

Prairie City honor roll: first nine weeks

Seniors
4.0 GPA: Deja Amsden and Levi Burke.
Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Haley Pfefferkorn, Raven Maloy, Paige Moore and Kyla Winton.
Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Syd Holman, Jonathan Lawrence, Lane Williams and Brett Copenhaver.

Juniors
4.0 GPA: JoLynn Ashley and Shaelynn Bice.
Honor roll: Johna Long, Aleah Johns and Madelyn Way.
Honorable mention: Cole Deiter, Rilee Emmel, Shaune Madden, Jessica Reames, Jacob McHatton, Emily Ennis, Carson McKay, Kaden Madden and Abby Winegar.

Sophomores
4.0 GPA: Aries Bice and Declan Zwegardt.
Honor roll: Brandon Horrell, Caitlin Willet, Katie Hire and Mikiah Kimble.
Honorable mention:

Jayden Winegar, Samantha Workman, Camry Milesi, Tristan McMahan and Abbey Pfefferkorn.

Freshman
4.0 GPA: Marcus Judd and Isaac Koopman.
Honor roll: Riley Reames.
Honorable mention: Seth Moore and Hannah Wall.

Eighth-graders
4.0 GPA: Kaitlynn Ashley.
Honor roll: Janie Koopman, Leif Rausch, Cole Teel and Laken McKay.
Honorable mention: Wyatt Nolan, Paige Shaw and Betty Ann Wilson.

Seventh-graders
Honor roll: Cliff Bice, Cayden Howard and Jaycee Winegar.
Honorable mention: Tristen Gibson, Cody Reagan, Brooke Teel, Wes Voigt, Brianna Kimble, Porsche Kite and Tyler Shaw.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program application deadline Jan. 30

By Blue Mountain Eagle

Livestock producers in Grant County are eligible to apply for 2018 Livestock Forage Disaster Program benefits on native pastures and non-irrigated improved pastures, according to a press release from the Farm Service Agency.

The program provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash-leased land, or fire on federally managed land.

County committees can only accept appli-

cations after notification is received by the national office of qualifying drought or if a federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on federally managed lands due to qualifying fire.

Eligible livestock producers must complete a CCC-853 and the required supporting documentation no later than Jan. 30, 2019, for 2018 losses.

Additional Information about the program, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, is available at the local FSA office, 541-523-7121 ext. 2, or fsa.usda.gov.

John 'Jay' Clyde Denton

John "Jay" Clyde Denton, 73, of John Day, passed away Nov. 29 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Oregon; no funeral is planned at this time.

Jay was born April 22, 1945, in Prairie City, Oregon, to Ralph and Florence (Erickson) Denton. He was raised on the 96 Ranch in Bear Valley with his mom, Florence, Bob Lemcke (his second dad), along with his sister Susan Lemcke Pielstick and his brother Jim Lemcke. Jay graduated from Grant Union High School and went on to attend Eastern Oregon University and Colorado State where he received his degree in agronomy. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in La Grande, Oregon, before moving to Biloxi, Mississippi, to do carpentry work.

Jay married Nellie Rockwell in La Grande, raising two boys, Erik and Paul. He was very talented at leather tooling, and through his mail order business he would ship his handmade wallets all over the world. He also enjoyed flintknapping and making arrowheads.

Jay is survived by his longtime partner, Johnny Lane, of John Day; sister Susan Lemcke Pielstick (Leon); brother Jim Lemcke (Heidi); and two sons, Erik Denton (Kathy) and Paul.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother Robbie Denton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice, through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To offer online condolences to Jay's family, please visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

Chester 'Chet' Harry Willis Jr.

Chester "Chet" Harry Willis Jr. died Nov. 25 at the age of 72 in Bend, Oregon.

Chester was born Sept. 14, 1946, in Eugene, Oregon, and considered Prairie City his hometown. Chester passed away peacefully after fighting like Superman against cancer. He was born to Chester Harry Willis and Jesse LaVerne Counts.

Nobody loved old Fords and classic country music more than Chet. He spent a lot of time fishing and loved baseball. He worked more than 30 years for the state of Oregon in Eugene and Salem.

He met his wife when he accidentally sat on her in the movie theater she worked at. Love was in the air! They married Nov. 15, 1968, in Seattle, Washington.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Aletha Willis, of Prairie City; a son Jonathan Willis of Lenexa, Kansas; a son Denis Willis of Portland, Oregon; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a huge extended family.

Funeral arrangements will be at a later date. Donations in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society. Baird Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 2425 NE Tweet Place, Bend, OR 97701.



Kenneth Alvin Hensley

Kenneth Alvin Hensley went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the age of 81. His gentle spirit and kind soul will be greatly missed.

Ken had big hands and a bigger heart. His extraordinary work ethic was shown from his younger years on his family's ranch, to his service in the Navy Reserves, his dairies in Bodega Bay, California, Windsor, California, and Mt. Vernon, Oregon, then the years with Les Schwab in John Day and E.O.F.F.

He was a man of integrity who worked hard and was always quick to smile and laugh. He loved people, and his genuine kindness and enthusiasm for life made him easy to love back.

Ken was born Sept. 19, 1937, in Santa Rosa, California, to Ann and Alvin Hensley and was the oldest of three children. He attended Petaluma High School where he met and fell in love with Dottie Malley. The two were married for 58 years when she passed in July of 2017; he was a devoted husband and an amazing father.

In 1969 Ken discovered his dream dairy with a river for fishing and hunting in the hills and moved the family to Mt. Vernon and then to John Day. He loved the community, the hunting and fishing.

In 2004, Ken and Dottie moved to Prineville, and for the last few months he has been cared for in Culver, Oregon, where he passed.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Dottie Hensley; son Ken Hensley; and parents Ann and Alvin Hensley.

He is survived by his sister Diane Taylor; brother Dennis (Jan) Hensley; daughter Nadine McCarty; son Tom (Melanie) Hensley; daughter Janet (Wayne) Johnston; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The family is grateful for the loving care of his caregivers at L.L. Owen Home Care and Partners in Care Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please make a gift of kindness in his memory to someone who is alone, sick or just needs a helping hand.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2019 in John Day.



OTEC returning record \$6M in capital credits

By Blue Mountain Eagle

The Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative board of directors recently approved the retirement of \$6 million in capital credits to the members of the cooperative, more than doubling last year's \$2.95 million, according to a press release.

"OTEC's primary goal is to provide safe, reliable, competitively-priced power for our members, and we do an outstanding job," OTEC General Manager and CEO Les Penning said. "Returning \$6 million in capital credits to our members is icing on the cake and what sets OTEC apart from other electric utilities."

The retirement continues a long history of OTEC returning capital credits to its members. Since 1996, OTEC has returned more than \$39 million in capital credits to its members.

"The cooperative is happy once again to have a capital credit retirement and be able

to return funds to our members," said Anthony Bailey, OTEC's chief operating officer. "Capital credits are an integral part of what makes a cooperative different from other businesses. We're always glad to return funds to our member-owners."

Unlike investor-owned electric utilities, which distribute their profits to stockholders, OTEC is a nonprofit electric cooperative.

"We work hard to keep our rates as low as possible — continuously searching for ways to reduce operating costs and advocating on behalf of our members with the Bonneville Power Administration (our electric energy provider) to keep power costs down," Bailey said.

Present members who have a capital credit distribution of \$15 or more will be mailed a check in mid-December. Members with capital credit distributions of \$14.99 or less, will receive a credit on their December bill.



Dolores Ann Berry Nelson died Nov. 17 at the age of 76 in Pendleton, Oregon, at her home. Dolores was born March 12, 1942, in Yreka, California and considered Pendleton her hometown. 'Dee' as she was known by, was the youngest daughter of Elizabeth Cooper Nelson and John Hayes Nelson. Born in Yreka, California, she grew up along the upper Klamath River, Beaver Creek area. She became an enrolled Karuk Tribal Member when her tribe was recognized in the 1970's. She married Donald G. Kerr with whom she had four children, Deborah Harris (Stuart), Dawn Countryman (Robert), David Kerr and Darlene Marie (passed age 3). Grandchildren Jarett, Chase and RJ Countryman, and Katie, Anna and Mary Harris as well as many nieces & nephews. She raised her family in Prairie City until 1975, then the family moved to Wallowa, Oregon where they bought 14 beautiful acres that supported horses and cows and had a great view of the valley. Dolores met her second husband, the love of her life (she would often say), Cleve Berry while in Wallowa. She and Cleve were avid hunters (moose, elk, antelope, deer), fishermen, mushroom hunters and huckleberry pickers. She loved the horses in her life (J-Doodle), and had her special Australian Shepherds Snake, Kit and Maddie. While in Alaska, they had a boat and loved ocean fishing and inviting friends and family up to share the view, life, and activities that Alaska offered. 'Dee' was always a hard worker finally retiring after 30 years with the USFS. She started off on the horseback 'trail crew' in the Malheur National Forest (John Day/Strawberry Mountain). She worked as switchboard operator, occasional fire crew, front desk and finally purchasing agent. She served at USFS offices in John Day, Wallowa, Enterprise, Darby Montana, then finally in Ketchikan, Alaska. She retired in Pendleton to be near family during Cleves illness. She was the typical horse-loving little girl who grew up to have her own horses and share her passion with like-minded friends and her kids. She had a talent for gardening, from large gardens to her home plants. She had thornless raspberries she carted from Oregon to Montana to Alaska that made their way back to Pendleton! Dee was preceded in death by her husband Cleve; sister Roberta Groves, brother David Nelson; and her youngest daughter Darlene Marie. She is survived by her daughters, Deborah and Dawn and son David; as well as her brothers Eugene (Hank) Nelson, Johnny Nelson and sister Mary Tolin-Young. The family will have a memorial service in Wallowa, Oregon in the spring of 2019; details to come at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com. 336 SW Dorion, Pendleton, Oregon. 97801. (541)276-2331 www.burnsmortuaryofpendleton@yahoo.com www.burnsmortuary.com

Paid for by the family of Dolores Ann Berry Nelson

ABOUT OBITUARIES

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Monument's 6th Annual Winter Bazaar
Sunday, December 16th
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monument School Gym - 217 N. St

Lots of vendors and craftsmen from all over the county.

4-H will be serving hamburgers.

Monument Ambulance Dessert Fundraiser

If interested in setting up your own booth, call Stacy Robinson at 541-934-2155
 Cost per table is \$10.

Jewelry, home decor, handmade soaps and lotions, cheese and salami, makeup and beauty products, fresh wreaths, fruit baskets, purees, and much more. 81868

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	33/14
Wednesday	31/12
Thursday.....	27/9
Friday	32/13
Saturday	37/22
Sunday	39/26
Monday.....	36/31

24/7 Forecast
Automated: 541-575-1122
Road conditions: 511; tripcheck.com
NOAA Weather Radio for John Day
162.500 MHz

Weather Forecast for the week of Dec. 12 - 18

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Snow possible	Ice possible	Cloudy
38	44	42	42	45	41	41
27	32	28	37	36	30	30

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