

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY — PRAIRIE CITY SCHOOL



Prairie City School student of the month for January, Dorran Wilson, grade 10, was nominated by teacher Billy Colson for his consistent hard work and motivation.



Prairie City School student of the month for January, Wyatt Wilson, grade 11, was nominated by teacher Louanne Zweygardt for his leadership and conscientious effort.

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EAGLE ON VACATION



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Gordon and Betty Beil of Canyon City took the Eagle on vacation to Cozumel, Mexico, where they snorkeled and swam with dolphins. During their trip they also took a cruise to the island of Roatan, ziplined in Belize and visited the French Quarter in New Orleans.

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

John Day's Jim Jerome is Boise VA January volunteer of the month

By Sharon N. Clark
For the Blue Mountain Eagle



Jim Jerome

Longtime resident and advocate of veterans' needs Jim Jerome of John Day has been named January volunteer of the month at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Boise.

Jim Jerome was born in Michigan. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in October of 1965 where he served one tour in Vietnam from November 1966 to November 1967. Jim also served a three year tour at Rhein-Main Airbase, Germany. He was honorably discharged in December 1970.

Using the GI Bill, he earned a degree as a Fisheries Tech from Mt. Hood Community College in 1973.

He and his wife, Irene, love to hunt, hike and travel. They have two sons, and one six month old calico cat. Both sons have served in the military. James is a commander in the Navy with five tours to Iraq, and Paul was in the Army where he served in Afghanistan.

Jerome worked for and retired from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2003.

Since 2011, he has been a volunteer for the DAV as both a driver and a dispatcher for the John Day/Burns area. As a dispatcher, he is able to work from anywhere he has cell service; he has even been called while in Holland and Germany. He has served 2,178 hours and driven at least 7,500 miles getting veterans where they need to go.

He enjoys volunteering for the joy he gets assisting the veterans and being able to give back and help the community. He is a vital part of the Veterans Affairs/Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network assisting veterans in getting to and from appointments when they would otherwise be unable to get the health care they need.

Sharon N. Clark is chief, Voluntary Service and Chaplain Service at Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Boise. The above was reprinted with permission from "The Boise Front," a monthly publication of the Boise VA.

OBITUARIES

Ashley Westmoreland
Sept. 30, 1922 — Jan. 8, 2016



HAPPY VALLEY — Ashley "Wes" Westmoreland, formerly of John Day, died Jan. 8 in Happy Valley. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Mr. Westmoreland was born Sept. 30, 1922, in Dix, Nebraska, to Ashley Westmoreland Sr. and Lillian Augusta Pieron.

He met Dorothy Payne in Lincoln, Nebraska, whom he married in 1942.

He was a medic in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Minnesota where he earned bachelor's degrees in law and business administration.

The family moved to Oregon in 1953, living in Roseburg and The Dalles.

In 1956, he began working for the Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla, Washington. He transferred to the U.S. Forest Service and living in the Gresham and Portland areas.

In 1961, he moved to John Day, where he worked for the Malheur National Forest until 1977.

They returned to the Portland area, settling in Milwaukie. He retired from the Forest Service in 1980.

He was an avid reader, enjoyed the outdoors, liked to dance and embraced life. He had a great sense of humor and curiosity for the world around him.

He was a longtime member of the Elks Lodge, lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Eagles organization of The Dalles.

Survivors include his daughters, Roxanne Barott of Medford and Lisa Baggenstos of Scappoose; grandson, Jeff Barott of Tualatin; granddaughter, Ashley Barott of Lino Lakes, Minnesota; and longtime friend, Patricia Wenz of Happy Valley.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy; sister, Barbara Jean Elliot; brother, Layne (Skip) Westmoreland; and nephew, Todd Westmoreland.

Remembrances may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are under the care of Neptune Cremation Service of Portland.

Cecelia Teresa Houck

BEND — Cecelia Teresa Houck, 79, of Dayville, died Jan. 21 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. A service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Dayville Presbyterian Church.

Houck was born Dec. 13, 1936, in Denver. A full obituary will be in next week's issue.

Pam Uebler

Pam Uebler, 61, died Jan. 23 at her John Day home, surrounded by family and friends. A viewing will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, and a funeral service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 — both at Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd. in John Day. Interment at Canyon City Cemetery will follow the service. A potluck reception will be held at the John Day Elks Lodge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network through Driskill Memorial Chapel.

For condolences, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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SATURDAY	48/35
SUNDAY	44/30
MONDAY	46/27

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 27-FEB. 2

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
20% chance of A.M. rain	Rain likely	Rain likely	Chance of snow	Slight chance of snow	Chance of snow	Cloudy
46	46	46	37	34	32	36
35	40	30	23	24	18	14

SKI REPORT: Anthony Lakes: Base 58 inches; 3 inches of new snow.