived by: mother, Shannon Elliott, grand-uncle Keith Elliott, grandparents Bill and Jessie Elliott, aunt Billie Jo Berry, and uncle John Elliott. Children: Brady Keith Burch, Alexis Burch, Ava Scriver, Luke Burch, and Ada'Lynn Harper Burch. Grandchildren Marcus Burch and Cozette Burch. Siblings Jessica Wells, William Burch, River Glimpse, Leaf Glimpse, Rainbow Moles, Mountain Glimpse, Airron Glimpse and Christian Glimpse. Close cousins: Rachel Smith, Joshua Elliott, Devin Elliott, Katrina Rogers, Eric Elliott, and Sunnie Moore.

He left behind countless cousins, in-laws, nephews and nieces, as well as, many loves and devoted friends, for he was truly loved by so many, who will miss him sorely for years to come.

The family ranch, and all our hearts, will never be the same without you, Neal!
Paid for by the family of Neal Elliott.

A day of family fun

By JUSTIN DAVIS
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Free fun on a hot day: The 15th Family Fun Day offered just that as vendors and crowds gathered on the grass beside the Trowbridge Pavilion at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day on Saturday, June 25.

The event was orchestrated by Families First of Grant County and included free snowcones, \$1 hamburgers and hot dogs, a water slide, inflatable bounce houses and a mechanical bull.

There was an array of booths staffed by businesses and organizations from all around the county as well. Painted Sky Center for the Arts featured crafts and henna tattoos. Blue Mountain Hospital measured children's heads and provided free bicycle helmets to all who wanted them. The U.S. Forest Service provided swag such as posters with tips on fire safety and prevention.

Families First Executive Director and Program Manager Teresa Aasness said the event was a collaboration between several organizations to provide something affordable to do for families.

"Currently, Families First is the lead on the event so we recruit all the booths, we recruit donations and funding for the event," Aasness said. "We set up the inflatables and do the location. I think it's a huge success. Look at all the families."

Aasness said the event was truly a community effort with many businesses and individuals volunteering services and time.

"Families First is a private nonprofit, and we do parent education and support.



Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle

Orson Welsh takes his turn on the water slide on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Family Fun Day at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

This event is funded by the local community health partnership and the Frontier Early Learning Hub, which is a regional program for Grant and Harney counties. They're our primary funders. Then we have a lot of volunteers that help man the inflatables. Clark's Disposal provides a dumpster for us, and a lot of different organizations help with the event."

Recruiting the various vendors and volunteers started in March, according to Aasness. There were 16 booths at the event this year, which Aasness said was average: "We've had some years that we've had a lot more and some years where we've had less."

Family Fun Day has taken place at various locations in John Day throughout the years and will probably move to a different venue next year.

"We started out at Seventh Street where the softball fields are, and we did it there for a while. Then we were at the John Day Park, and now we've been doing it here. Next year we'll probably move to a different venue," Aasness said.

This year's event is the second in a row following the cancellation of festivities in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Families First estimates there were at least 533 people in attendance at this year's Family Fun Day.

DEATH NOTICES

Stephen Duane Cade

Stephen Duane Cade, 71, of Kimberly passed away Sunday, June 19, at his residence with his family by his side. To send a condolence to his family, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Betty L. Richards

Betty L. Richards, 93, died at a care facility in Bend on June 19. Betty was born on April 12, 1929, in Prineville to Harold Melendy and Susan Stephens. A graveside service will be held on July 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Monument Cemetery in Monument. Please go to <http://www.burnsmortuary.com> and sign the online guestbook. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of funeral arrangements.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Fire board orders regulated closure

CANYON CITY — Grant County Fire Defense Board Chair Ron Smith, in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Forestry, has ordered fire defense board jurisdictions to go into regulated closure effective Monday, June 27.

Burn piles and barrels are prohibited. In unique or special circumstances, burning may occur, but only if permission is granted by the jurisdiction's chief.

Malheur archaeologist recognized

JOHN DAY — Archaeologist Don Hann, who recently retired from his position with the Malheur National Forest, has been honored for his work on the Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project.

Hann was named the winner of an Award for Excellence by the American Association for State and Local History. The group's Leadership in History Awards recognize 53 individuals, projects, exhibits and publications across the country this year.

Malheur National Forest archaeologist Katee Withee also contributed to the project.

The Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project is a collaborative effort to promote research and education on Oregon's early Chinese residents. In addition to the Malheur, partners include the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Oregon State Parks, the Oregon Historical Society and the Portland Chinatown Museum.

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BIRTHS

Aurora McAllister



Kelsey and Tanner McAllister of Prairie City announce the birth of their daughter, Aurora McAllister, at 12:24 p.m. April 5 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. She weighed 7 pounds, six ounces, and measured 18½ inches.

Grandparents are Shelly Wilkerson and Sean McAllister of Bend and David and Darlene Morrison of John Day.

CORRECTIONS

Consulting contract: A story in our June 22 edition about Nick Green's consulting contract with the city of John Day contained an error regarding the vote to approve the contract. Council member Heather Rookstool voted against the proposal.

Innovation Gateway: A story about plans for development in John Day's Innovation Gateway mischaracterized population loss

in Grant County. It should have said: Grant County was the only county in Oregon that saw a population reduction in the last census.

Murals: Kathy Kight's last name was misspelled in an article about plans to paint murals on businesses on Main Street in John Day.

The Eagle regrets the errors.

Robert "Bob" Howard Titus, Jr.

February 28, 1955 – June 21, 2022

Robert "Bob" Howard Titus Jr. was born to Bob and Johnnie Titus on February 28, 1955 in Prineville, Oregon. Bob died on June 21, 2022 at St. Luke's Regional Hospital at the age of 67, in Boise, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law and one niece.



Bob is survived by his wife Carrol of 30 years, his children LeRoy, Victoria and Alex; three stepchildren, Eric, Jordon and Garrett; 10 grandchildren; 8 sisters Iva Gill, Donna (LB) Adams, Fonda (Ted) Thompson, Marcia Titus, Gloria Tirico, Laura (Mike) Avila, Lisa Marquez and Tricia (Bill) Ball; numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Bob's Life for family and close friends will be held at noon on Sunday, July 3, 2022 on Bull Run at the old homestead. It will be potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share, a chair and your beverage of choice. Paper plates, cutlery, napkins and water will be provided.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalley-funeralhome.com

Paid for by the family of Bob Titus.

Bette Joyce Johnson MacArthur

October 6, 1925 – June 17, 2022

Bette Joyce Johnson MacArthur was born on October 6, 1925 in Homedale, Idaho to parents Russ and Ethel. On June 17, 2022, at the age of 96, she fell asleep in death.

On December 24, 1945 she married Keith MacArthur of Dayville. Three children were born to this union; Cheryl, Colin and Gwen.

She was a devoted and loyal Jehovah's Witness for some 68 years and member of the Canyon City Congregation. She will be remembered as a very classy lady who lived what she truly believed. She was a beautiful seamstress, a wonderful cook and a great gardener. She was also a strong, amazing, and very hospitable and generous woman, sister, wife, grandma and friend.

Preceding her in death was her husband Keith, their son Colin MacArthur, and son-in-law Mick Jenison. Also her parents, two brothers - Bob and Jim, and sisters Bonnie, Donna, Joan, and Wilma.

She is survived by two daughters - Cheryl Jenison of Spray and Gwen (Rick) Valade of Dayville; six grandchildren including Mike (LeeAnne) Jenison, Kevin (Sherril) Jenison, Angela (Rickie Berry) Valade, Jenny (Mike) Martin, Dale (Emma) Valade, KC (Lonnie) Dickens; four great-grandkids - Kaela (Miles) Steele, Brent Labhart, Kabel Dickens and Andrew Valade. Also two great-great-grandkids, Wyatt and Wade Steele, one brother Paul Johnson, and many nieces and nephews.

She will be truly missed by all who loved and knew her. At her request, no services will be held. Acts 24:15. Paid for by the family of Bette MacArthur.

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	85/51
Thursday	74/45
Friday	76/49
Saturday	85/55
Sunday	88/59
Monday	97/58
Tuesday	84/49

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 JUNE 29-JULY 2

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
79	82	84	85	79	72	77
49	51	53	53	53	48	50