

2016 GRADUATION SCHEDULE

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Graduating class: 213.
When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Where: Panther Stadium, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence.



DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL

Graduating class: 205.
When: Saturday, 2:30 p.m.
Where: Dallas High School, 1250 SE Holman Ave., Dallas.

MORRISON

Graduating class: 41.
When: Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Where: Dallas High gym, 1250 SE Holman Ave., Dallas.



PERRYDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Graduating class: 28.
When: Saturday, 5 p.m.
Where: 445 Perrydale Rd., Amity.

WESTERN OREGON

When: Saturday, 11 a.m.
Where: McArthur Field, 345 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth.



OBITUARIES

Soren Dejgaard Nielsen

April 29, 1930 – May 30, 2016
Soren Dejgaard Nielsen, 86, of Rickreall, died on May 30.

He was born to Christian D. and Elsie Frizzell Nielsen in McMinnville. He graduated from Dallas High School in 1948. Between 1955 and 1957, he served in the U.S. Army in Company D 23rd Armored Engineers in Germany.

He married Rose Martha Krupicka on Nov. 9, 1968, and they lived and worked

on his family farm near Rickreall for 36 years. The century farm included what was initially part of the family donation land claim. They raised beef cattle, sheep, and various grains. He also spent 25 years working once a week at the McMinnville Auction Yard.



For 30 years, he played the part of the Chief Scribe in the Rickreall Christmas Pageant. He was also supportive of the local 4-H organization

and taught his children how to raise animals for the county fair.

In his later years, he moved from the farm to the Applewood Retirement Community.

His wife, Rose, died before he did.

Survivors include daughters, Karen (Richard) Watté, of Albany, and Anita (Chadwick) Stryker, of Vancouver, Wash.; son, Peter (Michi) Nielsen, of Iowa City, Iowa; sister, Alice Nielsen, of Salem; brother, Christian F. (Betsy) Nielsen, of Eugene; and six grandchildren.

Services were held. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Oregon 4-H Association for Polk County in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center in Dallas. To leave an online tribute: www.dallas-tribute.com

Francis 'Frank' Earl Bean

April 2, 1940 – May 24, 2016
Francis "Frank" Earl Bean, 76, of Gates, formerly of Grand Ronde, died May 24 in the Salem Hospital.

He was born to Fremont Francis and LaVerne May Teter Bean at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem. He grew up in Grand Ronde going to school and logging.



At the age of 20, he entered the U.S. Navy, where he served on the USS Chipola, an oiler, based in Hawaii; the USS Staten Island and the USS Burton Island, both based out of Seattle, both icebreakers.

He was a mechanic on all of the ships, serving from 1960 to 1966.

Following the service, he continued to log. Frank studied Automotive Repair at Linn-Benton Community College. He spent time in Alaska fishing and cleaning new construction project sites. He spent some time in Phoenix, Ariz.

On Sept. 22, 1996, he married Billie Faie Wornell. They moved to Gates in 2000.

For 30 plus years, Frank worked in maintenance at the Chemawa Indian School, starting in 1989 and retiring in 2010.

Frank enjoyed detailing, working on and watching cars. He rebuilt a 1965 Chevy and an El Camino.

He enjoyed watching NASCAR racing. He was a proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and a past member of the Eagle's Lodge.

Wife, Billie and brother, Thomas died before he did.

Survived by his mother, LaVerne Hosford, of Grand

Ronde; daughters, Sandra Stone, of Beaverton, and Katrina Bean, of Salem; sons, Brian Bean, of Happy Valley, Randy Bean, of Willamina, and Timothy Anderson, of Turner; stepsons, Gerald Colyer, of Albany, and Andrew Colyer, of Salem; stepdaughters, Pamela Kilmurray, of Woodburn, Michele Thomas, of Salem, and Debra Williams, of Dundee; 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and sisters, Donna Stronach, Ellen Fischer, Linda Olson and Joyce Kirk, all of Grand Ronde.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday in the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery Chapel.

Interment with military honors will be in the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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Myra Bernadine Edwards

March 23, 1923 – May 29, 2016
Myra Bernadine Edwards, 93, of Dallas, died May 29 in the Dallas Retirement Village.



She was born to William Ray and Margaret Amelia Henrietta Stolk Jones in Lewisville. Bernadine grew up in the Pedee area. She was a member of the Monmouth High School graduating class of 1940.

She worked in the hop fields where she met her husband to be. On March 27, 1942, she married Otto "Glen" Edwards in Vancouver, Wash.

They lived in the Pedee area growing grain until 1962, and then they started raising sheep in 1963.

After Glen died in 1973, Bernadine moved to Monmouth and started working at the Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in 1976 in the Dorm Food Service Center. She retired from the college and moved to Dallas.

She loved flower gardening, collecting rocks, camping and fishing. She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served many years as Worthy Matron.

Survived by children, Ronald R. (Zelma) Edwards, of Dallas, Jodel "Jo" (G.I.) Wilson, of Keizer, and Merrilee Edwards, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister, Jean Behrends, of Vancouver, Wash.

She was preceded in death by nine siblings.

Services were held. Interment was in the Edwards Cemetery in Pedee.

To leave an online tribute: www.dallas-tribute.com.

David Westly Gardner

Jan. 26, 1952 – May 8, 2016
David Westly Gardner, 64, of Angier, N.C., died on May 8.



He was the son of Katherine Andrus, of Dallas. He was born in Santa Rosa, Calif.

David joined the Marines after high school. He spent four years as an aircraft mechanic. Afterward, he studied electronics and worked in the computer field.

His job took him to North Carolina.

David developed cancer and died of pneumonia.

Survived by his mother, Kay Andrus, of Dallas; sister, Jamie Esquer, of Dallas, and brother, Jeffery Gardner, of Oklahoma.

Verna Mae Bartok

Nov. 17, 1923 – June 3, 2016
Verna Mae Bartok, 92, a resident of Kentucky and formerly of Dallas, died Friday.

She was born in Pierceville, Kansas.

A graveside service will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday in the Dallas Cemetery. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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Obituary Information

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

Most funeral homes handle obituary information and provide it to the *Itemizer-Observer*.

However, information can also be submitted directly from family members.

Color and black-and-white photos can be submitted, but photos will only be published in black and white.

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Herschel Edwin Greenwade
July 29, 1931 - May 26, 2016

Herschel Greenwade was born at home near Whitney, Texas on July 31, 1931 to Jesse Lee Greenwade and Vera Lee Johnson, the youngest of three boys. At the age of seven, his family moved to West Salem, eventually settling in the Dallas, OR area. Herschel graduated from Dallas High School where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Betty Craven. Together they had three children, Melanie, Sally and Justin and enjoyed 27 wonderful years together. Herschel joined the National Guard and was stationed in Fort Lewis, WA. He was a devoted WWII historian and enjoyed numerous trips with family to Maui and Prineville Reservoir where he boated, water skied and enjoyed his Meyers rum and coke. In 1982 Herschel married Carolyn Paulsen at Napili Beach, Maui and became a loving stepfather to her children Kristina and Dennis. They eventually moved to a small acreage in Spring Valley and loved to spend time with their three granddaughters, Mikaela, Danielle and Chloe who played in the fields and barn with the cows and llamas. Herschel and Carolyn were married for 30 years and remained close friends. Herschel was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Loyd and Alton. He is survived by his children, Melanie Bradley, Sally Crow and Justin Greenwade and granddaughter, Mikaela Greenwade and his stepchildren, Kristina (Jeff) Barbknecht, Dennis (Betty) Paulsen and grandchildren Dani (Cody) Miller and Chloe Barbknecht. There will be a celebration of life scheduled at a later date. Aloha Oe — Farewell to you, one fond embrace, until we meet again... Arrangements entrusted to Weddle Funeral Services.

Memory of Me

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times,
And bright and sunny days.
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to dry before the sun,
With all the happy memories
That I leave when life is done.

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