

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — FEBRUARY



Paige Weaver
Grade 7
Parents: Jarrod and Janine Weaver



Brandon Quaid
Grade 8
Parents: Kristopher and Fawn Brandon



Tiler Voigt
Grade 9
Parents: Kellie Combs and Kaleb Voigt



Kori Jo Girven
Grade 10
Parents: John and Brandi Girvin



Jozie Rude
Grade 11
Parents: Tim and Aimee Rude



Hailey Carter
Grade 12
Parents: Mat and Jennifer Carter

OBITUARIES

Ann Wise
March 20, 1937 - March 29, 2018

Ann (Goebel) Wise, 80, of Bend passed away Wednesday, March 29, in Bend. Wise was born March 20, 1937, in Omaha, Nebraska. Autumn Funerals Bend is in charge of arrangements.

Patrick Walter McDonald

Patrick Walter McDonald, 63, of Philomath passed away Thursday, March 30, at the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House. AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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March slightly warmer than normal

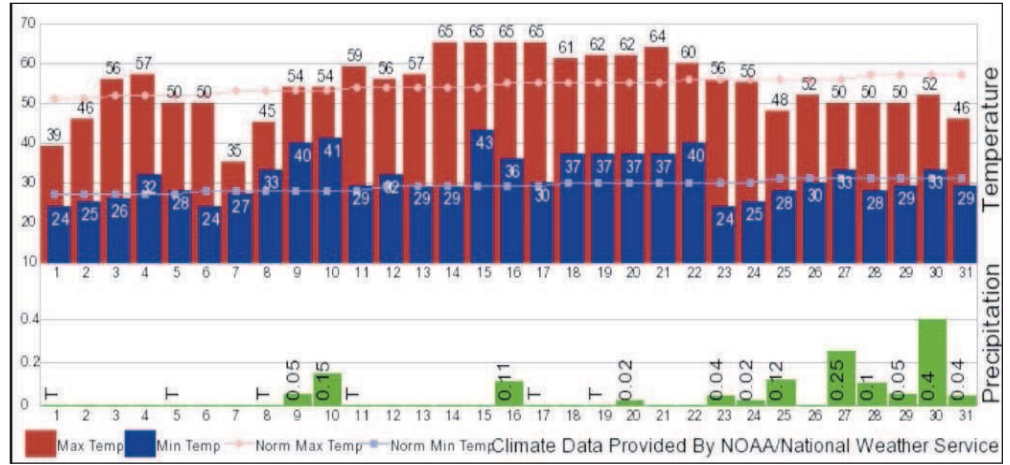
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According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures in John Day averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of March.

The average temperature was 42.9 degrees, which was 1.2 degrees above normal. High Temperatures averaged 54.4 degrees, which was 0.1 degrees above normal. The highest was 65 degrees on March 14. Low temperatures averaged 31.5 degrees, which was 2.4 degrees above normal. The lowest was 24 degrees on March 1.

There were 17 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.35 inches during March, which was 0.08 inches above normal.



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Measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — was received on 12 days with the heaviest, 0.40 inches reported on March 30.

Precipitation this year has reached 3.01 inches, which is 0.01 inches above normal. Since October, the water year

precipitation at John Day has been 7.37 inches, which is 0.79 inches above normal.

The highest wind gust was 43 mph, which occurred on March 18.

The outlook for April from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal

temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day rise from 57 degrees at the start of April to 64 degrees at the end of April.

Normal lows rise from 31 degrees to 36 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 1.39 inches.

St. Patrick's Day CASA benefit most successful to date

Advocates receive standing ovation at dinner

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

It was all for the love of CASA kids.

Organizers of the St. Patrick's Day dinner and auction, benefiting the Grant-Harney County Court Appointed Special Advocates program, deemed the March 14 event a success. Most of the 106 attendees wore a little green for the occasion which was held at the John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824.

Grant-Harney CASA executive director Tracey Blood said between the individuals and business support \$8,000

was raised for the program.

"Funds raised from the event will be used to support our community's most vulnerable youth through advocacy, by allowing the program to recruit and train new volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates and to support our current volunteers by providing quality ongoing training and supervision," she said.

There was a standing ovation at the event for Grant County advocates, including King Williams, Rhianon Bauman, Amy Charette, Valeen Madden and Katy Nelson.

Attendees enjoyed a prime rib dinner, and each table entering the dessert auction had a sweet treat at the end of their meal. A silent and live auction were also a part of the evening.

Blood expressed her appreciation for the event organizers, including Aaron Roth, the vice president of the CASA Board of Directors who chaired the planning committee. The committee included the entire Board of Directors along with Kim Jacobs of Blue Mountain Hospital and Kimberly Neault of the Grant County District Attorney's office.

The auctioneer was Jack Southworth, and the prime rib was donated by Southworth Bros., the Oregon Cattleman's Association and Blue Mountain Hospital. Ed and Margie McCrary prepared the meal. The McCrarys were assisted by five Grant Union High School students in serving the meal.

Blood said the CASA benefit events help fund their local program. While CASA is state mandated, she said only

30 percent of their annual budget comes from the state, and the remainder must be raised through fundraising, grant writing and private donors.

"We currently have seven active CASA volunteers serving 39 percent of the children currently in care in Grant and Harney counties," Blood said. "Our goal is to serve 100 percent of the children in care."

She added the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser was their most successful event to date.

"I continue to be overwhelmed with gratitude due to the support shown by our community at this event," she said.

To learn more about CASA visit casaforchildren.org online. For more information about the local program, call Blood at 541-575-5574 or email casagrantsd.k12.or.us.

Donald Lee Maxwell

Donald Lee Maxwell, a resident of The Dalles, Oregon, passed away February 5th, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Donald was born March 28th, 1953 in Enterprise, Oregon. He was the new addition to his older brother James Bailey Maxwell, who was 2 1/2 years older. His parents, Marvin Lee Maxwell and Ella Blanche Maxwell, named Don after his uncle, Donald (Bud) Maxwell. His family moved to Ontario, Oregon in 1954 as his father pursued his career in banking. In 1955 they moved to Merrill, Oregon, where they welcomed new baby Gregory Dale Maxwell. His father's banking career relocated them to many places including Hood River and then eventually Condon, where they settled down for a while. Don initially found his love for music in elementary school in Condon, where he played drums in a 4th grade cover band of The Turtles. However, when it came down to stage time, their sign was spelled, "The Trutles." This only fueled his love of music and Don began guitar lessons during this time.

Don's family lived in Burns and John Day, Oregon throughout his high school years. Don graduated from John Day High School in 1971. He enjoyed football, basketball, and track during his 3 years in high school there. Summers he worked at the Hines Lumber Mill and was a weekend reserve firefighter. He loved hunting, fishing, and working his trap-line. He then furthered his education at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, from 1971-1973. He graduated with an Associate in Science Degree in Radio Broadcasting, while working at local station KTIX.



Returning to Condon, Don drove a grain truck and later became Manager of the Elevator. He met Kathy in Condon in October of 1977, while holding the door open for her at the post office. Kathy was teaching 2nd grade at the time. Their first date was a fishing trip to a stream with lots of rattlesnakes. Don and Kathy then moved to The Dalles. Don was hired as a disc-jockey at KACI radio station, while Kathy was hired at Chenoweth Elementary School. Don soon became a full-time sales manager at KACI. He loved being out in The Dalles community, getting to know people and helping them advertise their businesses.

Donald Maxwell married Kathleen Raasch on August 14th, 1982 at the home of Ken and Marge Raasch in Hood River. The purchase of 10 acres gave Don and Kathy huge challenges and joy. Putting in a manufactured home and a barn was the start of their beautiful country retreat. Don loved being outdoors working on beautifying the landscape. It was soon after that he began his work with Craig Office Supply.

On October 11th, 1989, Bailey Anne Maxwell was born. Bailey was her parents' pride and joy, and definitely a daddy's girl. As Bailey grew, so did her interests and activities. Don and his camera rarely missed an event. Don was not only his daughter's biggest cheerleader, but also her #1 coach in both sports and life. It was always clear that he would move heaven and earth for her.

In his later years, Don filled his days with what he loved. He returned to radio with BiCoastal Media, continued the upkeep of his beloved country home, and spent countless adventures with his wife and daughter. Don was a family man and a good man. He believed in working hard, being honest, and giving a helping hand. He will be missed immensely by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Don is survived by his wife of 34 1/2 years, Kathy; Daughter Bailey; Mother Ella Blanche; Brother James Bailey and family; Brother Gregory Dale; Aunt Thelma Maxwell; Cousin Bill Maxwell; Cousin Marcia Wood and Monte; Brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Kristy Raasch and family; Sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Ed Kanable and family. Don is also survived by many more extended family and friends.

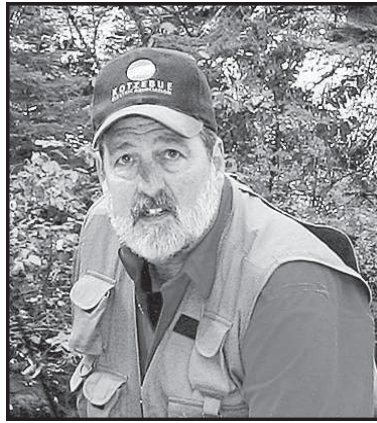
Don was preceded in death by his father Marvin Maxwell and his in-laws Ken and Marge Raasch.

A graveside service will be held at Wallowa Cemetery at a later date.

Remembrances in Don's name may be made to Celilo Cancer Center Scholarship Fund (Celilo Cancer Center Fund, Mid-Columbia Health Foundation: 1700 E 19th St, The Dalles, OR, 97058) or Heart of Hospice (2621 Wasco Street Hood River, Oregon 97031).

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations) 204 E. 4th St. The Dalles, Oregon 97058. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

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JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	51/32
WEDNESDAY	53/41
THURSDAY	47/34
FRIDAY	55/32
SATURDAY	60/33
SUNDAY	52/34
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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5-11

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Chance of showers	Showers	Chance of showers	Chilly with clouds	Cloudy and cold	Showers possible
64	59	58	51	52	53	49
39	42	39	30	33	27	28