

FUN IN THE SUN

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JOHN DAY — This summer was the first year of the Fun in the Sun, or FITS, program, a summer reading program offered by the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Recreation District, the Grant County Library, Painted Sky Cen-

ter for the Arts, SNAP Education, Amanda Moss Yoga, Community Health Improvement Coalition and Oregon State University. There were two events each in Prairie City and Mt. Vernon, and weekly events at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day, with dozens of children attending each event. Every child who

attended was entered into a drawing, and at the end of the program, five names were drawn to receive a free Kindle electronic reading device.

The lucky winners, pictured: Braeden Webb,

7; Darcie Bremner, 3; Ivey Stoddard, 7; Brooke McClain, 7; and Jamison Conner, 9, whom we presume will be sharing with siblings Graham, 6, and Coulter, 4.



Darcie Bremner



Brooke McClain



From left, Graham, Coulter and Jamison Conner



Braeden Webb



Ivey Stoddard

LOCAL BRIEFING

State needs help tracking CWD

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is asking for hunters to help check deer and elk carcasses for chronic wasting disease, a deadly infection that has been detected within 30 miles of Oregon's border.

A new law requires hunters transporting deer or elk carcasses to stop at CWD check stations along their route. Hunters do not have to drive out of their way to get to a station, but ODFW is asking that they do so if possible so tissue samples can be taken, the agency said in a press release.

Chronic wasting disease can spread quickly within deer and elk herds and is uniformly fatal to infected animals, although symptoms can be slow to appear.

The sampling program helps the agency keep tabs on the disease and implement a response plan if it is detected within Oregon's borders.

Stations were scheduled to be set up during the opening weekends of rifle season for deer and Rocky Mountain elk at the following locations and times:

- Celilo Park (exit 97 off I-84 west of Biggs Junction), 9 a.m. to dusk Oct. 2-4 and 29-31.
- Crook County Fairgrounds, 1280 S. Main St., Prineville, 9 a.m. to dusk Oct. 1-3 and 29-31.
- Elgin Rodeo Grounds, 790 S. Eighth Ave., Elgin, noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 2-4 and 29-31.

Participating taxidermists, meat processors and ODFW offices can also take samples.

Forest practices meeting set

KLAMATH FALLS — The Regional Forest Practices Committee for Eastern Oregon will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6.

The meeting will take place at the Oregon Department of Forestry office in Klamath Falls, but the public can join virtually via Zoom by going to <https://odf.zoom.us/j/95661793462#success>.

The agenda will include Operator of the Year selection, a Forest Practices Act rule change and updates on the emerald ash borer, fire season and the Forest Resources Division.

To comment, email forestresources.committees@odf.oregon.gov.

Grant County nurse sanctioned

PORTLAND — The Oregon State Board of Nursing has fined a Grant County nurse \$500 for a violation of patient privacy.

According to a stipulated agreement filed by the board, Janelle Moulton acknowledged she had "inadvertently released private health information in a social setting." Moulton could have been fined as much as \$5,000, but the board noted there were no prior disciplinary actions against her in 35 years of practice.

Politicians in the attic?

SALEM — The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is asking for the public's help in locating missing portraits of Oregon governors.

"We know many oil paintings of territorial and state governors were lost when the Capitol burned in 1935, but we also know some of them were saved from the fire," foundation board member Joan Plank said in a press release.

While some of those portraits were recovered and are once again hanging in the statehouse, an estimated 27 others have disappeared and may be in private homes, schools, universities, museums, courthouses or public buildings.

The nonprofit foundation wants to create a record of where formal portraits of Oregon's governors are but says it does not intend to reclaim the artworks and will not make public the location of portraits in private residences.

People with information about the location of the missing portraits are asked to contact the Oregon State Capitol Foundation at oscf@oregoncapitolfoundation.org or 503-363-1859.

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Alva Dale Conlee

July 21, 1932 ~ September 21, 2022

Alva Dale Conlee, age 90, of John Day passed away September 21, 2022. A graveside memorial service with military honors is scheduled for October 8, 2022, starting at 11:00 AM at the Canyon City Cemetery in Canyon City.

Alva was born to Walter Dale Conlee and Eulala Cummings-Conlee on July 21, 1932, in Mt. Vernon, Oregon. He graduated from Grant Union High School and attended Linfield University. He married Helen Lohf in Canyon City Oregon and together they welcomed three children.

He spent four years serving his country as an electronic technician in the United States Navy. After returning home, he worked for CP National and was the manager for Oregon Trail Co-Op for forty plus years.

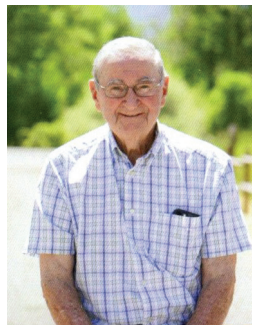
Alva enjoyed working on the ranch and riding for cattle in the National Forest. He was an excellent golfer and a member of the John Day Golf and Country Club as well as being a past Exalted Ruler for the John Day Elks Lodge #1824. Alva also enjoyed hunting and was a great businessman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Eulala; wife, Helen and his brother, Dee Conlee.

Survivors include his son, Kim Conlee of John Day, OR; son, Dale (Nancy) Conlee of Prineville, OR; and daughter, Laura (Jerry) Gill of Mt. Vernon, OR; grandchildren, Rachel (Josh) Samter of Sherwood, OR; Cody (Jessica) Conlee of Grants Pass, OR; Leslie Conlee of Salem, OR; Sydney (Ty) Baker of Mt. Vernon, OR; Amanda (Joe) Rigney of Mt. Vernon, OR; and five great-grandchildren, Carter and Adlee Samter, Mallory Conlee, Bryant Baker and Mason Rigney.

Memorial contributions in his honor can be made to the John Day Elks Lodge #1824, Elks Eye Institute or Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, Oregon 97845.

Paid for by the family of Alva Conlee.



Nathan Swinburne Randall

May 24, 1939 ~ September 17, 2022

Our father Nate Randall left us September 17, 2022 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. His passing was peaceful and he was gracefully attended to by his sons, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and the angels of Aspen Hospice.



Born to Vern and Frances Randall in Bagley Minnesota, Nate grew up in and loved the forests of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. He attended school in Mount Vernon, Oregon and considered Grant County his stomping grounds. He served honorably as a Sergeant in the 24th Infantry in the U.S. Army and later became a trained draftsman graduating from Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Nate was a draftsman, a logger and a farmer of a run-down piece of ground that he dearly loved in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Nate married Judeth Ann Anderson in Winnemucca, Nevada on January 4th, 1964 and later had their marriage solemnized in the Oakland Temple being members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They had three sons and a plethora of dogs, cats, cows, chickens, goats and a plethora of other farm animals.

Nate loved to garden, especially tomatoes which he regularly forced upon neighbors and friends. He loved his family, his farm and his life. He was easy to smile, quick to joke and fast to lend a hand. If he had it he would give it to whoever needed it. His smile and the twinkle in his baby-blue eyes were infectious. Nate always tried to put a smile on the faces of those around him.

Judeth Ann Randall, his wife, and his parents preceded Nate in death. He is survived by his sons Nathan, his wife Ann and daughter Julianna; Neal, his wife Leslie, and children Spencer with his wife Randee, Hayles, Conner with his wife Caroline, and Macie; and Nate's youngest son Josh.

Private family services will be held. Nate and Judy Randall will be interred together in Grant County, Oregon on Memorial Day, 2023 with family and close friends in attendance.

Nate did not want a funeral or flowers. His brother Jerody was killed in a logging accident when Nate was 15, after that he always hated funerals and the smell of flowers as they reminded him of that sorrowful time. Instead, Nate asks that family and friends make a contribution to veterans in need at www.dav.org an organization that was dear to his heart for the work and relief they bring to veterans.

For Dad.

*Into the lush green white-capped mountains I now go
Walking between the spruce, hemlock, fir and their glow
Weep for me not it's where I want to be
With my family in a celestial forest amongst the trees
I rest from my life's labors and memories of happy times
I will wait until we joyfully meet again amongst Glory's pines.
Nate Randall has peacefully departed with Judy for their walk in the forest.*

Paid for by the family of Nate Randall.

DEATH NOTICES

Elayne Reasoner

Elayne Reasoner, formerly of Dayville, passed away on Aug. 25, 2022, at the age of 96. Per her wishes, there will be no services.

SERVICE NOTICES

Christi Jean Sproul

A celebration of life for Christi Jean Sproul will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the John Day Golf Club, 27631 Golf Club Road.

James Edward (Jim) Lenz

July 19, 1945 ~ September 21, 2022

James Edward (Jim) Lenz, 77, of Boise, Idaho, suddenly passed away on September 21, 2022. Jim was a caring father, husband, grandfather, brother, and friend.

Jim was born on July 19, 1945 to Charlie and Eleanor Lenz in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The family moved to Seneca, Oregon when he was very young. He attended all of his school years in Grant County, and participated in football and basketball during high school.

After Jim graduated from Grant Union High School in 1963, he joined the Army, and was part of the 237th Engineering Battalion, stationed in Heilbronn, Germany. He learned many skills during his time in the Army that would assist him in his future career. After his tour of duty was complete, Jim also served in the National Guard for several years.

In 1965, Jim met the love of his life, Carolyn Dickens. The two were married on December 28, 1967, and had two beautiful sons, Anthony (Tony), and Matthew (Matt). Jim was a dedicated husband and father, always putting his family first.

After he and Carolyn married, he worked at the Edward Hines sawmill in Seneca, then spent several years working for the Forest Service, doing road construction and surveying, and eventually retired from the Grant County Road Department at age 62. Jim was well respected in his career and formed many long-lasting friendships during that time.

In 2007, Jim began enjoying his retirement. He stayed very busy with his hobbies, and kept a meticulously groomed outdoor space. He also enjoyed trips to the casino or to visit family with Carolyn.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Eleanor, his sister Elaine, sister Lorraine (Tinker), and a brother, Gary Lenz. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; two sons, Tony and Matt; five grandchildren, Mason (18), Sydney (17), Cooper (16), Kellen (14), and Maiya (11); along with four siblings, Irvin Olson, Duane (Dietz) Lenz, Bonnie Newber, and Trudy Judd.

Funeral arrangements are pending.
Paid for by the family of Jim Lenz.



Troy Leon Thompson Pruitt

February 7, 1935 ~ September 14, 2022

Troy Leon Thompson Pruitt born February 7th, 1935 passed away September 14th, 2022 while at the John Day Hospital after a serious fall.

Troy was the 4th child of 14 born in New Mexico. With so many mouths to feed Troy left home at 13 to make his way in this world. He tried many different jobs while at the same time pursuing his education and being an athlete, even winning the state championship as quarterback in high school.

After graduation, during the Vietnam War, he decided to enlist into the Army as an 82nd Airborne Ranger. In a night jump training he suffered a serious injury and was reassigned to the Honor Guard at Fort McNair where one of his duties was guarding Mamie Eisenhower when she was out in public. During this tour of duty he formed a bluegrass band, playing the guitar of course, with fellow soldiers that played for patients at Walter Reed Hospital, toured and entertained President Eisenhower at times!

It was also during this time that he met the love of his life and fellow soldier Gaylene May Metz and they were married December 5, 1959. Shortly after marriage both departed the military and eventually moved to the Pacific Northwest, raising their two sons Troy Lynn and Todd Leon, surrounded by many of their family members.

Eventually in retirement, they settled in Long Creek making many new friends. Troy has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

At this time the family requests privacy during their mourning. Arrangements are being made for a memorial service and will be posted soon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Blue Mountain Home Health and Hospice in his honor, as they were a significant help in the last few months of his life. Paid for by the family of Troy Pruitt.



Last Week's Temps

| John Day | HI/LO |
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| Wednesday | 81/46 |
| Thursday..... | 64/40 |
| Friday | 72/41 |
| Saturday | 76/45 |
| Sunday..... | 81/47 |
| Monday..... | 81/47 |
| Tuesday | 81/48 |

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 OCT. 5-11

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| Sunny | Mostly sunny | Partly sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Partly sunny |
| 83 | 83 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 77 | 70 |
| 48 | 48 | 47 | 47 | 46 | 45 | 41 |