



## BIRTHS



### Blake Dawson Montague

Courtney Skeen and Bryan Montague of Mt. Vernon announce the birth of their son, Blake Dawson Montague, at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 27, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20-1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Steven and Gayla Skeen of Union, and Vicki and Austin Duane Drewett of Mt. Vernon. Great-grandparents are Austin Elmer Drewett of Mt. Vernon, Dwayne Skeen of Ontario, and Janice and Ronald "Dee" Childress of John Day.



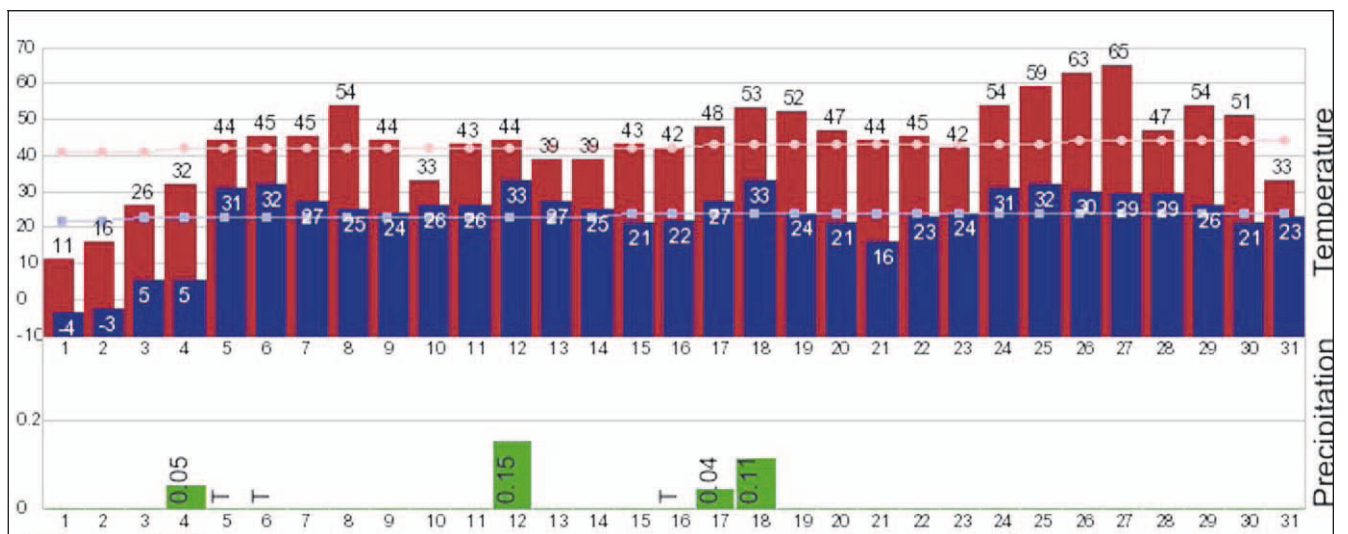
## EAGLE ON VACATION



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**Dr. Ken Peterson took the Eagle on vacation to AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on Jan. 12, for the National Championship Game between the University of Oregon and Ohio State.**

Take a photo with the Eagle (print or mobile editions) while on vacation, and email it to [cheryl@bmeagle.com](mailto:cheryl@bmeagle.com) or bring it to the Eagle office.



## Temps on the rise through January in JD

### Above-normal temps expected this month

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PENDLETON – It was slightly warmer than usual in January in John Day, according to preliminary data from NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton.

The average temperature

was 33.4 degrees, 0.4 degrees above normal.

High temperatures averaged 43.8 degrees, 1.3 degrees above normal. The highest was 65 degrees on Jan. 27. Low temperatures averaged 22.9 degrees, 0.5 degrees below normal. The lowest was -4 degrees on Jan. 1.

There were 27 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were three days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.35 inches during January, 0.63 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation – at least .01 inch – was received on four days with the heaviest, 0.15 inches reported on Jan. 12.

Since October, the water-year precipitation at John Day has been 5.09 inches, 0.53 inches above normal.

Snowfall totaled 1 inch with at least 1 inch of snow reported on one day. The heaviest snowfall was 1 inch re-

ported on Jan. 4. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was 5 inches on Jan. 1.

The highest wind gust was 38 mph, on Jan. 16.

The outlook for February from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day during February are 47.4 degrees and normal lows are 24.8 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.75 inches.

## Allovars receives pond permit

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LONG CREEK – Allovars Community House in Long Creek has been issued a land use permit by the Oregon Department of Transportation for Little Basin Pond, about 4-1/2 miles west of town on Highway 402.

The permit allows All-

ovars to maintain and operate the public property, also known locally as Social Security Pond.

Last October, volunteers began the first phase of the project, which will include a parking lot, picnic and fishing areas, portable restrooms and trash containers.



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Silver Kelley gathers trash near the bank of Social Security Pond to hand up to Diana Morrow. Allovars Community House of Long Creek recently received a land use permit from the Oregon Department of Transportation for operation and maintenance of the pond west of town.

## NRA GUN SAFETY CLASS

*"Meets requirements for Concealed Carry Permit"*

February 7, 9 am - 2 pm

Limited Space. Please call to register.

Cost - \$50 Ken Larsen 541-542-2708

### Grant County School District #3 Board Vacancy

Grant School District #3 has two board of director openings. Applicants must reside within either Zones 1 or 3 of the District #3's boundaries. Those interest in applying may pick up an application from Superintendent Mark Witty, 401 N. Canyon City Blvd., Canyon City. Application deadline is 4 p.m. on Feb. 10.

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## Notice Grant County Taxpayers

The second installment of the 2014-15 property tax is due Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

Payments may be made at the Tax Collector's Office in the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and postmarked no later than February 17, 2015. Because the 15th falls on a Sunday and Monday, February 16th the courthouse is closed in observance of President's Day, the due date has been extended to Tuesday the 17th. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year.

**If you have any questions, please call the Tax Office at 541-575-0107 or 541-575-0189 PO Box 185 Canyon City, OR 97820**

**Lena "Marie" Hopper Britt, 94, of Stanfield died Thursday, January 29, 2015 at her home. A graveside memorial service will be held Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 10:30 am at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner, Oregon.**

She was born May 19, 1920 at Colorado Springs, Colorado, the daughter of John and Edna Hopper. The family lived at Ramah, Colorado until Marie was seven years old when they took up residence in Winona, Kansas. In 1933 when Marie was thirteen, they moved to Spray, Oregon.

On June 30, 1938 Marie married Ray R. Britt. The couple had four daughters, Arlene, Raelene, Peggy, and Donna.

In 1945 Ray and Marie bought a ranch in Kahler Basin, near Spray, where they raised their family and farmed until 1983 when they moved into Spray.

Marie moved to Stanfield, Oregon in 2006 where she resided with her daughter Donna and son-in-law Tom Troxell until her death.

She is survived by her daughters; Arlene Gienger and her husband Bill of Spray, Oregon, Raelene Gentry and her husband Burke "Cap" of Ukiah, Oregon, Peggy Baker and her husband Denny of Roseburg, Oregon, and Donna Troxell and her husband Tom of Stanfield, Oregon, her grandchildren; Jim Foyen, Shiril Potter, Verlinda Wanzer, Dawna Gentry, Russel Coffman, Kevin Troxell, and Krystal Swindlehurst. She was also blessed with many great-grandchildren which she adored and loved.

Preceding her in death were her parents in 1976, her husband Ray of 55 years in 1993, brother Robert Hopper in 1982, and a granddaughter, Zorieta Tankersly, in 2013.

Marie became a Christian at 8 years of age, and served her Heavenly Father until her death. She always had a smile for everyone.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave. Suite 600, Hermiston, Oregon 97838. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Memorial gathering and potluck will be Wednesday, February 4, at 1:00 pm at the Cowboy Church, 81012 Hwy 395, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

### Grant County's EDUCATIONAL HERO OF THE MONTH

**Robyn Miller**  
*Making Grant County a better place.*

**WORK:** Humbolt Elementary School.

**FAMILY:** Husband - Jason, Daughter - McKeely, Son - Maverick.

**WHERE YOU LIVE:** John Day, Oregon.

**OCCUPATION:** Special Education Teacher.

**WHY IS EDUCATION IMPORTANT TO YOU:** Education opens doors and creates opportunities to enhance the lives of all students. Education provides a safe environment for students to explore their own strengths and interests.

**WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO AT HOME TO HELP WITH THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN:** Parents can reinforce the importance of education and support and encourage their children to meet their full potential.

**WHAT ARE SPECIFIC THINGS THE COMMUNITY CAN DO TO HELP YOUR SCHOOL:** Our community and parents are extremely supportive and do an incredible job serving our youth.

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## WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast	Day	Temp
40% chance of rain	Wednesday	51/38
Rain likely	Thursday	53/38
Rain likely	Friday	51/37
Rain likely	Saturday	54/37
Rain likely	Sunday	55/38
Chance of rain	Monday	49/31
Cloudy	Tuesday	47/31

**LAST WEEK**

	JAN. 27	28	29	30	31	FEB. 1	2
John Day	48/38	54/37	51/33	34/29	42/28	46/32	51/34

**SKI REPORT**  
Anthony Lakes: Base 49 inches; no new snow.

**24/7 FORECAST**  
AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122  
ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; WWW.TRIPCHECK.COM  
WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO  
NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY — 162.500 MHZ