

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
OCTOBER – PRAIRIE CITY SCHOOL



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Joining Prairie City School's panther mascot are Shaelynn Bice, left, and Samantha Workman, right, who are the school's "Students of the Month" for October. Shaelynn was nominated by teacher Louanne Zwegardt for her exceptional work and willingness to help, and Samantha by the entire middle school and high school staff for her excellence in effort in all her classes.

OBITUARY

Darrel 'Goose' Pierce

Darrel "Goose" Pierce, 82, of Prairie City, died Oct. 11 at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. A Celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the John Day Elks Lodge, 140 N.E. Dayton St.

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

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THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU

We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to everyone that helped us during the recent crisis that befell us. From the largest donor to the smallest - Grant County is fantastic. There are no words great enough to express our thanks so we will just say, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dean & Betty Elliott

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Now that weeks have passed since the Canyon Creek Complex fire swept through Grant County, it is time to acknowledge those who were instrumental in helping us get our lives back in order. We lost all outbuildings, bridge and our boat, the house was saved so we are more fortunate than most.

The Squeeze Inn Restaurant, this is where we had our first several breakfasts after evacuation. Once we had some funds they refused to let us pay.

The firefighters who helped save our home, I don't know who they were but there was evidence left behind that clearly shows someone was trying to save our home. You were successful, you know who you are and thank you very much.

Ferguson Engineering for quickly stepping in to help with the logistics of installing a new bridge, which was instrumental for us moving back home.

All those sent donations to the cause from all over the Northwest, after the fire I did not even own a hammer. Within days I was able with help Jim and Gale to start rebuilding a pump house so we and others once again had a source of water for our homes.

Tim Unterwegner, RMEF, and Darren at Ace Hardware who were all instrumental in supplying me with a rifle so that I could utilize my Murderers Creek deer tag. To this point I have not seen a buck to shoot at but have had a good time hiking the hills in pursuit.

Grant County Fair staff, we lived in our RV for two weeks at the Fairgrounds RV park. By a stroke of luck my Wife, our dog and I ended up in the parking lot of the Fairgrounds after evacuation simply because that's the first place we came to where we could park the travel trailer and think things out. Within minutes Mindy was there offering to let us take a spot in the RV park. From that point forward the staff helped us nonstop with anything we needed.

Information, logistics, what, where, when and how all provided without asking. So Mary, Mindy, Dusty, Jennifer, Jim, and all others involved including those whose names I have forgot, Thank you.

Steve and Debbie Corwin

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BUT DID THE 'PC' GET ANY PAINT?



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Members of Prairie City High School's freshmen and senior classes return from painting the 'PC' hill - and themselves - on Oct. 1.

DAYVILLE'S 2015 HOMECOMING ROYALTY SHINE



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Dayville High School's 2015 homecoming court includes: freshmen Courtney Nichols and Austin Walker, sophomores Cheyenne Nichols and Hung Cao, juniors Ravyn Walker and King Tanner Walczyk and seniors Queen Emma Hettinga and Bud Farmer (community member Trevor Faulkner is filling in for Bud, who was unable to attend the game).

LONG CREEK CROWNS ROYALTY



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Long Creek High School's 2015 homecoming royalty includes: Cody Baker, left, Lilly Stemann, Kirill Borisov, Fernando Rodriguez, Queen Mew Wiryasumon and King Philipp Dessau, Raquel Melo and Andrea Moreno.

MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL ROYALTY NAMED



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Monument's 2015 homecoming court includes: seniors Jordan Bowlus and Maya Thomas, juniors Queen Charlotte Dailey and King Hayden Schafer, sophomores Bailey Thomas and Ryan Cook, and freshmen Kyla Emerson and Cade Milton.

Woman feted at Hispanic Heritage Day

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A John Day woman was among dozens of elderly Hispanic citizens throughout the state of Oregon who were feted at Hispanic Heritage Day, held Sept. 26 at the state capitol in Salem.



Balbina Escudero

Balbina Escudero of John Day was one of 60 Spanish-speaking senior citizens - and the only nominee

from all of Eastern Oregon - to receive the honor.

Escudero, her husband, John, and their two sons, moved from Spain in 1958 to Bates, where John worked in the logging industry. When the Bates mill closed, the family moved to John Day.

Despite being a widow for nearly 20 years, Escudero maintains an active lifestyle. The young-at-heart 87-year-old has traveled abroad to several countries, walks two miles daily through the streets of John Day, and worked at Dreamers Motel in John Day until she was 80.

Active in the Grant County Mad Hatters and a member of St. Elizabeth Church, she enjoys her home, gardening, and her family, which includes her two sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Each of the honored Hispanic residents received a certificate expressing gratitude and appreciation for their "tireless efforts in laying roots in the State of Oregon."

The Sept. 26 family celebration included entertainment, exhibits, games and speakers highlighting Hispanic culture and contributions in Oregon.

Families First offers parenting classes

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JOHN DAY - A new six-week series of Active Parenting classes begins Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Families First Parent Resource Center.

The free classes will run from 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4; Tuesday, Nov. 10; Wednesday, Nov. 18; Tuesday, Nov. 24; and Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Free dinner and childcare are provided. The program is funded by Community Counseling Solutions.

Families First is at 401 S. Canyon Blvd. in John Day.

Early registration is encouraged to make childcare arrangements. Call 541-575-1006 or email fhvka@gmail.com.



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JOHN DAY	HI/LO
TUESDAY	81/49
WEDNESDAY	70/54
THURSDAY	76/53
FRIDAY	88/55
SATURDAY	85/51
SUNDAY	69/45
MONDAY	78/44

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY
162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 14-20

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
80	80	81	75	69	73	62
40	42	43	44	42	30	31

Weather fact

On April 7, 1956, in Unionville, Maryland, 1.23 inches of rain fell in 60 seconds. It still stands as the world record for most rain in one minute.