

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH  
Prairie City School – first semester



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Prairie City School students of the month from teacher Becky Sharp's kindergarten and first-grade class: From left, Mary Woodbury, Emma Field, Colby Howard and Kayden Mumpfield. Not pictured, Maddie Hassmiller.



Prairie City School students of the month from teacher Christie Winegar's second- and third-grade class: From left, Cliff Bice, Reece Jacobs, Cayden Howard, Skylar McKay and Eric Rausch.



Prairie City School students of the month in teacher Sue Thompson's fourth- and fifth-grade class: From left, Laken McKay, Delaney Freeman, Seth Moore, Kaitlyne Ashley and Paige Gerry.

Auxiliary reports on activities

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JOHN DAY – Ellis Tracy Unit 77 of the American Legion Auxiliary reports several items from the group's Jan. 17 meeting.

The Auxiliary received a thank you letter from the Portland Veterans Hospital noting that Unit 77 contributed more than any other unit in Oregon in the latest holiday collection drive for veterans. According to Ruth Harris, the group also provided Christmas gift bags for 12 veterans in local care facilities.

The Auxiliary is planning a "sweetheart observance" set for Monday, Feb. 16, at the American Legion Hall in John Day. More details will follow.

The Americanism essay program and Girls State activities were also discussed at the meeting.

Harris added that names of current, active duty personnel are needed for the Auxiliary's outreach program. For more information, call Jessie Lewis at 541-575-1047 or Harris at 541-575-0076.

Burns firm gets eastside logger award

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SALEM – A Burns logging contractor has been named 2014 Eastern Oregon Operator of the Year by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Todd Hueckman Contracting earned the award for his work on a roughly 70-acre harvest intended primarily to halt the spread of dwarf mistletoe onto the landowners' remaining acres.

Hueckman's techniques using equipment to decrease the impact on the land, like using the boom of his tracked equipment as a pivot rather than just skidding on the tracks to turn, show his ongoing commitment to protecting the land. Mr. Hueckman also found a way to make the harvest work, despite the nearest mill being over two hours away.

The award was one of several announced earlier this month by the Oregon Board of Forestry, which established the Operator of the Year program to recognize contractors who consistently meet or exceed the



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Todd Hueckman and Tony Nelson pause during the work near Burns that brought regional recognition.

Oregon Forest Practices Act requirements.

Those requirements include responsible harvesting, protecting streamsides, replanting, building and maintaining roads to protect streams and more.

Also honored were Robert Howell Logging LLC, Cottage Grove, as Northwest Oregon operator; Bewley Investments, Central Point, Southwest Oregon operator; and WyEast Forestry Management of Hood River and Huffman and

Wright Logging Co. of Canyonville, merit awards.

The winners were recognized during the Associated Oregon Loggers meeting Jan. 15 in Eugene, and also will be honored at the Oregon Logging Conference Feb. 19 in Eugene; the Forestry Board's meeting March 4 in Salem; and an Oregon Small Woodland Association meeting in June.

A video about Hueckman's project can be found at <http://youtu.be/pxqawWluf1> online.

Skiers can sign up for 2 more trips

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JOHN DAY – With a strong turnout earlier this month, organizers are adding two more dates to the schedule of ski bus trips to Anthony Lakes Ski Resort from Grant County.

Greg Whipple said the Saturday, Jan. 10, trip drew 51 students and adults to enjoy skiing, snowboarding and lessons; another busload will head to the mountain this Saturday.

The ski bus is sponsored by John Day/Canyon City Parks and Recreation District and Community Counseling Solutions.

Organizers had set just the two dates, Jan. 10 and 24, for the season but promised to add more if enough skiers turned out.

Noting a significant increase in participation over past years, they an-

nounced two new dates this week: Jan. 31 and Feb. 14.

The bus is open to students, their families and interested adults. Students below seventh grade must be accompanied by a guardian.

The bus leaves the Grant Union parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and returns about 8 p.m.

The program includes discount packages for lifts, lessons and rentals. Adults can still take advantage of the discounts, whether they ride the bus or drive on their own.

Registration forms are available at the high schools, and from Parks and Rec. on [jdccparksandrec.weebly.com](http://jdccparksandrec.weebly.com).

For more information, call Greg Whipple at 541-620-4043 or Kim at Parks and Rec, 541-575-0110.

Church Services in Grant County

**GRACE CHAPEL**  
Evangelical Methodist  
154 E. Williams St.,  
Prairie City • 541-820-4437  
[gracechpl@ortelco.net](mailto:gracechpl@ortelco.net)  
Pastor Michael Harvey  
Early Worship ..... 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer ..... 8 a.m.  
**THURSDAY**  
Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Historic Remnant Church**  
Preparing for Jesus to come  
Meets Saturday at Mt. Vernon Grange  
Sabbath School.....9:30 am  
Church Services.....11:00 am  
541-620-0340

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
SATURDAY SERVICES  
JOHN DAY  
110 Valley View Dr. - 541-575-1216  
Head Elder.....541-575-2914  
Bible Classes (all ages).....9:30 am  
Worship.....11 am  
LONG CREEK  
E. Main Street - 541-421-3033  
Head Elder.....421-3468  
Bible Classes (all ages).....2 pm  
Worship.....3:00 pm  
**Tune into**  
3 ANGELS BROADCASTING  
KSPL 98.1 FM  
Blue Mountain Cable, Channel 2  
Antenna: Digital Channel 15 & UHF Channel 8

**JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
541-575-1326  
Marcie Collins, Pastor  
JOHN DAY, 126 NW Canton  
Sunday Worship 9 am

**MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church**  
SUNDAY SERVICE.....9 am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9 am  
541-932-4800  
EVERYONE WELCOME

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church**  
Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mon. - Fri. Mass - 12:05 pm  
Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass - 9:00 am  
Confession: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Anytime by appointment 541-575-1459

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
Come Worship with us at  
627 SE Hillcrest, John Day  
1st & 3rd Sunday Worship  
& Communion .....4:30 pm  
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship .....10 am  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....6 pm  
For information: 541-575-2348

**St. Anne**  
Monument - Sunday at 12:30 pm  
**St. Katherine**  
Dale  
1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:30 pm  
Office Hours  
Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Church.....11 am  
Afternoon Service.....1 pm  
No Mid-week Services  
**Pastor Ray Isenberger**  
300 W. Main, John Day • 541-575-1355

**LIVING WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon  
Sunday 5:30 pm  
Celebration of Worship  
Kids classes 0 - 11 yrs  
Thursday 5:30-7:30 pm  
Youth Connection  
K-5TH GRADE  
starts with kid friendly dinner  
SHARON MILLER, PASTOR  
[www.livingwordcc.com](http://www.livingwordcc.com)  
541-932-4910

**Strawberry Mountain CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Calvary Chapel Outreach Fellowship  
Sunday Services .....10 am  
Seneca Outreach.....2 pm  
Midweek Services also available  
170 SE Dayton, John Day  
2nd & Ave. D, Seneca  
541-575-2006

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service.....10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 pm  
Children & Teen Activities  
SMALL GROUPS CALL FOR MORE INFO.  
Weekdays: Sonshine Christian School  
Pastor Ron Roberson  
Associate Pastor Brad Williamson  
521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895  
[www.johndaynazarene.com](http://www.johndaynazarene.com)

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Bible talk .....6:30 pm  
Saturday Men's Study .....7 pm  
**Full Gospel- Come Grow With Us**  
541-575-1202 Church  
311 NE Dayton St, John Day  
Pastor Al Altnow  
[www.fcjohnday.com](http://www.fcjohnday.com)

**Cornerstone Christian Fellowship**  
139 N.E. DAYTON STREET, JOHN DAY  
541-575-2180  
Sunday Bible School (for all ages) .....8:45 am  
Sunday Worship Service .....10 am  
Pastor Levi Manitsas  
[cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com)

**Prairie Baptist Church**  
238 N. McHaley St.  
Prairie City  
Pastor David Hoeffner  
541-820-3696  
[www.prairie-baptist-church.com](http://www.prairie-baptist-church.com)  
Sunday School for all ages ... 9:00 am  
Sunday morning worship ... 10:30 am  
Awana (Oct.-Apr.) ..... 3:00 pm  
Youth Group ..... 5:30 pm

**John Day Valley Mennonite Church**  
Meeting every Sunday  
at Mt. Vernon Grange Hall  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.  
Pastor Leland Smucker  
Everyone Welcome • 541-575-5507

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
KJV  
Independent  
Fundamental • Premillennial  
Terence K. Crabb, Pastor  
A Bible believing church  
"He that hath the Son hath life ..." 1 John 5:12  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Sunday Preaching 11:00 am  
Junior Church 11:00 am • Sunday Evenings 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study & Master Club 7:00 pm  
Saturday Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
108 S. Washington Street, Canyon City  
541-575-2688 or 541-575-0844

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
Morning Prayer.....10 am  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
Eucharist & Sunday School....10 am  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
139 S. Washington, Canyon City  
For more information call:  
541-620-1436