

# Sixth-graders feast on history

Students focus on ancient civilizations

By Angel Carpenter  
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Humbolt Elementary sixth-graders feasted on knowledge and a wide array of food from various cultures as the school year wrapped up.

Students in Casey Hallgarth and Lorie Croghan's classes dressed as Spartans, Egyptians, Mayans and people from other ancient civilizations, participating in the Sixth-grade Feast on June 5 at the school cafeteria in Canyon City.

Each student presented facts about the civilization they chose, with the classmates clapping for each other as they took their turn.

The feast included tamales, quinoa, hummus, fruit pies and other delicacies made by the students and their families to share.

After cleaning up, the classmates competed in a mini version of the Olympics on the playground.



**Above: Students enjoy the June 5 Sixth-Grade Feast at the Humbolt Elementary School in Canyon City. Meeting in the school cafeteria, the students each presented an oral essay about an ancient civilization and afterward each shared food from that culture. Right: Kennedy Bengé gives her presentation during the Sixth-grade Feast at Humbolt Elementary School.**

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"It's a good way to tie everything in that Mrs. Croghan and I have taught in history throughout the year," Hallgarth said. "It's a bonus that we add the games which have a physical aspect, which makes it fun."

points for costumes, presentations and the Olympic competition gets to sign and keep a special Hindu-type of statue called the "tiny head" in their classroom.

"It's fun and gets bigger and bigger each year," Hallgarth said.

# Wall attends OTEC's D.C. youth tour

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Annie Wall of Canyon City, Bonny Daggett of Imbler, Anna Gambill of La Grande and Mason Tomac of Baker City set off for the 2017 Washington, D.C., Electric Cooperative Youth Tour June 9.

Each student was competitively selected and represented Oregon and the Northwest, joining 1,500 of their colleagues from across the United States for a one-week trip to the nation's capital. Over the course of the week, OTEC's student delegates visited famous historical sites, engaged in leadership training, met with their elected congressional representatives on Capitol Hill and bonded with students from co-op communities all across the country. They also learned about electric cooperatives and current issues in



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**From left, OTEC delegates Mason Tomac of Baker City, Annie Wall of Canyon City, Anna Gambill of La Grande and Bonny Daggett of Imbler set off for the 2017 Washington, D.C., Electric Cooperative Youth Tour June 9.**

energy and climate change legislation that face our communities and our nation.

Previous Youth Tour par-

ticipants have become university presidents, CEOs of Fortune 500 companies and members of Congress. In

2015, Apple CEO Tim Cook credited the Youth Tour with his first trip to Washington in his commencement speech to graduates of George Washington University. Over the past 52 years, nearly 52,000 students have visited Washington through the Youth Tour.

High school sophomores heading into their junior year can find more details on the Washington D.C. Electric Cooperative Youth Tour at [youthtour.coop](http://youthtour.coop). Applications for the 2018 tour will be available beginning November 2017.

OTEC is a non-profit electric cooperative serving 23,000 members in Baker, Grant, Harney and Union counties. Youth Tour funds come from unclaimed capital credits and their earnings. They do not affect electric rates.

## OBITUARIES

**Nona Ringen**

Aug. 10, 1924 - June 19, 2017

Nona (Silvers) Ringen, 92, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, passed away on June 19 in Grand Blanc. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 29, with one hour of visitation prior to the service, at Faith Lutheran Church, 12534 Holly Road, Grand Blanc, with Pastor Todd Biermann officiating. Ringen was born Aug. 10, 1924, in John Day.



**Freda Vern Cant**

Feb. 3, 1912 - June 17, 2017

Freda Vern Cant, 105, of Elgin died June 17 at a local care facility. A viewing will be held at Loveland Funeral Chapel from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 22. A graveside service was held at Dayville Cemetery at 10 a.m. Friday, June 23.

Cant was born in John Day, Feb. 3, 1912, to Boyd and Sylvia Erikson of Rudio Mountain near Dayville. She started school at 5 years old and lived with her grandparents Bill and Ann Stirritt. She rode to school in Dayville behind her brother and sister on Gin, an old gray mare. She attended Dayville School until graduation in 1929, and then attended OSU for a short time due to the depression.

After returning to Dayville, she was hired by R.J. Johnson as the extension agent of Grant County. She lived with Sheriff Cy Bingham and his wife, Connie, in Canyon City. She left her job at the county Extension Office in July of 1932 to marry James A. Cant on July 7, 1932. They celebrated their honeymoon on Aldridge Peak, herding a band of sheep from the Cant Ranch.

On July 5, 1933, their first daughter, Elizabeth Ann Cant, was born on the Cant Ranch. Three more children followed her: Jamesina Kathleen Cant, Kerma Jean Cant and James Leander Cant.

After raising four children and working on the Cant Ranch, she went to work at the Dayville School as head cook from fall 1968-1977. They moved to Imbler December 1977, after the sale of the Cant Ranch to National Park Service.

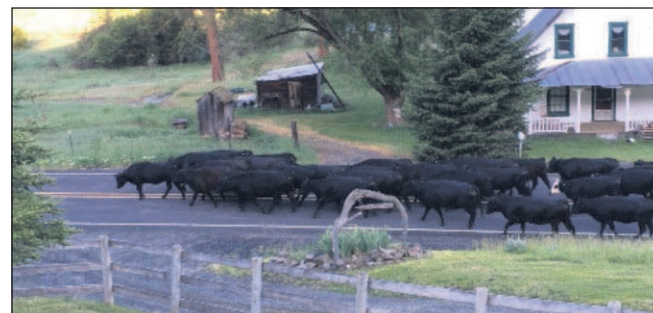
At Imbler, her child raising began again with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She supported and attended their school and community activities until she moved into assisted living. She continued to keep track of their endeavors until her passing.

She was a lifetime member of Eastern Star and Rebecca's. Her four children, 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild survive her. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, and her brother Lloyd Erikson, sister Willia Erickson Keeton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grant County Museum, PO Box 464, Canyon City, OR 97820 or the Ranch and Rodeo Museum, 241 E. Main St., John Day, OR 97845.

Online condolences may be shared at [lfc@lovelandfuneralchapel.com](mailto:lfc@lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## A morning drive



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**Ranchers Ron and Jolene Burnette run cattle through Galena.**

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**Jessie Lee Horlacher (1925 - 2017)**

In the words of Leslie, "My adorable, sassy, yodeling grandma got to meet Jesus last night."

On February 19th, 2017, with Gene, Neree and Randy by her side, in the home she loved, Mom peacefully slipped away from us. But, we are certain she caused quite a stir on the other side! We rejoice that she is free but we will miss her wellspring of joy, peace, humor and love for the Lord and people around her. She was many things - a friend to all, a mentor, encourager, teacher, gardener, party organizer, world traveling "a go-go girl," barber/beautician, poet, entertainer, seamstress, Fair and Rodeo Queen, PTA president, actor/director and encouraged many people to live authentic lives for Jesus.

Jessie Lee was born in Dayville, Oregon, on January 19, 1925 to Charles and Alcy Moore who moved west from Kentucky. She had six siblings: Martha, Charles, James, Don, Zella Vee and Peggy. After graduating high-school she attended Oregon State University. In 1947, she married Carl Horlacher and they settled on a small ranch in Otis Orchards where they raised their children, Gene, Kraig and Neree. Jess loved people - especially young people - which inspired them to foster parent, adding some wonderful young people who became a permanent part of the family.

Jess was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Carl, and is survived by her children, their spouses, 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, two younger sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, April 29 at 1:00 at Valley Assembly of God. Memorial gifts may be made to Teen Challenge (509-244-5610)

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**LAST WEEK'S TEMPS**

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	88/61
WEDNESDAY	80/51
THURSDAY	78/48
FRIDAY	84/46
SATURDAY	90/49
SUNDAY	97/56
MONDAY	91/60

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**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28 TO JULY 4**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunshine	Sunshine	Mostly sunny
<b>85</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>

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