

Community honors King

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Thirty-two Grant County residents gathered Monday night to honor the life of civil rights and religious leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. outside of the Corner Cup Coffee House in downtown John Day.

Janine Goodwin of Prairie City and Nancy Nickel of John Day, who sang one of King's favorite hymns "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," organized the community gathering, along with Jim and Beth Spell of John Day and others.

Those gathered joined in singing civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome" as well as "This Little Light of Mine." People, ranging in age from 9 to 76, read quotes from King or shared their thoughts about him.

Goodwin noted the national holiday fell on King's birthday this year, and April



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Janine Goodwin of Prairie City and Nancy Nickel of John Day sing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," which was a favorite hymn of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Goodwin and Nickel were among a group of people who organized the community gathering in front of the Corner Cup in John Day to honor King.

4 will mark 50 years since King's assassination.

Nickel said King is one of her heroes "because of his commitment to nonviolent activism."

John Fiedor of Dayville read the following quote by King: "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of

the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

OBITUARIES

Janice Peterson
June 17, 1929 - Dec. 27, 2017

Janice Erleen Peterson passed away peacefully Dec. 27 in Chico, California. She was born in John Day on June 17, 1929, the daughter of Wilfred A. and Gladys O. (Sweet) McKrola.

A graduate of Chico State College, she taught for the Chico Unified School District for 30 years: eight at Bidwell Junior High, 12 at Fairview High and 10 at Chico High.

She was an accomplished pianist and organist, playing at St. John's Episcopal Church, where she was a member, and singing in the church choir. She also sang regularly with the Chico State Opera Workshop and in the University Chorus. She was an active member of PEO Sisterhood, Chapter NS. She loved her cats and her many antiques.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Paul Hill, and her beloved son, Fred; and by her second husband, Donald Peterson. Survivors include her sister, Dorothy Howard, and a nephew, a niece and their families of John Day and Phoenix, Arizona. She also will be remembered and missed by the many others whose lives she touched.

A celebration of her life will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Chico, California. A reception will follow at the church. Donations in her memory may be made to St. John's and designated to either the Choral Scholars program or the General Music Fund.

Her ashes will be inurned in the Canyon City Cemetery with her son, Fred, at a later date.

Marilyn Gladys Short
May 9, 1934 - Dec. 20, 2017

Marilyn Gladys Short, 83, passed away Dec. 20 with her family by her side in Hillsboro.

Short was born on May 9, 1934, in Bend to John and Leona Lyon. She grew up in Bend and attended St. Francis School. She lived in Central Oregon most of her life. She and her husband, John, moved to Canyon City in 2005. She was a devoted and loving mother of four children. She was a talented cake decorator, tole painter and quilter. She shared her love of sewing with her daughters and many friends who attended her classes over the years. Like her parents, she was an avid gardener and always had a beautiful garden.

She was preceded in death by her sister Joanne Wittekind and her brother John Lyon.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, John Elwin Short; daughters Teresa Chain and Karen Jarrett; sons John Estes Short and Samuel Short; sons-in-law Timothy Chain and Edmond Jarrett; daughter-in-law Jana Short; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren who blessed her life and loved her dearly.

She will be laid to rest with her parents in Bend.

Judith 'Judy' Belle Valade
Dec. 7, 1943 - Dec. 18, 2017

Judith "Judy" Belle Valade, 74, died Dec. 18 in Knoxville, Tennessee. She was born Dec. 7, 1943, in Prairie City to the late Ralph Esdras Valade and Bessie Vera Romine and grew up in John Day, where she graduated from Grant Union High School in 1962. She attended the University of Portland. In 1965, she moved with her beloved poodles to Arizona where her mother, sisters Barbara (deceased), Teddie, Trudy Lee and Terri all lived. Shortly thereafter, she met and married Stephen Wayne Dodge, and they shared their mutual love of dogs and exotic fish for 11 years. They had no children. After moving to Tennessee, she began working for CPA Floyd Baker, and they became life partners until his unexpected death. She remained in Knoxville, moving to NHC HealthCare's facility following an injury that kept her bedridden until her death.

Valade was involved in genealogy, a passion shared with sister Teddie. They spent hours talking about family, both ancestral and living, and researching the family tree together. She was a worthy advisor and grand choir member in Rainbow Girls, and active in debate, band, chorus, volleyball and hanging out with lifelong best friends Dorcas Kilpatrick Tapper and Teresa Talbott Attridge. A never-ending source of love, smiles and support, she had a quirky sense of humor that always kept her friends and family laughing. She will be missed.

Steven R. Weeks

Aug. 28, 1949 - Jan. 11, 2018

Steven R. Weeks, 68, of Burns passed away Jan. 11 in Boise, Idaho. Weeks was born Aug. 28, 1949, in Nyssa. He served in the military. Arrangements are under the direction of Bowman Funeral Parlor of Garden City.

DAYVILLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — NOVEMBER



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Dayville School students of the month for November: Denali Twehues, high school; Shae Leigh Gladish, grades K-2; Sierra Jenks, grades 3-5; and Jaydon Hoffman, grades 6-8.

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BIRTHS

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Morgan Immoos and Zach Hammon welcomed a baby girl, Laikyn Ann Hammon, at 8:02 a.m. Jan. 2 in Redmond. Laikyn weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mark and Lucie Immoos of Canyon City, and paternal grandparents are Mark Hammon and Robbie Hammon, both of Prineville. Laikyn joins a brother, Sawyer.



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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Rain likely	Chance of snow	Chance of snow	Snow likely	Chance of snow	Mostly cloudy
48	47	41	39	41	39	37
39	29	27	30	28	21	18