

PRAIRIE CITY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — OCTOBER



Shaelynn Bice  
Grade: 10



Cole Teel  
Grade: 7

In Memory Of Toni Taylor Goodwin

Toni's family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and flowers and made contributions to the hospital foundation. We also want to thank Dr. Lieuallen, Dr. Blair, the entire hospital nursing staff and the home healthcare staff for their outstanding care this past year. Your continual compassionate care will never be forgotten.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hears, and peace to thee  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

— Author Unknown

Prairie City honor roll, first nine weeks

Blue Mountain Eagle

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Sierra Dahlen, Josiah Hoeffner, Dorran Wilson, and Brianna Zweggardt.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Cassie Hire, Mariah McClung, Aitor Ansotegui, Danner Davis and Megan Camarena.

Juniors

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Levi Burke, Lane Williams and Deja Amsden.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Haley Pfefferkorn, Paige Moore and Jonathan Lawrence.

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: JoLynne Ashley and Shaelynn Bice.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Johna Long, Jessica Reames and Aleah Johns.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Connor Jones, Carson McKay, Rilee Em-

mel, Emily Ennis and Jacob McHatton.

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Ariess Bice, Brandon Horrell, Jayden Winegar and Declan Zweggardt.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Caitlin Willet and Katie Hire.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Samantha Workman and Jojari Field.

Eighth-graders

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Marcus Judd and Riley Reames.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Hannah Wall and Tianna Lawrence.

Seventh-graders

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Kaitlynn Ashley, Laken McKay, Cole Teel and Leif Rausch.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Paige Shaw, Betty Ann Wilson and Boe Workman.

OBITUARIES

Wayne H. Foss

May 19, 1943 - Oct. 30, 2017

Wayne H. Foss, 74, of John Day passed away Monday, Oct. 30, at his home. A celebration of life will be held May 19, 2018, with the time and location to be announced later.

Foss was born May 19, 1943, to Robert Foss and Evelyn Foss (Dettman) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from Mukwonago High School in Mukwonago, Wisconsin. He then joined the United States Marine Corps in 1960, achieving the rank of corporal before separating in 1964. He married Marilyn Graff in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin, on Oct. 8, 1966.

Foss worked for 45 years as an operating engineer, heavy equipment operator and construction worker, retiring in 2013. He enjoyed woodworking, furniture restoration, hunting, camping, horseback riding and riding ATVs. He was proud of his accomplishments as an entrepreneur, running a tree service business, furniture restoration business and portable saw mill business as well as building his family's log house. He was also a member of the Wales Volunteer Fire Department and EMT services.

He was preceded in death by his brother Lyle Foss.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Foss, of John Day; daughter Michele and husband, William McManama, of John Day; daughter Kimberly Heathcote of John Day; and one granddaughter.

To leave a condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorial-chapel.com.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Marjean Koser stirs tomato-rice soup Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Prairie City Senior Center. Koser, who is the new head cook at the center, said senior lunches aren't just for seniors.

New head cook serves hearty meals for all

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The smell of tomato-rice soup wafted through the Prairie City Senior Center as hungry diners lined up for lunch.

Head cook Marjean Koser, who started in September, stirred the large pot of soup as assistant Tom Roark flipped ham and cheese sandwiches on the grill. The luncheon was also served with broccoli salad and generous portions of spicy apple cake.

Koser said she started as assistant cook last summer, when Roark was head cook. Then they switched spots. Roark said he prefers assisting.

"Tom is a big help to me," Koser said. "He's the brawn."

They serve, on average, 50 to 60 people each Wednesday at noon. Home deliveries are also made for any people who are homebound. Everyone is invited, not just seniors.

Koser said she's cooked big family meals before — she's usually in charge of her family's Thanksgiving dinners — but "not this big," she said.

She said her favorite part of the job is planning the menus, arranging them a

month in advance. "I like baking cakes. I like soups and casseroles and enjoy putting them together and finding the recipes," she said.

Koser said she and her husband, Ken, decided to retire in Prairie City four years ago, because Ken had fond memories of hunting in the area with his dad when he was a young man.

"My husband came here (to the center) before just to meet people, and that's how I got my start coming to the senior center," she said.

"It's a bunch of nice people that we cook for," Koser said. "I enjoy feeding people. I like seeing their smiles."

A special upcoming event is the Thanksgiving meal, served on Wednesday, Nov. 22, when the diners are invited to bake a pie to share.

Harold Preston is president of the center, the corporation, kitchen, site committee and building. The board of directors oversees the overall function.

Frances Preston is chairwoman of the board of directors and vice chair of the site committee.

Anyone who would like to rent the senior center can contact Prairie City Mayor Jim Hamsher at 541-620-2861.

Lynne Marie Wilson

December 18, 1943 – September 21, 2017

A long-time resident of John Day, Lynne was born to Zelmer L. and Eva M. (Noland) Culver in Newberg, Oregon. She attended high school in Junction City and graduated in 1962. At the age of 73, Lynne passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. At her request, no services will be held. Lynne's remains were cremated and a small family gathering will be held at a later date.

Lynne will be remembered for her love of music, teaching and playing the fiddle. At the age of ten, she was an accomplished violinist and participated in the Eugene Community Orchestra and Junior Symphony, among other musical events. Lynne won many awards through the Old Time Fiddlers Association and played fiddle in several bands, the last being a local band named Yarrow. Although she mostly taught violin, she was gifted with a natural ability to play any instrument. She especially enjoyed jamming with friends and family. Lynne enjoyed the outdoors, Arizona desert, wildlife, fishing and huckleberry picking. She will be remembered for her quick-witted sense of humor, and missed by many.

She is survived by her children, Jeff (Brenda) Gran of Front Royal, VA; Karen (Walter) Rodriguez of John Day, OR; and Debbie (Daran) Sagvold of



McLeod, ND; brother Robert (Billy) Culver of Murphy, NC; grandchildren Kati (Rick) Snodgrass of John Day, OR; Christopher Neely of John Day, OR; Rebekah (David) Rayo of John Day, OR; Stephanie (Gerri) Rodriguez of John Day, OR; Philip (Robin) Rodriguez of John Day, OR; Kathryn (Kyle) Funseth of Fargo, ND; Nicole Smith of Falkville, AL; Daniel Sagvold of McLeod, ND; Jason (Kasey) Gran of Bentonville, VA; Tyler (Jordyn) Gran of Kaneohe; and four great grandchildren.

*Paid for by the family of Lynne Wilson*

**Thank You**  
The family of Melvin Kite wishes to thank friends and relatives who attended his service, sent flowers and cards, and brought food. Special thanks to the senior center for hosting the reception.  
Thelma Kite & family

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
**Ernie Gipson**  
November 19, 1955 - October 6, 2017

CELEBRATION HELD AT  
Clyde Holliday State Park  
59500 Highway 26 | Mt. Vernon, OR 97865  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M.  
Please come with stories of Ernie to share.  
Potluck gathering at the Mt. Vernon Community Hall to follow.  
289 Ingle Street | Mt. Vernon, OR 97865  
From Clyde Holiday, in Mt. Vernon turn left at the intersection of Hwy. 26 and 395 North.

Gordon Mitchell



Gordon was born in Post Falls, Idaho on January 12, 1930, to Fred and Daisy Davis-Mitchell.

While Gordon was young, his family moved a lot looking for work. He was one of 9 children, Walt, Earl, Dale, Stan, Louise, Irene, Margaret and Ida Mae.

His dad was a hard worker but had a weakness to alcohol and cards so things were tough for the family. At the age of 11 his mother had him go with a family to Vale, Oregon that owned a bakery. He loved working there because he always had a full stomach. But someone turned them in for child labor so they gave him enough money for a bus ticket back to Portland. But Gordon knew he needed to stay in Eastern Oregon. It was tough — no food, no bed, and no money.

He was hitch-hiking between Vale and Ontario, Oregon, as Gordon always said, "A Canadian cowboy saved his life". Gordon said that everything he knows that is good, Vern and Mary Holloper taught him. They treated him just like a son. They took him home, bought him 2 sets of clothes, cowboy boots, a big cowboy hat, and gave him a job.

He loved the ranch work but for fun, he played baseball on Sundays with a town team and went to The Grange for social dancing. That's where he met his first love, Dorothy Goodell. They married in 1950; he commonly called her "the wife". Together they had 4 girls, Gloria, Glenda, Janet and Debbie.

Gordon was never without a job and he worked for various ranches. Each ranch that hired him would pay him a little more to get him. He worked at different mills and during winter break would go to work for Ricco

Ranches, he said he would work there until the mill started back up, but he stayed and worked there for 20 years. Then he worked at the Hines Mill in John Day as a saw filler. In 1988, he lost Dorothy to cancer. He was so lonely he bought The Hitchin' Post so he could work two jobs to keep himself busy.

In 1992, he decided he was tired of being alone, so set his sights for a widow, Sharon Holliday Murray. He sent so many flowers; he was dubbed with the name of "Mr. Dozen Roses"! They married August 3, 1992. They had a great life together, traveling and doing family activities.

Gordon was a man of few words- and those few words were sometimes a mystery to understand. When he retired, he took up golf. He loved it and made some great golf buddies. He also loved to fish, hunt, play cards, and spend time with family.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sharon, four daughters; Gloria and Bruce Blume of Kasilof, Alaska, Glenda and Bill Cunningham of Prineville, Oregon. Janet and Rob Rude of John Day, Oregon, Debbie and John Sanowski of Prairie City, Oregon, seven grandkids, 12 great grandkids, 1 great, great grandkid, one brother Dale Mitchell and one sister Ida Mae. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Dorothy, and six siblings.

His memory and love for family will stay in our hearts forever.

Because of Gordon's love for children, in lieu of flowers, the family asks that any contributions are made to John Day, Canyon City Parks and Rec Scholarship Program to help kids whose families cannot afford sports fees.

*Paid for by the family of Gordon Mitchell*

LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/O
TUESDAY .....	53/27
WEDNESDAY .....	61/38
THURSDAY .....	48/41
FRIDAY .....	46/29
SATURDAY .....	38/28
SUNDAY .....	40/32
MONDAY .....	38/14

24/7 FORECAST

AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122

ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM  
WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY  
162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 8-14

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rain likely	Rain likely	Chance of rain	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Chance of rain	Snow possible
<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>