



BIRTHS

Quincee Jayne Harper

Terry and Shilo (Burton) Harper of Mt. Vernon announce the birth of their daughter, Quincee Jayne Harper, at 11:40 p.m. on May 21 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. She weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces. She joins brothers Tatyn and Bransyn.

Grandparents are Daryl and Sue Burton, and John and Doris Harper, all of Mt. Vernon.



OBITUARIES

Larry Bruce Blasing

Nov. 5, 1938 — May 26, 2016

Larry Bruce Blasing, 77, died May 26 at his Prairie City home. A funeral service was held June 3 at Prairie Baptist Church in Prairie City. Interment followed at Prairie City Cemetery.

Blasing was born Nov. 5, 1938, in Baker City, to Mel and Dorothy Blasing. He attended school in Unity and Bates, and graduated from Prairie City High School in 1956. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1964 with a degree in forest management.

After graduation, he began his professional career in the forest product industry, working throughout the Northwest — Montana, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service and the private sector. He was involved in all aspects of forestry, including "dirt" forestry, logging and sawmill operation.

He also found himself involved in the political aspects of forest management, dealing with policy, contract interpretations, land use issues, research, appeals and litigation. He was involved in appealing the first environmental impact statement and helped pass the National Forest Management Act.

In retirement, he served eight years on the Grant County Public Forest Commission. He was a member of the Blue Mountains Forest Partners, the National Rifle Association, Oregon Hunters Association, the Jaycees and Prairie Baptist Church.

He was always willing to give of his time and use his knowledge and experience to further benefit Grant County in the area of land use.

The day before he died, he was at the County Court doing his civic duty, even after just losing an election — a testament to his commitment and loyalty to a place and a cause.

He sought to work things out and bring people together to find solutions and common ground.

He enjoyed recreating on the land he sought to steward. He was a hunter, fished in Alaska, rode snow machines and ATVs, enjoyed traveling and was in the process of restoring a 1965 Thunderbird.

He was an avid and loyal Beavers fan and supported OSU sports programs. He trekked to Corvallis whenever possible, enduring even inclement weather to cheer his favorite team.

A generous man, he was among the first to respond to a need in his church or community. He was a steward of the land and of the financial resources God had given him. He died while spraying weeds to grow better grass for his cattle — doing what he loved most by taking care of the land God had given him.

Survivors include his wife, Yvonne Blasing of Prairie City; son, Loy Blasing of Missoula, Montana; stepdaughters, Cindy Vanderwoude of Glasgow, Montana, Lynn Phillips of Piedmont, South Dakota, and Laura Inman of Hot Springs, South Dakota; and stepson, Tom Phillips of Silver Springs, Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City or to Prairie Baptist Church through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. For condolences, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

John Clyde Forrest

John Clyde Forrest, 74, died June 3 at his Prairie City home. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 10, at Prairie City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. For condolences, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

William I. March Jr.

June 9, 1938 — May 6, 2016

William "Bill" March Jr., 77, died May 6 at his Ritter home. There will be no services.

March was born June 9, 1938, to William March Sr. and Evelyn (Williams) March in Dunsmuir, California. In his younger years, he ran an Arctic Circle restaurant in Medford with friends Mel McDanials and Hank Davies. He often enjoyed talking about that time.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. He was content living among wildlife and enjoyed a scenic view from his home near Deep Canyon in Ritter.

His hobbies included hunting, wood carving and visiting with longtime friends on topics such as how to keep old vehicles running long after they are no longer manufactured.

He was preceded in death by his mother, and more recently, his cousin, Jim Dychoff of Long Creek.

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

For condolences, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Gary Wilson Sawin

Aug. 29, 1946 — May 26, 2016

Gary Sawin, 69, of Seneca, died May 26 in Seneca. A memorial service was held June 3 at Clyde Holliday State Park.

Sawin was born Aug. 29, 1946, in Willmar, Minnesota, to George Wilson and Ruby Madeline (Thomas) Sawin. After graduating from high school in 1964, he worked as a union carpenter, truck driver and was a store owner. He was a truck driver for 25 years, officially retiring in 1998.

On March 13, 1965, in Minnesota, he married Marilyn Kay Parker, his true soul mate.

Gary enjoyed crossword puzzles, being outdoors, spending time with family and living in the small town of Seneca.

Survivors include his sons, Rodney Sawin of Denver and Brent (Maureen) Sawin of Seneca; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Kay Sawin. Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. For condolences, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Patricia L. Russell

Oct. 15, 1942 — May 3, 2016

BEND — Patricia L. "Patti" Russell, 73, a longtime Mt. Vernon resident, died of natural causes May 3 in Bend.

A small celebration of life was held May 20.

Austin and June Drewett

A small memorial service for Austin and June Drewett will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, at Prairie City Cemetery, with Pastor Al Altnow officiating.

June died Jan. 14, 2014, and Austin died July 7, 2015. The couple lived in Mt. Vernon.

EAGLE ON VACATION



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Grant Union Junior-Senior High School teacher Rhonda McCumber, right, and a group of students took the Eagle on vacation during a field trip to the Pittock Museum in Portland on May 20. From left, Katie Shockley, Laurie Shockley, Kayana McLean, Cheyenne Gentis, Diamond Workman, Crystal Wimberley and McCumber.

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May was colder than normal in John Day

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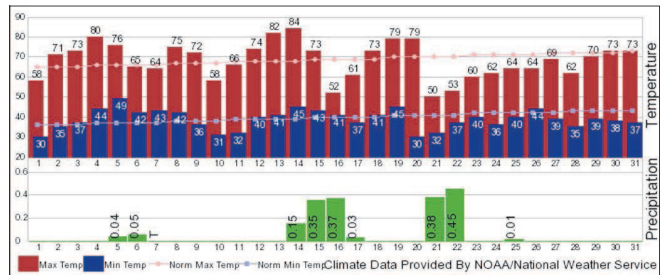
According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at

John Day averaged slightly colder than normal during the month of May.

The average temperature was 53.5 degrees — 0.8 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 68.2 degrees — 0.6 degrees below normal. The highest was 84 degrees on May 14. Low temperatures averaged 38.7 degrees — 1.0 degree below normal. The lowest was 30 degrees on May 1.

There were three days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.83 inches during May, which was 0.07 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — was received on nine days with the heaviest — 0.45 inches — reported on



May 22.

Precipitation this year has reached 4.92 inches — 1.37 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 7.43 inches — which is 2.44 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 40 mph, which occurred on May 4.

The outlook for June from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal

temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day rise from 73 degrees at the start of June to 83 degrees at the end of June. Normal lows rise from 43 degrees to 48 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.43 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

CORRECTION

In the feature on the Memorial Day remembrance at Prairie City Cemetery in last week's issue, Tom McAuslan,

who led the service, was incorrectly identified as the commander of Prairie City American Legion Post 106.

McAuslan is the post's adjutant, and Ed Negus is the commander. The Eagle regrets the error.

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8-14

Weather forecast table with columns for Wednesday through Tuesday, including icons, descriptions, and high/low temperatures.