

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — OCTOBER



Tiler Voigt
Grade 12
Parents: Kellie Combs and Kaleb Voigt



Trevyn Coalwell
Grade 11
Parents: Terry and Leann Coalwell



Isaac Koopman
Grade 10
Parent: Jane Kimble



Jack Strong
Grade 9
Parents: Mike Strong and Katie Bruzas



Sydnie Brandon
Grade 8
Parents: Kristopher and Fawn Brandon



Fallan Giffin
Grade 7
Parents: Chris and Larissa Giffin

Tree of Giving provides gifts for Grant County kids

Blue Mountain

The Tree of Giving is back for the season with locations at Chester's Thriftway and the Outpost Pizza, Pub & Grill in John Day.

Tags for Grant County children are on display with a list of items each child would like for Christmas with clothing sizes and any special requests.

The program in John Day covers children in Grant County, but Prairie City has their own Tree of Giving program (see below).

For the trees in John Day, those who would like to participate can take a tag, then return it with unwrapped gifts under the tree by Monday, Dec. 16.

"You do not have to be receiving public assistance to participate in the Tree of Giving," said organizer Debi Hueckman.

Children participating must live in Grant County, and families can pick up presents on Friday, Dec. 20, at the OSU Extension Office classroom, 116 NW Bridge St., Suite 1B, John Day.

The event is a partnership between DHS, Oregon State University Extension 4-H and Families First Parent Resource Center.



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Prairie City Ranger District staff collected 151 items for the Prairie City Food Bank and bought Christmas presents for nine children through the Tree of Giving cause in 2016.

The Chester's Elves of Chester's Thriftway also donate to the cause, and Les Schwab Tire Center holds a Christmas toy drive to contribute.

A group of 4-H volunteers make the tags and put them on the trees. The 4-H members hold fundraisers and contribute gifts for the teen tags.

OSU Extension office coordinator Carol Waggoner said the program is a "huge partnership."

"It's our countywide community service project for the Grant County 4-H program," she said. "I thought there were pro-

grams in other counties like this, but it is unique to our county."

The Grant County 4-H Program is overseen by Christal Culley.

If a contributor would like to donate to children from the same family, they can contact the OSU Extension office.

Those signing up for the Tree of Giving, are asked to sign up for only one location.

For more information, call DHS at 541-575-0309 or OSU Extension at 541-575-1911.

Prairie City Tree of Giving

The Prairie City Volunteer Fire Department also

holds a Tree of Giving program for their residents with tags on the wall at Prairie City City Hall, 133 S. Bridge St.

Prairie City 4-H members also help with this cause with a fundraiser bake sale to buy the teen gifts.

City Recorder Bobbie Brown said they disperse the gifts near Christmas-time. The giving includes a food basket for an entire Christmas dinner for seniors and low-income families, and if they have children, the gifts from the Tree of Giving are also included.

For more information call Prairie City City Hall at 541-820-3605.

OBITUARIES

Patrick Corey O'Hara

Dec. 4, 1945 — Nov. 17, 2019

Patrick Corey O'Hara was born Dec. 4, 1945, in Portland, Oregon, to Ralph and Mary (Langwell) O'Hara. He joined and served in the United States Marine Corps for four years, where he was a lance corporal, which is the third enlisted rank in order of seniority in the United States Marine Corps.

In 1973, Pat married the love of his life Ardell Neumann, in Sandy, Oregon. He was a self-employed contractor and some of his hobbies included old cars, Harley-Davidson, skiing, rafting and spending time with his grandchildren.

Pat is survived by his wife Ardell O'Hara of Prairie City; daughter Kristen Ray also of Prairie City; two sons Shawn O'Hara of Salem, Oregon, Bill O'Hara of Vancouver, Washington; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Mary O'Hara and his brother Michael O'Hara.

To light a candle in memory of Pat or offer online condolences to his family, please visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Memorial contribution may be made in the memory of Pat, to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Herman Oliver Keerins

Feb. 27, 1931 — Nov. 24, 2019

Oliver was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Prairie City, Oregon, and passed away Nov. 24, 2019, in Sherwood, Oregon. He was predeceased by his wife Patricia Anderson Smith, 2018, and sons David Keerins, 2018, and Ray Keerins, 1987.



He is survived by first wife Audrey Johnson Keerins Andrianakis Watkins, daughters Barbara Erickson and Mary Keerins, grandchildren Melissa Khun, Melanie Keerins, Kyle Erickson and Brent Erickson. Oliver was born into a Grant County ranching family and worked on the Oliver ranch for his youth. His personal cattle brand was Backwards K O. He later owned a tractor dealership in Nampa, Idaho.

He then graduated from Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls. The family moved to Portland in 1963 where Oliver worked at Hyster Company for many years. After Hyster he owned and operated Captain Coyotes Bar & Pool Hall in northeast Portland, serving a great baked oyster special. Eventually his passion for rock hounding and lapidary work took over. He graduated from the Gemological Institute in Long Beach, California. He then spent time in Brazil mining amethyst, and exhibited at rock shows around the U.S. for many years. Opals were one of his passions.

Oliver and Pat (Patricia) moved to The Springs Assisted Living in Sherwood in 2014. They were both very thankful for the friendships they made at The Springs and for the excellent staff who treated him like family. Donations can be made in his name to a charity of one's choice.

Shirley May Wilson

Shirley May Wilson, 87, passed away in Florence. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at Dunes Memorial Chapel, burial to follow at Reedsport, Masonic Cemetery.

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Timber Truckers Light Parade

December 14th at 6:00 pm
Downtown John Day

Parade Theme
A Storybook Christmas

Preregister at John Day Auto Napa, Bank of Eastern Oregon, or City of John Day
\$10 entry fee
Winners will be announced at the Elk's Lodge following the parade.

Register day of 3-5:30pm@ Grant Western

Dark Horse Open For extended Black Friday Hours
Friday - Saturday 9am - 6pm

Be sure to shop every booth for every person on your list.

541-620-5808
600 S Canyon Blvd. JohnDay Oregon 97845

Lake Creek Camp would like to thank everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. We appreciate all the support, this year's winners are Tyler Palmer, Bob Officer & Mike Springer

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	59/37
Wednesday	43/26
Thursday	44/25
Friday	49/27
Saturday	50/33
Sunday	46/21
Monday	37/16

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 27-DEC. 3

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Possible snow	Clear cold	Clear cold	Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
39	32	26	33	38	37	39
21	16	13	22	31	16	16