

# OTEC conducting survey of its member-owners

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is conducting a member satisfaction survey through TSE Services.

Starting the week of March 11, 250 randomly-selected OTEC member-owners in Baker, Grant, Harney and Union counties will be contacted by phone and online to participate in the survey.

“OTEC strives to respect the time of its members. We know that you are busy, so when we decide to conduct or participate in surveys there are reasons,” OTEC spokes-

man Andrew Cutler said. “These surveys are our report card, showing us areas where we need to improve how we serve you, our member-owners.”

Member feedback highlights areas of strength, weakness, opportunity and potential threats to OTEC.

“OTEC’s vision is to be in the top 10 percent of cooperatives nationally by 2022,” Cutler said. “The results of these surveys allow us to target areas of improvement allowing us to achieve that vision and to provide our members with a level of service that’s second to none.”

# College welding class to be offered locally in April

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Blue Mountain Community College will offer welding 112, taught locally by Mitch Wilson, the first week in April through June.

Wilson taught a welding 111 class last fall, meeting at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School metal shop.

Times and days of the class will be determined by the instructor and

class members.

For more information or to register, contact Coordinator Ashley Armichardy at the BMCC/Eastern Oregon University offices at the Grant County Education Service District, 835 S. Canyon Blvd. in John Day. Armichardy’s office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and she may be contacted at the ESD at 541-575-1550.

## Oaklee ‘Lee’ Hyder

A celebration of life will be held for Oaklee “Lee” Hyder at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Living Word Christian Center, 59357 Highway 26, Mt. Vernon, OR 97865. Pastor Sharon Miller will officiate. Hyder was well known for her purple outfits, so attendees are encouraged to wear the color purple in her memory.

## Robert Lee Boethin

Robert Lee Boethin, 93, of John Day, Oregon passed away at his residence on Nov. 4, 2018. A graveside memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Canyon City Cemetery in Canyon City. Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the John Day Elks Lodge. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

## LaVera Clark

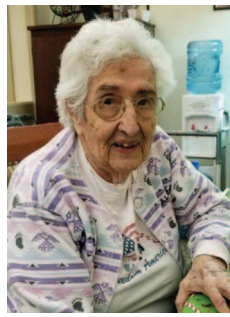
LaVera Clark, 89, of Prairie City, Oregon, died Thursday, March 7, at her home with her granddaughter by her side. A traditional funeral service will be held at Grace Chapel in Prairie City, Friday, March 15 at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the Prairie City Cemetery. A reception will be held immediately following at the Prairie City Senior Center, the former Grange Hall. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of LaVera, the family suggests either Blue Mountain Hospice or the Carrie Young Memorial through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at [tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

## Joyce Bernard Sumner Pryse

Joyce Bernard Sumner Pryse, age 97, passed away March 4 at Settler’s Park Assisted Living in Baker City.

Joyce Clementine Bernard was born in Newberg, Oregon, on Nov. 18, 1921, to Andrew L. and Emily Bernard. She joined siblings Art, Helen and Lawrence, and was later joined by brothers Andrew Jr., Robert and Gene. She grew up on the family ranch in Supplee, Oregon.



She married Carl F. Sumner of Madras, Oregon, on March 31, 1944. Son Richard entered their lives later that same year with son Marvin joining the family in 1946. Life settled more with the family’s move to John Day where Carl delivered products for Ed Gunther Shell Oil. In 1954, the family moved to Mt. Vernon where Carl and Joyce purchased and operated a grocery; they named it Carl’s Market. Carl’s untimely death in spring 1956 led to the sale of the store and a return to John Day. As life moved on, John S. Pryse, a carpenter by craft from Prairie City, entered and became a part of her life; she and John married in 1963.

Joyce is survived by her son, Marvin (Vicki) Sumner, of Prineville, Oregon; daughters-in-law Kaew Sumner of Bend, Oregon, and Sandy Pryse of Baker City; step-son Dean Pryse of Parkdale, Oregon; step-granddaughter Maam of Bend, Oregon; and step-grandson Tant in Sydney, Australia.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl, and second husband, John, in March 1999.

A celebration of life will take place Thursday, March 14, from 12-3 p.m. in Room 1868, 152 NW Fourth St., Prineville, OR 97754. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross or your local senior center in her name through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

## Fire refresher training planned

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Eastern Oregon Training Group will hold the RT-130 Wildland Fire Refresher on April 13 at the 5J School District Building, 2090 Fourth St., Baker City.

Class will begin at 8 a.m., and the cost is \$100. All participants should bring gloves for the practice shelter

deployment.

Registration is available at [oregonfiretraining.com](http://oregonfiretraining.com). Pre-registration is requested. The cost will be \$120 at the door.

This is a required class for all federal and state contractors. For more information, contact Laurel Goodrich at 541-403-0907 or Jeff Sherman at 541-519-6213.

## \$1,000 Umpqua donation benefits homebuying workshops

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Kevin Spencer, a loan originator from Umpqua Bank, was recently awarded a runner-up prize for a Community Leadership Award from the bank, which made a \$1,000 donation to Community Connection of Northeast Oregon’s Housing Resource Center.

The center hosts two

six-hour homebuying education workshops for first-time homebuyers in each of the four counties served by CCNO: Grant, Baker, Union and Wallowa. The workshops utilize professionals in financial preparation, loan processes, real estate and closing.

Spencer has been a lender presenter for these workshops for the past six years.



Bobetta (Bobbie) Ann Baker, 83, of John Day passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. Graveside services will be held at noon on Friday, March 22 at the Canyon City Cemetery in Canyon City, Oregon. Bobbie Baker was born on March 20, 1935 to Edith and Floyd Radcliffe in Kelso, Washington. Bobbie graduated from high school in Olympia, Washington in 1953. She then started a career in administrative and secretarial work. She met Claude Baker in Portland, Oregon; after a two-year courtship, they were married in Wichita Falls, Texas in June 1959.

Bobbie worked in various civil service positions in the United States and overseas during her husband Claude’s 30 year Air Force career. She held positions in the Alaskan Air Command at Elmendorf AFB near Anchorage, Alaska for three years and in the Military Airlift Command at Scott AFB in Illinois. Among her most noteworthy positions was secretary for the Eielson AFB Chaplain near Fairbanks, Alaska for five years as well as secretary for the Vice Base Commander of Clark AFB in the Philippines for three years. In 1983 she decided to take up a new career as an electrologist. After completing training, she opened up her own shop in San Jose, California. She retired in 1999 and she and Claude moved to John Day.

Bobbie liked to paint and work with crafts; she made many of her own clothes in her younger years. She was very active in the John Day community and enjoyed helping with many fundraisers such as the Kam Wah Chung site and fundraising for the free spay/neuter program with the John Day River Veterinary Clinic. She also played a major role in the purchase of a portable X-ray machine for the Blue Mountain Hospital.

She was a loving mother, devoted wife, and a loyal friend who will be sorely missed by all. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Claude Baker of John Day, Oregon; son, James (Kelley); and granddaughters, Lauren and Emily, all of Lake Taps, Washington. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit: [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com). *Paid by the family of Bobetta Baker.*



Robert Dean Burnett, age 74, of Winston, Oregon passed away on Monday, Feb. 18. Bob was born in Lewiston, Idaho to parents Clarence and Hazel (Allen) Burnett on Jan. 13, 1945. Robert was raised in Clarkston, Washington and went to school there. As a young teenager, he worked on various large wheat farms in the area, driving caterpillar – plowing fields. He moved to Portland in the early 1960’s working in truck stops, mechanic work, service and parking over the road trucks; he loved trucks.

Bob married his first wife while living in Portland and they eventually moved to Tualatin, Oregon and he accepted the position of Superintendent of Public Works being the first to hold this position. He also joined the volunteer fire department becoming Assistant Fire Chief, and dressed as Santa Claus for a few years. After only about a year, Bob had the opportunity to partner up with a new company, who would be selling, erecting, or relocating water reservoir tanks, as their Construction Coordinator. His job was to supply the company with the technical background to purchase and market said tanks. The company had several offices in California and one in Houston, Texas. Traveling was extensive nation wide and Bob decided he needed to do it better and faster so he learned to fly. The company had several airplanes and Bob logged over 5000 hours during his lifetime. Bob left the tank company and started his business welding and fabricating in Tualatin. When the timber industry declined, he entered into installing milling equipment in the gold and silver mines in Nevada, Wyoming, and Colorado. He and his family moved to Mt. Vernon, Oregon in the early 1980’s where Bob continued with his welding and fabricating business. He worked for the Grant County Sheriff’s Dept. as a reserve deputy, and had held cards from Wasco and Clackamas counties.

Bob contracted another installation of mining equipment with J.R. Simplot in Wyoming, and, in 1984, married his wife Boots and they moved to John Day, Oregon when the job was finished. Bob was owner/operator of Blue Mt. Ranchers Supply and B & H Trucking in John Day. The economy and health forced relocation to Klamath Falls, Oregon in 1998 where Bob worked as a General Contractor doing property maintenance for his sister, Kathie, and various private and commercial accounts. He had been a president of Edgeta Antique Tractor Club, and acting president of Klamath Rental Association. He was also a 32-year member of the John Day Elks Lodge. He enjoyed many hobbies including flying, hunting, fishing and all things outdoors. In 2017, Bob and his wife moved to Winston, Oregon to leave the snow and cold behind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Hazel; and sisters Margie and Judy. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Boots; son, Robert (Brandi) of Bend; daughter, Joan, of Portland; step-sons, Dan Howard of Roseburg, and Ron Howard of Klamath Falls; grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in OR, WA, MO; brother, David of Boston, MA; sisters Sue of S. CA, and Betty of WA, and Kathie (Rob) Davis Klamath Falls; brother Kenny of FL; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Bob always had a smile on his face and was so positive about life and always was more than willing to lend a helping hand. Bob had been on dialysis the past 6 years, traveled with his power chair, visiting, shopping, or working, and wanted a new chair with tracks on it; he could go anywhere then. He had many, many friends and cherished them all. He will be greatly missed. Those wishing can donate to the charity of their choice in Bob’s memory. A celebration of Bob’s life will be held at the Life Community Church in Klamath Falls, Oregon on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 1 p.m. After the service, the family invites you to join them for a meal downstairs. Arrangements are under the direction of Taylor’s Family Mortuary in Winston, Oregon (541) 679-6983.

*Paid for by the family of Robert Dean Burnett*



## BIRTHS

### Wimer

Adelynn Grace Wimer was born on Monday, Feb. 25, at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Washington. She was 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and 19 inches long. Her parents are Jimmy and Heidi Wimer of Heppner, Oregon. Her grandparents are Randy and Joni Scharfenberg of Fairbanks, Alaska.



## Thomas makes Dean’s List

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Maya Thomas of Monument was named to Central Oregon Community College’s Dean’s List for the fall term.

A student must carry 12 credits and receive a GPA of 3.6 or above to be on the Dean’s List. Thomas plans to transfer to Oregon State University — Cascades for the spring term to continue pursuing a public health degree.

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**WONDER PARK (PG)**  
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FRI & SAT (4:20) 7:10 9:40  
SUNDAY (4:20) 7:10  
MON-THURS 7:10

**CAPTAIN MARVEL (PG-13)**  
Carol Danvers becomes one of the universe’s most powerful heroes when Earth is caught in the middle of a galactic war between two alien races.  
FRI & SAT (4:00) 6:45 9:30  
SUNDAY (4:00) 6:45  
MON-THURS 6:45

**ISN’T IT ROMANTIC (PG-13)**  
A young woman disenchanted with love mysteriously finds herself trapped inside a romantic comedy.  
FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:00 9:35  
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:00  
MON-THURS 7:00

\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND PASSING OF

**Bob Boethin & Mickey Boethin**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH 2019  
THE GRAVESIDE SERVICE IS LOCATED AT  
CANYON CITY CEMETERY 1:00PM  
RECEPTION FOLLOWING AT THE  
JOHN DAY ELKS LODGE 2:00PM

## Last Week’s Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday .....	43/13
Wednesday .....	48/33
Thursday.....	37/25
Friday.....	36/23
Saturday.....	37/21
Sunday.....	42/19
Monday.....	49/20

### 24/7 FORECAST

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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

## WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF HHHHHH

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunshine
<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>