

Painted Sky shrinks summer art classes

By JUSTIN DAVIS
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CANYON CITY — Painted Sky Center for the Arts' summer youth program is seeing a reduction in enrollment in preparation for the start of school this fall.

The program is retuning to Painted Sky's art center in Canyon City after holding summer classes at Humbolt Elementary.

The move will cut enrollment in Painted Sky's summer youth program from just over 100 to just under 40. A grant obtained by the art center in June allowed for free summer art classes to be provided to area youth. The large number of students enrolled made a move from the art center in Canyon City to Humbolt Elementary necessary.

Painted Sky board President Alicia Griffin said enrollment was high, but fewer kids on average attended daily classes than were enrolled.

"Our registration was at 107," she said. "It was phenomenal. The actual, regular day-to-day (number) — because certain kids would come specific days and not others — was 50 kids a day between them coming and going."

Space limitations at the building in Canyon City meant enrollment in the summer art program had to be reduced.

"We raised our numbers to 37 in the hopes that we won't get more than 30 a day," Griffin said.



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Students from Painted Sky's summer arts classes attend music lessons at Humbolt Elementary on Friday, June 24, 2022.

fin said. "We really tried to focus on those that were using and utilizing the art center as their primary care source for their children."

Griffin said Painted Sky will continue to offer an arts program for area youth following the start of school, but that program will be tuition-based like the program was to start the summer.

"We will do Monday through Thursday after school and all day Friday," Griffin added. A part-time option for classes on Fridays only will also be offered.

Enrollment in the after-school art program will be capped at 30.

"Our rooms are smaller and a little bit more divided, so it's harder to accommodate larger groups of kids," Griffin said. She added that the center will open enrollment for an additional 10 kids on Fridays during the school year.

Griffin commended the staff and volunteers who worked with kids over the summer and helped the classes run smoothly.

"We have quite a few volunteer tween girls that aren't quite old enough to actually work, so between 12 and 14 that have been wonderful helpers and have been really great with the little kids and great mentors and helpers," she said.

The center also has paid teen and adult employees who have helped with the students in the program over the summer.

"They have worked very hard, and the children adore them. They have been amazing," Griffin added.

Griffin also mentioned Ryan McKnab's efforts over the summer and shined a light on his efforts to teach students the game of chess.

"He has really connected

with a few kids who have really struggled sitting in the seat and doing the crafts and staying focused for a long time," Griffin said. "Ryan has taught quite a few of those kids how to play chess and channel their energy in a positive way. A lot of parents have seen that and are incredibly grateful for his efforts there."

The hope is for Painted Sky to do a similar type of a summer arts program for kids next year and into the future. "Last year we did a pretty closed situation, a grant-funded free day camp, but (classes) were fewer and far between," Griffin said. "This year just kind of felt like a growth from last year, and I hope next year will be even bigger and better."

Part of the long-term plan for Painted Sky is to purchase a building that would allow it to accommodate more of the community's needs.

Suspect tased and arrested in altercation

By STEVEN MITCHELL
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JOHN DAY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office arrested a Prairie City man in the Chester's Market parking lot in John Day on Thursday, Aug. 4, after a witness mistakenly reported he had brandished a gun at during a heated argument.

Grant County Sheriff Todd McKinley, who responded to the call with Undersheriff Zach Mobley, said David Allan Strange had pulled out a can of bear mace during the argument.

The situation took a potentially dangerous turn

when a witness mistakenly reported one of the people involved in the argument was brandishing what looked like a firearm.

McKinley said that Strange had been arrested earlier this month for possession of sawed-off shotgun and was not allowed to possess firearms.

McKinley said he and Mobley acted quickly, tasing and arresting Strange moments after arriving on the scene.

Strange, 26, was booked into the Grant County Jail on charges of second-degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.



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Mt. Vernon quilters Mary Lou Drury, left, and Karen Hinton show a Quilt of Valor made by Hinton in this file photo from 2018.

Quilt giveaway for veterans set for Aug. 20

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The cost for non-veterans is \$8 each.

MT. VERNON — The Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild will host a Quilt of Valor quilt giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 20.

The giveaway will be held at Clyde Holliday State Park on Highway 26 just east of Mt. Vernon. Hamburgers and chips will be served at 11 a.m., with the ceremony to give away the quilts starting at 1 p.m.

Veterans can eat for free.

All quilts are handmade by the ladies in the Grant County Piecemaker Quilt Guild.

The quilts are a way to say thank you to all the veterans who reside in Grant County. All proceeds raised will help the quilt guild make more quilts in the future to give away to veterans or families in need.

Tickets for a chance to win a quilt or a basket of goods worth over \$400 can also be purchased at the event.

Forest officials raise fire danger

Blue Mountain Eagle

HINES — With excessive heat accelerating the drying of fine fuels, the Malheur National Forest is raising the fire danger level to extreme and imposing additional restrictions on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District in the forest's southern zone, the agency announced.

Effective Friday, Aug. 5, the Emigrant Creek Ranger District will be under Phase C public use restrictions due to extreme fire danger. The industrial fire precaution level will increase to IFPL 3, or partial shutdown.

The Blue Mountain and Prairie City ranger districts, in the forest's northern zone, will not have any changes for now, remaining in high fire

danger, Phase B public use restrictions and industrial fire precaution level 2.

With Phase C public use restrictions in effect, all campfires, charcoal fires and stove fires will be prohibited in the Emigrant Creek Ranger District.

Other Phase C restrictions include:

- No smoking except in an enclosed vehicle or building.
- No chain saw use.
- No generator use except with approved spark arrestors in a cleared area 10 feet in diameter.
- No operation of inter-

nal combustion engines except with approved spark arrestors.

• No vehicles off National Forest System roads unless parked in a cleared area within 10 feet of the roadway.

Under Level 3 industrial fire precaution rules, cable yarding is not allowed except for gravity-operated systems operating between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. with all block and moving lines suspended 10 feet above the ground. Power saws may only be used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Donna Krigbaum (Sibley)

August 31, 1938 ~ January 20, 2022

On January 20th, 2022, Donna passed at a hospice center in Kirkland WA. Donna had been living in the Seattle area since 2018 when she moved to Seattle to be closer to her surviving family in Woodinville, WA. Donna died from complications of Covid 19.



Donna Krigbaum was born Donna Sibley on August 31, 1938, in Baker and spent her youth in Austin, Bates, and Prairie City where her father was a logger, a rockhound and he and his wife Mabel were great fans of the outdoors. In high school, Donna was a majorette and a bit of a tomboy. Donna was married to her high school sweetheart Gerald (Jerry) Krigbaum from 1956 until his death in 1993.

After high school, Donna got her beautician's license and she worked to support the family while Jerry got his degree from Portland State College. She often volunteered at hospitals as a beautician until the mid-1970s. In the 1980s, Donna began a career in the insurance industry where she worked for Farmers Insurance in Oregon and Washington.

Donna was always an Oregonian at heart. She also lived in Moorestown, NJ in the late 1960s and early '70s. She also lived in Redmond WA in the 1980s. Donna was a giving person and had thousands of hours as a volunteer for hospitals, the American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, and various other charities.

For the past several years Donna lived in assisted living facilities in Beaverton Oregon and Kirkland WA. Her last years were in a group family home in Redmond, WA.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband Jerry and son David, and is survived by her son Jim, daughter-in-law Jennifer, granddaughters and their husbands Amanda & Chaz Bantle, Melissa and Casey Merscher, and great-grandson Caden Bantle of Washington and granddaughters Rhonda and Amy Krigbaum of Oregon.

Memorial will be held Saturday, August 13 at 11:00 AM at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church in John Day, Oregon, with a reception to follow at Prairie Hotel in Prairie.

Paid for by the family of Donna Krigbaum.

Philip Edmond Medico

August 25, 1950 ~ February 21, 2022

Philip Edmond Medico was born August 25, 1950 at a US Army Hospital in Shirley, Massachusetts to Philip Simon Medico and Barbara Whitney. Phil spent his childhood years in Massachusetts and Germany as an Army brat. He was one of six children. He even lived across the street from Alice on "The Brady Bunch".



At 17 Phil joined the Air Force. During his time at March AB he married and had two children, Zachary and Christina. He later went on to have two more children in his second marriage, Joseph and Ryan.

In deciding to leave the fast-paced California life Phil made his way to Oregon where he settled and laid roots in Sumpter. In 1998 Phil gained an additional child, Whitney when he married Jenny. If ever a heart was made for a blended family it was his. He was filled with love for his family.

On February 21 Phil passed away at home with his family by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister, as well as his first wife. Phil is survived by his loving wife Jenny, his three sons Zach (Debbie) Joseph (Jennifer), Ryan (Rachel); his two daughters Tina (Miles), Whitney, granddaughters Tiffany and Emma; great-granddaughter Kayla.

Phil lived very full life and will be very much missed by those who knew him but we find comfort in knowing he's never really too far away.

There will be a memorial with military honors on August 19 at 11 AM at the Sumpter Valley Dredge in Sumpter Oregon. There will be a potluck gathering of family and friends to share stories and have a beer in remembrance of him on August 20 at 2 p.m. at 39022 Rhody Rd., Sumpter, OR.

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DEATH NOTICES

Carolyn Louise Asher

Carolyn Louise Asher, 88, of John Day passed away Aug. 1 with her loving daughter by her side. Memorial contributions in her name can be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Martha Meredith

Martha Meredith, 96, of Prairie City passed away July 31 at Valley View Assisted Living in John Day. There are no services planned at this time. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Kenneth Kulis

Kenneth Kulis, 81, of John Day died July 25 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. A graveside service and celebration of Ken's life will be held at a later date (time and date to be announced). Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Katherine M. "Katie" Johns

Katherine M. "Katie" Johns, 84, of Fox passed away on Aug. 6 at Valley View Assisted Living in John Day. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. at the Fox Church in Fox Valley. Vault interment will follow in the Fox Cemetery. Pastor Al Altnow will officiate. Following the services, friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception at the Mt. Vernon Community Center beginning at 1 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association or the Mayo Clinic for Parkinson's research through Driskill Memorial Chapel at 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To light a candle in Katie's memory or to offer online condolences to her family, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	92/62
Thursday	90/54
Friday	85/54
Saturday	92/58
Sunday	95/61
Monday	98/67
Tuesday	92/64

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 10-16

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
93	93	93	92	90	92	94
56	57	57	54	53	58	61