

BIRTHS

ELI CECIL GAGNON

A boy, Eli Cecil Gagnon, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, 18.5 inches in length, was born to Zach and Mary Ellen Gagnon of North Bend at 7:09 a.m. Jan. 23 at Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay. Paternal grandparents are Phil Gagnon and Mike and Vonda Billman of John Day. Maternal grandparents are Mark and Janell Hoeffner of White Salmon, Washington. Great-grandparents are Cecil and Irene Gagnon of John Day, Clay and Sandra Widener of Hermiston and Carolyn Hoeffner of Prairie City.



MABEL RUTH CLARK

A girl, Mabel Ruth Clark, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, 19 inches in length, was born Dec. 26 to Dereke Clark and Lacey McDaniel of Pullman, Washington. Paternal grandparents are Jamey and Shawna Clark of Prairie City. Maternal grandparents are Gerri and Mike Nodine of Garfield, Washington, and Pete McDaniel of Waldport. Paternal great-grandparents are Robert and Charlotte McCumber of Mt. Vernon, Randi and Mike Fisher of Tigard and Clinton and Leona Clark of Challis, Idaho. Maternal great-grandparents are Sherry (Punk) McDaniel of Waldport and Carolyn Nelson of Mt. Vernon.



GRANT UNION HONOR ROLL — FIRST SEMESTER

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Duane Stokes.
Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Hadley Boethin, Zack Deiter, Maggie Justice, Fallon Weaver, Whitney McClellan, Mariah Moulton and Diamond Workman.
Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Cauy Weaver, Jozie Rude, Reagan Shelley, Joshua Carpenter, Cameron Hallgarth, Elijah Humbird, Jesse Paulson and Savannah Wyllie.

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Victoria Coalwell, McKeely Miller and Hailie Wright.
Honor roll: Andrea Comer, Alyssa Hoffman, Grant LeQuieu, Kade Blood, Roen Langum, Alcie Moore, Macy Strong, Nicole Jones, Kaylle Wright, Aidan Bromeling and Madison McKrola.
Honorable mention: Carleanne Wright, Oaklee Clark, Marissa Smith, Sydney Brockway, Cody Combs, Alondra Moreno, Bailey Moss, Kori Girvin, Avery Hughes and Garrett Lenz.

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Erika Dickens, Drew Lusco and Emily Springer.
Honor roll: Ellie Justice, Gage Brandon, Jonathan DesJardin, Samantha Floyd, Elisha Sheedy, Donovan Smith, Tiler Voigt, Baylee Combs, Warner Robertson, Kellen Shelley, Emilie Updegrave, Cierra Wyllie and Roger Gearheart.
Honorable mention: Fallen Bolman, Samantha Buckhaults, Sierra Cates, Shanniyah Hall, Cinch Anderson, Makenna Culley, Christopher Deiter, Russell Hodge, Taylor Hunt, Kaytlyn Wells, Tyler Blood, Kohlten Jones, Kaden Madden, Athena Tipton and Damion Young.

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Devon Stokes.
Honor roll: Abigail Lusco, Jacob Smith, Madison Spencer, Levi Carpenter, Christian Glimpse, Jordan Hall, Kenna Combs, Jesaka Culley and Peyton Neault.
Honorable mention: Logan McCluskey, Sydnie Moss, Parker Manitsas, Sophie Brockway, Trevyn Coalwell, Leah Comer, Rhea Mead, Reece Vawter, Jordyn Young, Clara Carr, Ellie Cornell, Benjamin Henry, Averie Wenger, Mercedes Locke and Jessi Nolan.

Eighth-graders

4.0 GPA: Ashley Henry, Riley Robertson and Carson Weaver.
Honor roll: Allie Clark, Soren Caudil, Paige Weaver, Lauryn Pettyjohn, Grace Taylor and Audrey Walker.
Honorable mention: Maverick Miller, Emily Finley, Sam McCracken, Parker Neault, Dylan Clark, Lonnie Ashley, Morgan Dethman, Harli Grove, Kendra Hatkoff and Casey Vaughan.

Seventh-graders

4.0 GPA: Amelia Hall and Ashlynn Langum.
Honor roll: Max Bailey, Tucker Carpenter, Raney Anderson, Jasmine Bryers, Andrew Hunt, Daniel Henry and Shyanne Smarr.
Honorable mention: Quinn Larson, Kennedy Benge, Ethan Sheedy, Kylie Holden, Taylor Moss, Destiny Pelayo, Kieran Byers, Owen Nehl and Jack Strong.

OBITUARIES

Virginia A. 'Ginger' Knowles

Oct. 27, 1930 - Feb. 2, 2018

Virginia A. "Ginger" Knowles, 87, passed away Feb. 2 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day.
She was born in Klamath Falls on Oct. 27, 1930, to Jack B. and Alice M. (Colahan) Thomas. She attended Klamath Union High School in Klamath Falls, where she reigned as the rodeo queen for the Klamath Falls rodeo.

After graduation, she went to work for the National Parks Service at Crater Lake National Park and then for the Klamath National Forest. It was during this time that she met the one she would share her life with, Dennis Knowles. They were married on Dec. 9, 1950. The couple and their three children made their home in central Oregon, where she balanced her time taking care of the children and tending to their cattle.

She had a passion for cattle and horses, spending her days tending to the herds. She was a devoted rancher. In addition to their property in Terrebonne, the couple purchased a ranch near Van Guard Station in Harney County. In time, after splitting her time raising the kids, taking care of both ranch properties and selling real estate for nearly a decade, the couple sold their central Oregon property and moved to Grant County where they would remain. Her strength, courage and unconditional love for all will endure in the hearts of those fortunate enough to know her.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Dennis, of John Day; sister, Jackie Dillstrom of Medford; children, Jeff (Sally) Knowles of John Day, Leanne (Pat) Fuller of Clarkston, Washington, and Butch (Mary) Knowles of Hepner; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Paul Thomas. The family will hold a private memorial at the family ranch at Van later in the spring.

Clifford Dale Morris

Sept. 29, 1919 - Jan. 28, 2018

Clifford Dale Morris, 98, passed away on Jan. 28.

Morris was born on the family homestead on Dry Creek west of Mt. Vernon on Sept. 29, 1919. He was the youngest of nine children. He grew up in Mt. Vernon and John Day. He graduated from Mt. Vernon School in 1937. He went to college in Portland, returning home to work at John Day Hardware.

When World War II broke out, he joined the U.S. Navy and served throughout the war as a sonar operator on the U.S.S. Pelican.

After the war, he returned to Grant County and went back to work at John Day Hardware.

He met and married Erma Farra on June 16, 1946. They lived on ranches in Fox, Warrens Creek, Fields and Tulelake, California.

In 1961, he and his family moved back to John Day, where he worked again at John Day Hardware, which he bought in 1967 and operated until 1979.

After retiring from the hardware store, he ran a ranch and raised alfalfa in Battle Mountain, Nevada, and Tulelake, California.

He served on the school board for Grant Union High School for several years. He was a lifelong member of the Elks, Masons and the American Legion.

He is survived by his daughter, Farralee Morris of Forks, Washington; David Morris of Mt. Vernon; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of life held at the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon on April 7.

Margaret 'Peggy' Bartley

Margaret "Peggy" Bartley, 89, of Prairie City passed away Feb. 3 at her home. To offer condolences to her family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Greg R. Bremner

Greg R. Bremner, 55, of Canyon City passed away Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Trowbridge Pavilion at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day. To offer condolences to his family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Randy Wenick

Randy Wenick, 69, formerly of John Day, passed away Friday, Feb. 9. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Burns Elks Lodge.

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — JANUARY



Grade 7
Jasmine Bryers
Parent: Lisa Hunter-Kennedy



Grade 8
Carson Weaver
Parents: Clint and Natalie Weaver



Grade 9
Sophie Brockway
Parent: Jodi Myers



Grade 10
Emilie Updegrave
Parents: Karen Hinton and Roger Updegrave



Grade 11
Kaylee Wright
Parents: RaeLynn Cearns and Kelsy Wright



Grade 12
Tegan Wright
Parents: Trent and Jamie Wright



Captain William R. Galbraith, 81, of Williamsburg, VA, died on February 7, 2018. He was a native of Prairie City, OR but had lived in Williamsburg for the past 16 years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Virginia H. Galbraith; his mother, Lorena M. Galbraith; and his father, Ray W. Galbraith.

He is survived by his sister, Patricia Howard; two daughters, Laurie Weckstein of Chesapeake, VA and Lisa Galbraith of Welches, OR; son, David Galbraith of Vienna, VA; and grandchildren, Andrew and Timothy Weckstein, Liam Beckman, Camryn and Spencer Galbraith.

Captain Galbraith graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He attended the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA in 1964/5 and graduated from the United States Air Force Command and Staff School, Montgomery, AL in 1972. He received a Master of Public Administration Degree from Auburn University in 1972.

Captain Galbraith served in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1989. Following flight training, he and his family were stationed at Barbers Point, Hawaii. He flew the C-118 aircraft throughout the Pacific theater, after which he studied at the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA. This was followed by a tour of duty as a Flight Instructor in the Advanced Training Command flying S-2 aircraft in Corpus Christi, TX and F-9F aircraft in Kingsville, TX.

For the next 15 years Captain Galbraith was assigned to fly the A-6 Low-Level Attack aircraft in combat and training operations from a variety of shore bases and aircraft carriers. He has served on the USS Enterprise, USS Ranger, USS John F. Kennedy, USS Kitty Hawk, USS Carl Vinson, and USS Coral Sea on various cruises to the Western Pacific, Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Indian Oceans.

He served on the staffs of Commander Medium Attack Tactical Electronic Warfare Pacific as A-6 Readiness officer, Commander Carrier Group Four, as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, and Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet as Assistant Chief of Staff Ordinance and Logistics and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics Readiness.

Captain Galbraith's military awards include a Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (5), Navy Commendation Medal (Combat V), Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (4), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2), Overseas Service Ribbon, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ Palm, Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Captain Galbraith commanded Attack Squadron Fifty-Two, Attack Squadron Forty-Two, U.S. Naval Activities Spain, and Naval Station Rota Spain. After retirement from the Navy, Captain Galbraith worked 13 years for the DCS Corporation, Alexandria, Virginia as a defense contractor on Navy programs.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Nelsen Funeral Home, 3785 Strawberry Plains Rd., Williamsburg on Friday, February 16 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, with an informal service to begin at 3:00 pm. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Condolences may be shared at www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com.

Paid for by the family of Captain Galbraith

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JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	51/36
WEDNESDAY	58/34
THURSDAY	63/38
FRIDAY	49/32
SATURDAY	41/26
SUNDAY	37/26
MONDAY	34/18

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 14-20

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Morning snow	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun	Chance of rain/snow	Chance of snow	Clouds and sun	Cloudy and cold
40	41	47	51	39	33	34
28	25	32	29	22	17	18