

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — MARCH



Kaia Allen
Grade: 7
Parents: Jeffery and Elena Allen



Tiler Voigt
Grade 8
Parents: Kellie Combs and Kaleb Voigt



Andrea Comer
Grade 9
Parents: Russ and Sheila Comer



Annie Wall
Grade 10
Parents: Bill Wall and Carol Faulkner



McKenzie Nielsen
Grade 11
Parent: Cory Nielsen



Wyatt Weaver
Grade 12
Parents: Cody and Kaidee Weaver

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH LONG CREEK SCHOOL



Connie Coghill, grade 4
Long Creek student of the month for January.



Andrea Montes, grade 11
Long Creek student of the month for February.



Albert Camper Jr., grade 6
Long Creek student of the month for March.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Osborne May 8, 1935 — April 24, 2016



Mary Ann Osborne, 80, died April 24 at Valley View Assisted Living in John Day. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Mt. Vernon Community Center, with a potluck following.

Osborne was born May 8, 1935, in Libby, Montana, to Howard Blanchard and Merle (Nanny) Hampton. The family settled in Mitchell where she attended school.

On Aug. 30, 1952, she married Ersel Hobart Osborne, with whom she had four children.

They moved to Mt. Vernon in 1959, where they raised their family. She taught sewing as a 4-H leader for several years. She was the head cook at the John Day Senior Center for many years until she retired.

She was active in her church, enjoyed fishing and camping and loved spending time with her large family.

Survivors include her daughter, Evelyn J. (Roy) Cates; son, Walter D. (Loreen Beeman) Osborne; grandchildren, Terri Dehiya, Stanley Duane (Kelly) Dehiya, Erse-la Dehiya, Kraig (Lanea) Osborne and Megan Osborne; great-grandchildren, Jimmy (Raven) Stiles, Mindee (Brandon) Hutchison, Corey Fowler, Kayden Osborne and Konner Osborne; and great-great-grandchild, Trig Hutchison.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert and Harold Blanchard; husband, Ersel Hobart Osborne; sister, Susan Pearl Franks; daughter, Patty Jo Osborne; and an infant son.

John Poppino

ESTACADA — John Poppino, who formerly worked for the Forest Service in Eastern Oregon, died April 14, following a head injury while logging near Estacada.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Milwaukie.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church memorial fund, 11631 S.E. Linwood Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, or Clackamas Extension Innovation Endowment, Oregon State University Foundation, 850 S.W. 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97333.

Lois Maxine Woodworth

Lois Maxine Woodworth, 86, died April 25 at her Prairie City home. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at Prairie Baptist Church, 238 N. McHaley St., Prairie City. Interment will follow at Prairie City Cemetery and a reception at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Town of Prairie City Christmas Fund or the Prairie Baptist Youth Fund through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

For condolences, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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said there is actually an Association of Eastern Oregon Counties and he is a member. He said he plays an active role on steering committees and at a variety of meetings.

Labhart said he was the only member of the Grant County Court who stated he believed an investigation of the Canyon Creek Complex fire was warranted, though he said it should not be funded with county resources.

Hamsher said he believed the Association of Eastern Oregon Counties was too small to have leverage to influence policy. He said it was important for local and state officials to push hard for change in Salem and Washington, D.C.

He said he wanted to heal the wounds in the community. He said he was a man of action, who would get things done for the people. He touted the Hay for John Day program he spearheaded to provide food for livestock after the fire. Asked about his greatest accomplishments, Hamsher said the Prairie City City Council was once fractured, but he helped usher in an era of cohesiveness.

Labhart said his greatest accomplishments included the establishment of the industrial park in John Day. He reiterated his goals of creating jobs, providing services for seniors and maintaining quality health care facilities. He said, when he was on the hospital board, they implemented a recruitment program targeting medical students that has attracted doctors to Grant County.

Hamsher said he too would focus on jobs, health care, seniors and veterans. He said he would also focus on public lands management. He said he would treat people with respect to try to come together for something mutually advantageous for the entire county. He said federal policies often make life difficult for everyone here, but he suggested a different path.

"The infighting we've been doing hasn't been working," Hamsher said.

Labhart said, in the past, county residents have put divisive feelings aside to come together as a community. He said recent events have led to threats, harassment and vulgar messages on his answering machine.

"We don't need outside people telling us what to do," he said. "We can solve our own problems."

Families First receives \$3,000 grant

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JOHN DAY — Families First Parent Resource Center has received a boost, thanks to a \$3,000 grant the center received from Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation's Community Giving Program.

The funds will help support Families First's Parents as Teachers home visitation program. Parents as Teachers is an early childhood family support and parent educa-

tion home-visiting model in which parent educators work with parents to strengthen protective factors and ensure young children are healthy, safe and ready to learn. The goals include increasing parent knowledge of early childhood development, improving parenting practices, providing early detection of delays and health issues, preventing abuse and neglect and increasing school readiness and success.

Partnership receives watershed restoration grant

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JOHN DAY — The John Day Basin Partnership has been awarded \$149,613 from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

The grant was one of eight totaling \$937,369 provided to local organizations statewide to support partnerships and plans that improve native fish and wildlife habitat.

Funds will be shared among local groups and hired experts. Local soil and water conservation districts and watershed councils will receive support to review existing plans, set local priorities and establish restoration goals from the ground up, while contractors will work at the basin-scale to compile existing plans, identify data gaps, develop a monitoring program and otherwise help the partnership complete a final plan by 2017.

The John Day-based Grant Soil & Water Conservation District will receive \$20,000 of the award to administer the grant.

Jason Kehrberg, district manager of the Grant Soil & Water Conservation District, said, "This grant offers the support we need to participate in the planning effort and report the local needs we are seeing in the field and area communities."

The John Day Partnership formed in 2014 to build a basin wide plan that can attract additional funding to support voluntary restoration actions that work for wildlife and landowners. It includes a diverse mix of 23 partners, including local soil and water conservation districts, watershed councils, forest and landowner collaboratives, tribes, state and federal agencies and conservation groups from across the basin.

The new partnership was nominated for the 2015 Outstanding Partnership Award given by OWEB.

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	HI/LO
TUESDAY	80/46
WEDNESDAY	81/46
THURSDAY	76/49
FRIDAY	66/42
SATURDAY	63/43
SUNDAY	55/39
MONDAY	54/37

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27-MAY 3

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Slight chance of rain	Mostly cloudy	Slight chance of showers	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Warm and cloudy
59	64	61	62	72	79	75
39	38	33	37	38	41	40