

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER — DAYVILLE SCHOOL



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Dayville School students of the month for September: from left, Dally Moore, grades K-3; Cheyenne Nichols and Hannah Flower, high school; and Gauge Jenks, grades 4-6.

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OCTOBER — DAYVILLE SCHOOL



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Dayville School students of the month for October: from left, Ethan Merkord, grades K-3; Autumn Walker, grades 4-6; and Austin Walker, high school.

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OBITUARY

David Carlos Mason
April 24, 1931 – Dec. 2, 2015



ST. GEORGE, Utah — David Carlos Mason, 84, formerly of John Day and Dayville, died Dec. 2 in St. George, Utah.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 8 at the Heritage LDS Chapel in Hurricane, Utah. Interment was at the Hurricane City Cemetery.

Mr. Mason was born on April 24, 1931, in Portland, the oldest of two children, to David E. Mason and Georgia Mae Valade. He was raised in John Day and Dayville. He grew up on a ranch and always had a good story to tell about it. His mother, Mae, managed the telephone office in John Day until 1945.

His grandfather, Carlos Valade, homesteaded near Picture Gorge in the 1880s.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He met his love, Maideen, in Hawaii while stationed at Hickam Air Force Base. They were married in Hawaii in June 1956.

He attended school in Pocatello, Idaho, for three years, and dental school in Portland for four years.

He had a passion for running. He ran 20 marathons and in 2002 ran the Olympic Torch. He loved being a part of and supporting the Relay for Life. He and his team ran every year. Last year, he was able to be the grand marshal for the Survivor's lap, as he previously had battled prostate cancer.

He lived in Hurricane since 1977, running a dental practice and being very involved in the community. He served on the county fair board for several years and was an avid scouter. He enjoyed working with the 11-year-old scouts and was still active in that. He was honored with the Silver Beaver award for his dedication to the scouting program.

Survivors include his wife of almost 60 years, Maideen; daughter, Marti Hansen; sons, Donn (Cheryl) Mason, Alex Mason, David Mason and Shaun (Karen) Mason; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved their Grandpa Mason.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Don (Donn), who was killed during the Korean War and is listed on the War Memorial.

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PTA member Sophia Nicodemus helps sixth-grader Carson Weaver with a vision exam.

Eyes on vision screening

Students at three Grant County schools have received vision checks thanks to a recent visit from Children's Vision Foundation.

Eye care professionals from the Bend-based nonprofit provided seven-step vision screening to all students in grades 2-6 at Humbolt Elementary, grades 2-8 at Long Creek School and K-12 at Monument School.

The no-cost screenings check for each student's classroom visual abilities including distance and near acuity, fusion, tracking and near point of convergence. CVF encourages families to follow up the screenings with professional care.

CVF has screened at Humbolt biannually since 2001. This year, CVF is partnering with John Day Eye Care, who has volunteered to screen Humboldt's kindergarten and

first-grade students in January.

CVF Executive Director Julie Bibler said it is great to see the importance this community has placed on children's vision and education.

Humbolt Principal Kim Smith said Bibler and the volunteers did an exceptional job coordinating and running the vision screening for the students.

"Their help in conjunction with parent and community volunteers made this possible," she said. "Students and families will benefit from the information that we gained through this process."

Students who were identified with potential vision problems with these screenings and/or are having difficulty in school should have a professional eye exam.

Support for the screenings came from the Ford Family Foundation.

In Loving Memory ~ Luisa Goirigolzarri



Luisa went quietly in her sleep to her eternal rest with The Father on Thanksgiving night, November 26, 2015. She was born on August 10, 1925 to Juan Jose and Geronima (Bilbao) Elorriaga in rural Berango, Vizcaya, Spain. She was the sixth of seven children born into the family. When her mother became ill and bedridden, she and her sisters, although very young, took on all of the household's responsibilities for the family while their father and brothers handled the cultivating, planting and harvesting what the family farm would grow as well as tending the livestock.

After her mother recovered from her extended illness, Luisa joined in with the farm work as well wherever she was needed. These were chores while she attended school and became routine work when she ended her formal education at the age of ten. Her drive and ability to work tirelessly and the skills she learned at a very early age would serve her well for the rest of her long life.

In May of 1950, she married Benigno (Beni) Goirigolzarri. Their first son, Juan Jose, was born the following year. As the young family built a new home on the Elorriaga farm, the repressive legal system under the Franco dictatorship came into their home. His former employer, a wealthy aristocrat, accused Beni of robbery. Despite no evidence nor investigation he was thrown into prison. Eventually the real culprit was found and Beni was released from prison. But the damage had been done. The Spanish Civil War broke out in 1936 and Beni was captured that summer. He survived the executions of his fellow prisoners, the starvation and disease of Franco's labor camps and the imprisonment until the end of World War II. But the dictatorial oppression continued long after. He needed to leave Spain.

In 1954, Beni got on a list to come to the US to herd sheep. Despite Luisa's pregnancy, the one-time opportunity required him to leave for an unknown region called Oregon. Their second son, Javier, was born three weeks later. Luisa and her two young sons rejoined the household of her parents and waited for Beni's return. By 1961, Beni had become a US citizen, worked his way into better paying and secure jobs and saved enough money to reestablish a comfortable lifestyle for his family in Spain. The family was reunited that summer. But Spain remained in the grips of a dictatorship and still not much better than a third world country. He saw and convinced Luisa that America was a better place for the family and would provide so many more opportunities for their sons.

In the Fall of 1961, they said goodbye to Spain and all of their extended family. They arrived in Seneca in November. Unable to speak any English, unfamiliar with the customs and traditions of their new home, Luisa faced many challenges. But the small community of Seneca gave her a warm welcome. Indeed, the cards and well wishes from the ladies that gathered at her welcoming coffee were still stored with all of her other memorabilia. The electric range and refrigerator/freezer, toaster and other amenities were delightful appliances she had never known. But nothing matched the convenience of the wash machine, particularly given Beni's work in the wet, muddy, cold forests as a logger.

When the long cold winter of Seneca finally turned to spring, Luisa began gathering flowers and plants to surround their

home with color. Most of the backyard became a vegetable garden. But Seneca was not Vizcaya, and some of the early flower and vegetable plantings failed due to the cold, with killing frost regularly striking well into June. But she persevered, adjusted and learned, including how to read, write and speak her new language. The family adopted the customs and traditions of their new home, but the traditions and language of the old country were kept alive. Spanish and Basque were always spoken. The kitchen of their home was always filled with the foods and she had learned to prepare as a child, all of the recipes memorized, nothing in writing.

By 1967, with the help of a teacher and friend, she had mastered English well enough, studied the history and constitution of her new home and stood for the test to become a citizen of the United States. One of her most proud occasions, she passed the test and gained citizenship for herself and her two sons. Once again the community of Seneca gathered around her in celebration, welcoming its newest citizen.

The mountains and forests within view of their home quickly became the favored places to spend weekends camping, picnicking and gathering. The forests and the streams provided not only recreation but fish, mushrooms, meat and huckleberries to eat and wood to heat the home during the long cold seasons. Soon after Beni retired, they moved to Burns in order to be closer to the grocery store, medical facilities, a longer growing season, less snow and eventually the Senior Center. Since Luisa never learned to drive, a home within walking distance from all those things and the Catholic Church were important. She soon made it their home, surrounded by flowers, a huge garden in the backyard and fruit trees. She always said she did not enjoy cooking, but she took great pleasure in feeding people that enjoyed her food, especially her grandsons. There was never a shortage of food and if there was a picky eater present, a desirable substitute was always prepared. She loved all of those boys. If there was a concert, sporting event or ceremony they were involved in during her visit, she was there. Freezing cold weather, hard bleachers, noisy gyms, hot summer ball fields, none of that deterred her from cheering them on until it was over. Luisa is survived by her son Javier (Karen) & grandsons Ben & Alex of Roseburg, Oregon, grandson Juan (Dawn) and great-grandson Javier of Puyallup, Washington, brother Blas Ellorriaga and sister Isabel Larandugoitia of Spain and many nieces & nephews in Spain. She was preceded in death by her husband, Benigno, son Juan Jose, grandson Nicholas, her parents, brothers Esteban, Raymundo & newborn child and her sister Mari.

Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Burns. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Harney County Senior Center PO Box 728, Burns, Oregon 97720.

Taylor's Family Mortuary 541-679-6983

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SATURDAY	49/30
SUNDAY	50/42
MONDAY	55/39

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 9-15

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rain likely	Rain likely	Chance of rain and snow	Chance of snow	Chance of snow	Slight chance of snow	Snow possible
53	43	39	38	34	32	31
34	31	29	27	24	18	11

SKI REPORT: Anthony Lakes: Base 25 inches; no new snow.