

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH MARCH — PRAIRIE CITY SCHOOL



**Prairie City School eighth-grader Jonathan Haskins was nominated student of the month for March by teacher Paul Bartels who said, "Jonathan consistently demonstrates keen analytical skills and the all-too-rare ability to think outside the box. His classwork reflects a high level of creativity and he often offers unique insights during discussions." Bartels added that, outside of class, Jonathan has been a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the school chess club.**



Contributed photos

**Prairie City High School freshman Kyla Winton was nominated student of the month for March by teacher Nicole Merchant, who said, "Kyla is an exemplary student who strives for the very best. She works hard to maintain her high academic standing and treats everyone around her with respect." Merchant added that Kyla was very deserving of the award.**

## BOOKWORM WINNERS

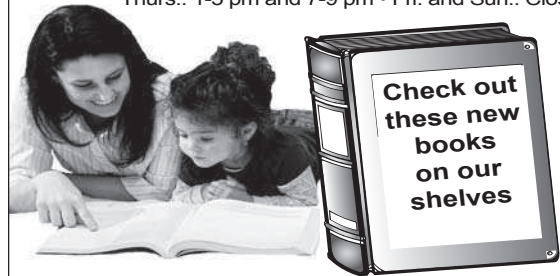


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**Emma Charette, 2, of John Day, and Ethan Trembley, 5, of Mt. Vernon, each won \$1,000 to be added to their Oregon College Savings Plan funds through the Ready 2 Learn reading program, offered at the Grant County Library in John Day. Children from birth to age 6 can participate in the free program by signing up for a Ready 2 Learn card. As they check out library items and participate in library programs, a small cash amount is credited to their college savings plan. They are also eligible for periodic prize drawings and other perks. For more information, call the Grant County Library at 541-575-1992.**

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## OBITUARIES

### Reba Alberta Berry

Oct. 5, 1954 — March 15, 2016

Reba A. Berry, 61, of Mt. Vernon, died March 15 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. A graveside service was held March 19 at Moon Creek Cemetery. Pastor David Drury officiated.

Berry was born Oct. 5, 1954, in John Day to Arther and Edna (Hammons) Dickens. She attended Mt. Vernon High School.

On June 12, 1970, she married Steven Wayne Berry in Mt. Vernon. She was a childcare provider, cook, assisted in transporting patients and worked with exchange students, in addition to raising their two sons.

She enjoyed crafting, camping, raising animals and spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include her husband, Steven Berry of Mt. Vernon; sons, Todd Berry of John Day and Richie Berry of Prineville; granddaughters, Jessica Williams of Prairie City, Henley Berry of Prineville and Amanda Berry of Portland; brothers, Elmer (Jan) Dickens of Mt. Vernon, Wayne (Marilyn Raymond) Dickens of Mt. Vernon and Ted Dickens of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Carolyn (Jim) Lenz of Boise, Idaho, Barbara (Larry) Palmer of Mt. Vernon and Linda (Lyle) McCumber of Mt. Vernon; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arther and Edna Dickens; sister, Helen Marie; and grandson, Boone Berry.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Care Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

For online condolences, visit [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com).

### Mary Lucinda (Masterson) Burke

July 3, 1935 — March 13, 2016

Mary Lou Masterson Burke, 80, died March 13 in John Day. A funeral service was held March 18 at Ellensburg Presbyterian Church, with interment at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Burke was born July 3, 1935, in Ellensburg, Wash., to Bat and Mary (McClure) Masterson. She grew up in the Teanaway Valley on the historic Masterson Ranch, homesteaded in 1880 by her great grandfather.

After graduating from Cle Elum High School, she attended Central Washington College of Education and Washington State University, majoring in English and education.

On Sept. 20, 1956, she married Pat Burke in Lewiston, Idaho. Together they raised their family and ranched in the Swauk area until moving to Fox in 2006.

She lived and worked on her family's cattle ranches all of her life. She was a good hand and partner to her husband during nearly 60 years of marriage.

She was well-known in the cattle industry for her work at the local, state and national levels. She was president of the Kittitas County Cattle Women, the Kittitas County Cattlemen and the Washington State Cattlemen's Association. She also served on many committees of the National Cattlemen's Association and the Kittitas County boards of Conservation and Equalization.

She was recognized as an expert on water rights, writing testimony on proposed water rules and helping many with their water and property rights.

Survivors include her husband Pat Burke, of Fox; sons, Joe (Micki) Burke, of Fox, and James "Jed" Burke, of Ellensburg; sister-in-law, Kathleen Masterson, of Cle Elum, Wash.; nephews, Bob (Patty) Burke and Tom (Carol) Burke of Ellensburg; nieces, Charlotte (the late Don) Frye, Paula (Wes) Crinklaw and Patti (Brad Tacher) Burke, all of Ellensburg; niece Laura Megan Masterson, of Cle Elum; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Harry Masterson, and eldest son, John Burke.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon or the Washington Cattlemen's Association Endowment Trust Fund.

For online condolences, visit [www.brooksidefhc.com](http://www.brooksidefhc.com).

### Margaret Teague

Margaret Teague, 86, died March 15 at her Burns home.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Ruel Teague of Burns; and children, Peggy Asmussen of Burns, Patsy Olson of Hayden, Idaho, Paula Cook of Burns and Pete Teague of John Day.

Arrangements are under the care of LaFollette's Chapel, P.O. Box 488, 332 W. Monroe, Burns, OR 97720.

For online condolences, visit [www.lafolletteschapel.com](http://www.lafolletteschapel.com).

### Francis 'Elmo' Calkins

Aug. 10, 1933 — March 17, 2016

Francis "Elmo" Calkins, 82, of John Day, died March 17 in Prairie City. His ashes will be spread in his forest at a later date when family can be present.

Calkins was born Aug. 10, 1933, in New Mexico, to Golden R. Calkins and Gertrude C. Bell.

He lived in a railroad boxcar at a young age, and left home early for work.

He attended Atascadero Middle and High schools in Atascadero, Calif. He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged on April 10, 1952.

He attended Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif., and San Jose College in San Jose, Calif.

In 1976, he discovered John Day during a family vacation, and moved his family to the area in 1979, when he began working for the U.S. Forest Service as a transfer from California.

He worked for the U.S. Forest Service as chief of surveying on the Malheur National Forest. He was also a railroad switchman, a pilot and a commercial fisherman.

He married in 1969 in Atascadero.

He was an outdoorsman whose interests included hunting and fishing, and local bowling leagues. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

Survivors include his sons, Joe W. Calkins and David R. Calkins, both of Dallas; adoptive son, Phil Calkins of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; stepson, Steve Anderson of Portland; and friend/companion, Jennie Roller.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Ann Calkins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice in care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

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### Esther Hansen

Sept. 29, 1918 — March 16, 2016

GRESHAM — Esther Hansen, 97, formerly of Grant County, died March 16 in Gresham. At her request, there will be no service.

Hansen was born Sept. 29, 1918, in Pendleton, to John and Hilda Molstron. She attended school in Helix, and earned a teaching degree at Eastern Oregon College.

She taught in the Fox and Seneca school districts. She belonged to the Seneca Rope Jumpers and traveled with them to Chicago and Washington, D.C., as a chaperone.

In 1940, in Spokane, Wash., she married George Hansen, whom she met at a dance in Long Creek. He was Grant County commissioner for eight years.

She always said she was involved with ranching most of her life — growing up on a wheat ranch, living on a cattle and hay ranch in the Bear Valley area and later operating a tree farm, after she and her husband retired and moved to Mt. Vernon.

She was a member of First Christian Church and belonged to Eastern Star in John Day. She helped with Rainbow girls as her daughter moved through the chairs. In her early years, she was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton where she received her confirmation. In the Gresham area, she was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Georgene, son-in-law, Dick, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 2003.

Memorial contributions may be made to an organization of one's choice.

### Dollina Mary Ann Humphreys

Dollina Mary Ann Humphreys, 89, of Canyon City, died March 21 at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 28, at Driskill Memorial Chapel in John Day.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Care Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

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### Stanley Mitchell

Stanley Boyd Mitchell, 89, of John Day, died March 20 at Valley View Assisted Living in John Day. Services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

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### LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

| JOHN DAY  | HI/LO |
|-----------|-------|
| TUESDAY   | 38/32 |
| WEDNESDAY | 50/34 |
| THURSDAY  | 49/32 |
| FRIDAY    | 56/26 |
| SATURDAY  | 64/37 |
| SUNDAY    | 66/42 |
| MONDAY    | 52/34 |

### RIVER FLOWS

|                        | DISCHARGE | LAST YEAR | AVG. | % OF AVG. |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| JOHN DAY (MAINSTEM)    | 369       | 245       | 299  | 123       |
| RITTER (MF)            | 788       | 160       | 560  | 141       |
| MONUMENT (NF)          | 3320      | 193       | 2750 | 121       |
| SERVICE CR. (MAINSTEM) | 4660      | 2450      | 4100 | 114       |
| MCD. FERRY (MAINSTEM)  | 5100      | 3020      | 4560 | 112       |

Flow information from March 22

### WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23-29

| Wednesday    | Thursday                   | Friday                 | Saturday  | Sunday         | Monday         | Tuesday   |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
|              |                            |                        |           |                |                |           |
| Partly sunny | 30% chance of A.M. showers | Chance of A.M. showers | Sunny     | Chance of rain | Chance of snow | Cloudy    |
| <b>55</b>    | <b>52</b>                  | <b>43</b>              | <b>52</b> | <b>50</b>      | <b>44</b>      | <b>51</b> |
| <b>39</b>    | <b>33</b>                  | <b>27</b>              | <b>34</b> | <b>31</b>      | <b>26</b>      | <b>31</b> |

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