

November slightly colder than normal

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Temperatures in John Day averaged slightly colder than normal during November, according to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton.

The average temperature was 37.7 degrees, which was 1.2 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 51.4 degrees, which was 1.7 degrees above normal. The highest was 68 degrees on Nov. 9. Low temperatures averaged 23.9 degrees, which was 4.2 degrees below normal. The lowest was 4 degrees, on Nov. 30.

There were 30 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were two days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.17

inches during November, which was 1.18 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on six days with the heaviest, 0.06 inches, reported on Nov. 25.

Precipitation this year has reached 10.32 inches, which is 1.61 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 0.61 inches, which is 1.73 inches below normal.

The outlook for December from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day fall from 44 degrees at the start of December to 41 degrees at the end of December. Normal lows fall from 24 degrees to 22 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.24 inches.

Planning commission seeks members

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The city of John Day is looking for two more Planning Commission members to serve four-year terms. The terms will start in January 2020, and it is required that an applicant is a resident and inhabitant of John Day. The application also reminds applicants that members of the Planning Commission "are required to file an annual Statement of Economic Interest with the State of Oregon."

The job of the Planning Commission is to review changes and revisions regarding the city's development code, according to Chantal DesJardin, the secretary and cashier for the city.

Such projects like the land partition and site design review for the future hotel will be considered by the Planning Commission. Applications are available from the city or on the city's Facebook page. Return the paperwork to city hall by the end of the year to be considered.

OBITUARIES

Carolyn Elliott

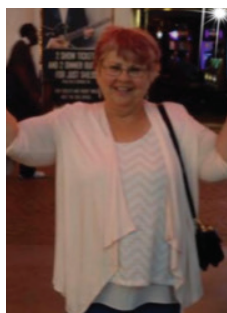
Carolyn Elliott, loving wife, wonderful mother and best friend to many, passed unexpectedly following surgery on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019.

She loved all things sparkly and blingy, and the world is now a lot dimmer.

She was preceded in death by her parents Alvin and Marie Lyman, sister Margaret Schatz and her loved spouse of over 50 years, Tom.

She is survived by her children Tammy (Chris), Tom (Mary), Jeff (Kelly), brother Earl (Vicky), sister Marilyn, beloved niece Tina, 10 grandchildren Amber, Cindy, Brandon, Shawn, Brienne, Ashley, Loryn, Jason, Tanner and Kaylee, 18 great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes she was cremated. No service will be held. A blingy remembrance of life will take place in the spring. Further information to come.



Roberta Bennett

Roberta Bennett of Kelso, Washington, passed away at her home on Nov. 26, 2019.

Roberta was one of five children born to Edwin Rieger Sr. and Mary Lulay Rieger on April 18, 1931. Roberta was born one minute before her twin Robert Rieger.

Roberta attended Shelburn grade school and Stayton High School and later in life earned her GED.

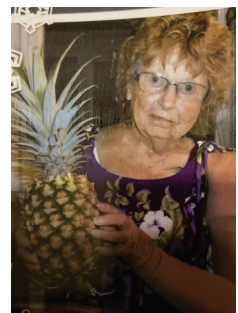
Roberta married her high school sweetheart Paul Bennett on July 9, 1947.

Roberta loved to dote on her family and she liked to cook, read, paint, garden and sew. She was a volunteer for 10 years as an EMT for the Long Creek Ambulance, and she also volunteered at the Long Creek school teaching water color, drawing, charcoal and acrylic painting. Roberta worked as a bookkeeper for Elmer Bennett Trucking. She also took care of many ill residents of Long Creek. After 40 years in Long Creek and unable to care for the big house and the need for more medical care, they moved to Dayton, Oregon, then later to Kelso, Washington.

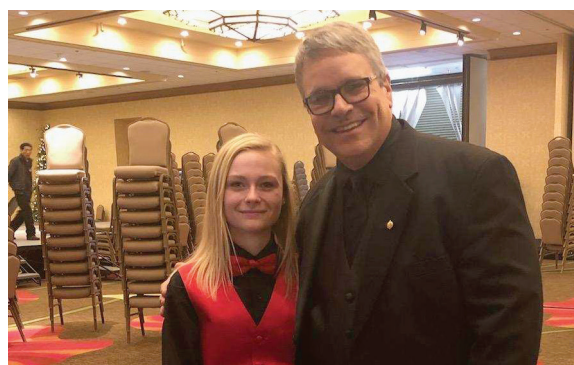
Roberta is preceded in death by her husband, Paul Bennett, and her twin brother, Robert Rieger.

Survivors include her brother Edwin (Sadie) Rieger of Roseburg, Oregon, Joyce Finegan of Dallas, Oregon, Joan Bethel of Turner, Oregon; her children Jack (Judy) Bennett of Dayton, Oregon, Gail (Larry) Mennenga of Carlton, Oregon, Elmer (Jan) Bennett of La Grande, Oregon, and Dixie (Craig) Shartner of Vancouver, Washington; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and a special friend Ruth Smith of Dale, Oregon.

Graveside services will be held in the late spring to early summer at Long Creek, Oregon.



FLOYD ATTENDS WESTERN INTERNATIONAL BAND CLINIC



Contributed photo

Grant Union senior Samantha Floyd, left, poses with Robert Smith, a guest composer at the Western International Band Clinic Nov. 22-25 in Seattle. Floyd is part of the honor band and had to audition for the clinic.

ABOUT OBITUARIES

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Carole Lee Ashby



Carole passed away peacefully in her sleep December 10, 2019 at the Blue Mtn Care Center in Prairie City, Oregon. Carole will be laid to rest with her husband at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland, Oregon in the spring of 2020 (date and time to be announced.)

Carole was born on August 13, 1933 to Ernest (Pat) Moore and Alma Irene Brooking in The Dalles, Oregon at the family home. She was the third daughter and sibling to three sisters and three brothers. She attended grade school and high school in Richland, Oregon; graduating from Eagle Valley High in 1950. After graduation, Carole moved to Portland where she was employed as a telephone operator for NW Telephone and Telegraph.

Carole married Wilbur Tracey Ashby August 8, 1953 at the home of Judge Lloyd Rae in Baker City, Oregon. Together they raised four children. Carole worked in various businesses while in Baker County. She was employed at Baker Grocery and Albertsons. While working at Albertsons, she was fortunate to wait on and receive autographs from Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood and other actors for the movie Paint Your Wagon.

Carole became employed at the First National Bank in Baker and then transferred to the branch in John Day upon relocating to Grant County in 1975. Upon retirement, Carole had been employed at Quisenberry's (Troutman's) for the previous six years.

She was baptized and became a member of St Francis Catholic Church in Baker City in 1961. Later, after relocating to John Day, she transferred her membership to St Elizabeth Catholic Church. She was an active member of the Ladies of Saint Elizabeth; enjoying helping with their activities by providing hand crocheted items and home baked goods for the annual bazaars and spaghetti feeds.

Carole loved being with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed fishing, (obtaining her first fishing license at the age of 40), cooking, huckleberry picking; shopping for new clothes, knitting and crocheting. She loved to bake and was always trying out new recipes that she would find that looked interesting. She continued to knit and crochet until her hands became so stiff she couldn't hold the needles any longer. She always had a garden around her, and enjoyed watching her plants grow and bloom, she also loved receiving letters in the mail and visiting with friends on the front porch of her home.

Carole is survived by her 4 children; Blaiden (the late Tommie Rose) from McDermitt, NV; Trace (Duane) Andrew; Adele (Cody) Wilson, both of Canyon City, OR; and W. Kevin of Aumsville, OR; 14 grandchildren (Rebecca, Kristen, Mary, Brant, Joseph, Adena, Alexandra and Andrea - Riann, Lucas, - Cala, Michael, Mitch and Malachi); 28 great grandchildren (Isabel, Jacob, Chase J, Cailee & Tanler; Silas; Ian, Asher & Avery; Chase; Jared & Tehya; Jace, Trenton, Trey, Axel, Adelaide and Easton; Elliott, Aiden, Jacob Wilbur & Paisley; Rowdy & Addison, Ezra & Erelah; Hideki & Yuuki; Aria Rose, Harper & Hudson); sisters, Monirah (Patricia) of Portland, OR and Judith (Clark) Crawley of Bend, OR; half-brother Tom (Donna) Moore of Canada; Nieces Diana, Rhonda, Jo and Betty, Nicole & Karen; Nephews Dean, Dec, Damon & David.

She was preceded in death in 2017 by her husband of 64 years, Wilbur T Ashby, her Father and Mother; sister Milly Mae; brothers Paul and Jerry; daughter-in-law Tommie Rose; nephew Roland and great grandson Elijah.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Carole, the family suggests the Altar Society of the John Day Catholic Church through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com Paid For by the family of Carole Ashby

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The Eagle will publish on Dec. 24th customers who pick up the paper in the office will need to pick up by Noon.

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	48/29
Wednesday	45/34
Thursday.....	50/38
Friday.....	40/32
Saturday	37/28
Sunday.....	37/25
Monday.....	38/20

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 18-24

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Rain/snow likely	Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Chance of snow	Mostly cloudy
37	44	47	48	42	40	35
30	35	37	33	30	15	21