

DEATH NOTICES

**Ray V. Hill**

Ray V. Hill, 88, of Ontario, died April 28, 2019 in Payette. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

**Billie Jean Kennedy**

Billie Jean Kennedy, 79, of Ontario, died April 21, 2019. Arrangements are under the direction of Plahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

**Zona M. Koopman**

Zona M. Koopman, 80, of Ontario, died April 24, 2019, at home. Arrangements are under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

**Carolyn Menichetti**

Carolyn Menichetti, 81, of Council, died April 24, 2019 in Council. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

**Barbara J. Nunnally**

Barbara J. Nunnally, 90, of Weiser, died April 23, 2019 in Payette. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

**Darrel Arnold Patzer Sr.**

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Patzer Sr., 72, of Fruitland, died April 28, 2019, in Fruitland. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Fruitland.

**Evelyn L. Schultz**

Evelyn L. Schultz, 86, of Payette, formerly of Nyssa, died April 23, 2019, in Payette. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette.

**Melanie Beth Stephens**

Melanie Beth Stephens, 35, of Payette, died April 11, 2019, at a Boise Hospital. Arrangements are under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

**Dorothy Carol May Thompson**

Dorothy Carol May Thompson, 90, of Ontario, died April 14, 2019, at a local care home. Arrangements are under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

**Judy L. Vanosdall**

Judy L. Vanosdall, 62, of Emmett, died April 27, 2019. Arrangements are under the direction of Potter Funeral Chapel of Emmett.

Science and a Sundae a sweet success

SUBMITTED INFORMATION

It was a "scientrific" night at the Payette Primary School as preschoolers through 5th graders participated in the Family Fun Science Night. Primary and Westside teachers joined forces to offer 16 exciting and entertaining STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) stations. Some of the most popular stations included balloon power cars, magnet exploration, electricity investigation, marble physics, jar xylophone, big bubble, oil and water painting, slime bags and domino trains.

The second Early Childhood STEM Workshop was held

simultaneously, and parents, preschool teachers, and day care providers were treated to information about using STEM with their children, while the little ones listened to a reading of "The Most Magnificent Thing." Each family took home a copy of the book along with some pattern block activities.

At each station, adults watched as special guest presenters and kindergarten teachers modeled how to teach using open-ended questions and encouraging kids to use higher-level thinking skills. Stations included pattern block building with the Primary 21st CCLC Kindergarten teachers, house building with Magna Tiles with



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A Payette Primary student experiments with xylophone jars during the Family Fun Science Night on April 16.

Payette Public Library Director Clay Ritter, and film canister rockets with Andrew Fletcher, State Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center coordinator and his son Rayce. The children and their parents had a great time and learned more about STEM.

More than 450 people attended this combined event, and everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes

following the science activities.

This community event was sponsored by the Payette School District and 21st CCLC Programs, Payette WICAP Head Start, the Payette Public Library, and the Idaho STEM Action Center. Thanks go to everyone who attended and to the staff and volunteers who helped make this event a success.



State Department of Education employee Andrew Fletcher is pictured with his small assistant and son, Rayce, at the April 16 event at Payette Primary.

Deadline for obituaries and notices is 9 a.m. Tuesday.

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**CLARIFICATION**  
 High Mesa is the company that is newly in charge of operations in Idaho formerly handled by Alta Mesa; it is not a new company. Information presented in the April 24 edition of the Independent-Enterprise was unclear.

**Watkins' art wins in contest**  
 Brynlee Watkins, left, a student in Kimberly Barker's second-grade class at Payette Primary School, is presented an award for her winning entry in Idaho Power's annual Student Art Contest. The presenter, right, is Danielle Ready of Idaho Power. Watkins was the coloring contest winner among first- and second-graders for the region, which had more than 2,000 entries. She received a blue ribbon and a \$50 gift card. Teacher Barker also received a \$50 gift card.  
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**Street dance boosts student scholarship fund**  
 INDEPENDENT-ENTERPRISE  
 A street dance is planned for the fourth annual Hoedown, which benefits local students pursuing an education in the health-care field. The event hosted by Saint Alphonsus Foundation - Ontario will be from 6 to 11 p.m. May 3 on Southeast Third Avenue, near Jolts & Juice in downtown Ontario. It includes dinner, dancing and live music will be provided by Jesse Dayne and The Sagebrush Drifters. Tickets are \$20 each and available at the following Ontario businesses: Halcom State Farm Insurance, the Ontario Area Chamber of Commerce office, Berts Growler Garage, or by email request to olivia.sorensen@saintalphonsus.org.

**CASA holds cornhole fundraiser May 11**  
 INDEPENDENT-ENTERPRISE  
 The local affiliates of Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children is hosting a fundraiser at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11. The Ontario Elks Lodge will be hosting CASA of Eastern Oregon for a cornhole tournament that day. The event, which is open to all ages, will include refreshments, a silent auction and no-host bar and prizes for the top three players. Entry is \$50 per 2-person team, and there will be double elimination. For more information, contact Michele at (541) 212-6650 or Kim at (541) 212-7717 or send an email to malheurcasa@gmail.com. To register, call (208) 405-9069 or visit http://malheurcasa.eventbrite.com.

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