

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

January – Grant Union Junior-Senior High School



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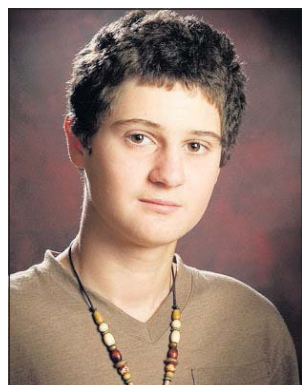
Fallen Bolman
Grade 7
Parents: Dovie Bolman and Tony Bolman



Oaklee Clark
Grade 8
Parents: Brent and Shawna Clark



Annie Wall
Grade 9
Parents: Bill Wall and Carol Faulkner



Jack Gentis
Grade 10
Parents: Sherm Gentis and Ginger Gentis



Taylor McCluskey
Grade 11
Parents: Patrick and Cleo McCluskey



Hannah Willey
Grade 12
Parents: Donn and Michelle Willey

OBITUARIES

Joe Toelle

Sept. 20, 1984 – Feb. 5, 2015

BURNS – Joe Toelle, 30, died of unknown natural causes Feb. 5 in Burns.

Mr. Toelle was born Sept. 20, 1984, in Burns, to John and Connie Toelle. He grew up in Harney County and loved to spend time on his grandparents' ranch with his younger brother and cousins. He helped build fences, move cows and whatever else he could, to help his grandparents. He looked forward to brandings and strived to be as good at roping as his grandfather.



He enjoyed playing football in high school, and watching college and professional games. He was a loyal fan to Oregon State and the Kansas City Chiefs.

In 2000, he was chosen to play basketball in England with Northwest Basketball Camps, working several jobs to pay his way and make it happen.

After his graduation with honors from Burns Union High School in 2003, he was hired as a seasonal wildland firefighter with the Bureau of Land Management. He spent many summers working with the fire crew to help put himself through college.

He attended Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology in spring 2009. He returned to Burns for one more summer as a firefighter before working as an engineering technician at the BLM in Burns.

In spring 2004, he met the love of his life, Autumn Richardson, at a wedding in Bend. After a long-distance romance over several years, he proposed to her on Feb. 14, 2009, and they married in Burns on Sept. 9, 2009.

They made their home outside Burns, where he often had at least one project going on. He excelled at construction, woodworking, roping, hunting, working on trucks and remodeling, often working on projects with his wife. He made many improvements to their house, turning it into the home of their dreams.

The couple had two sons, Cody Donald, born Feb. 17, 2012, and Wade Allen, born Jan. 23, 2015. A devoted family man, Joe did little else during the last two weeks of his life but love and show off his family.

He enjoyed hunting and was planning a hunting trip to Alaska with his friend Brian for summer 2015. He also looked forward to rebuilding an old Chevrolet truck with his sons when they were older.

Survivors include his wife, Autumn; sons, Cody, 3, and Wade, 2 weeks; parents, Joe Toelle of Burns, and Connie and Jim Kams of Chehalis, Wash.; brother, John Robert (J.R.); grandparents, Don Toelle of Burns and Liz Moles of John Day; uncles and aunts, Dave and Toni, Leigh, Carol, Bob, David and Donald; and numerous cousins, extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Shirley Toelle, and grandfathers, David and Raymond Moles.

Memorial contributions may be made to Autumn, Cody and Wade Toelle through La Follette's Chapel, P.O. Box 488, Burns, OR 97720.

Eola Cunningham

Feb. 5, 1928 – Feb. 11, 2015

Eola Cunningham, 87, of John Day, died Feb. 11 at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. No services will be held at this time.

Mrs. Cunningham was born Feb. 5, 1928, in Gridley, Calif., to William Henry Jones and Fern Todd.

She married Roy Cunningham in Reno, Nev.

She was a homemaker, who enjoyed crocheting, sewing and reading. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in John Day.

Survivors include her sister, Dessie Graham of John Day; nephew, Glen Graham of John Day; and nieces, Tina Bell of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Cathy Lynn of Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Cunningham.

Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Garrald Fred Downing

May 14, 1940 – Feb. 14, 2015

SMITH RIVER, Calif. – Garrald Fred Downing, 74, formerly of John Day, died Feb. 14 in Smith River, Calif. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Elks Lodge No. 1934, 800 Elk Dr., in Brookings.

Mr. Downing was born May 14, 1940, in Caldwell, Idaho. He graduated from Grant Union High School in 1960.

A 51-year resident of Del Norte County, he was a member of the Elks Lodge, where he served as exalted ruler for two years, and the Lions Club. He was an award-winning photographer, and enjoyed flying, having received his pilot license in 1979. His hobbies also included woodworking and building things.

Survivors include his children, Keith Fisher and Tammy Downing Kelly; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the South Coast Humane Society, 828 Railroad St., Brookings, OR 97415.

Arrangements are under the care of Wier's Mortuary Chapel, 408 G St., Crescent City, CA 95531.

James Dean Trost

July 4, 1950 – Feb. 4, 2015

POCATELLO, Idaho – James Dean Trost, 64, of Soda Springs, Idaho, died Feb. 4 at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello. Graveside services were held Feb. 13 at Fairview Cemetery in Soda Springs.

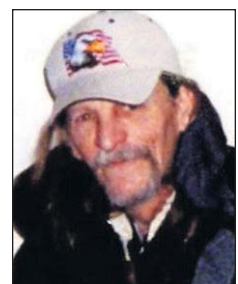
Mr. Trost was born July 4, 1950, in Concordia, Kan., to Merton Ezra and Dorthy Ellen Holton Trost. The family moved to Greenleaf, Idaho, in 1952. He attended grade school in Greenleaf, and graduated from Vallivue High School in Caldwell, Idaho, in 1968.

He moved to Park City, Utah, where he worked in masonry. He later moved to Soda Springs.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, and collecting model cars and Native American knick-knacks.

Survivors include his daughter, Selena (Chrysler) Weeks of Grace, Idaho; grandson, Kegan Jon Michelson, of Grace; sisters, Ilona (Dick) Ode of Nampa, Idaho, and Deb (Don) Jensen of Bend; brother, Rick (Patty) Trost of Unity, and their son, Andy Vogt of Mt. Vernon; and many friends in the Hereford, Unity and John Day areas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Norman.



Donna Mae Switzer

ST. HELENS – Donna Mae Switzer, 81, formerly of Grant County, died Feb. 17 at Cherrywood Adult Foster Care in St. Helens.

A memorial service will be held at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Baker City this summer.

Arrangements are under the care of Gray's West & Company, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

The John Day Post Office would like to say thank you and Congratulations to Elna Blanchet for her 17 years of service, and to Sally Colton for her 30 years of service. Wishing the best of luck to you both.

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The doctor speaks Spanish - El Doctor habla Espanol.

The Family of Mary Lambeth would like to thank the doctors and staff at Blue Mountain Hospital and Valley View for their loving care. A special thank you goes out to everyone for their kind words, cards and donations made in Mary's name by her family and many friends.

Sincerely,
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Increasing clouds		Wednesday 50/30
40% chance of rain		Thursday 45/32
Chance of rain		Friday 47/29
Slight chance of snow		Saturday 43/21
Mostly sunny		Sunday 44/23
Slight chance of snow		Monday 44/25
Colder, A.M. snow		Tuesday 32/17

LAST WEEK

	FEB. 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
John Day	56/31	62/31	55/30	50/37	42/30	42/21	43/17
Sheep Rock	57/23	58/32	66/27	59/36	54/34	49/24	47/9

SKI REPORT
Anthony Lakes: Base 49 inches; three inches of new snow.

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