

### Edward Eugene Bennett

Jan. 9, 2020

Edward Eugene Bennett, age 75, of Mt. Vernon, Oregon, passed away on Jan. 9, 2020, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day.

Ed was born in Astoria, Oregon, to John and Rosemary Bennett. They moved to Philomath where he went through all school grades. After graduation in 1965, he joined the Forest Service. As he loved to tell, he spent "37 years, 10 months with the USFS with a two-year break for Army duty in Korea." Ed started in the Alsea district, moved to the Fremont district and then retired in 2000 as timber sales admin for the Malheur district.

He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and crabbing at the coast. But his first love was family and friends.

He is survived by his wife and partner, Judi; children, Sara (Travis) Blowers, Travis (Riccola) Bennett and Kristen (Mike) Stailing; three grandchildren, Garrett and Quentin Blowers and Berlyn Bennett; brother, Jerry (Connie) Bennett; and nephew, Matt.

He will be laid to rest in the family plot in Albany. A celebration of life will be held here at a later date.

To offer an online condolence to the family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).



### Richard 'Dick' G. Ray

Jan. 12, 1925 — Nov. 29, 2019

Richard "Dick" G. Ray passed away on Nov. 29, 2019, in John Day, Oregon. Dick was born on Jan. 12, 1925, in Myrtle Point, Oregon, to Maurice and Jessie (Norton) Ray. He was the youngest of four boys. When he was 15 years old, he started driving a log truck for his father. After graduating from Coquille High School, he joined the Navy. Dock was at the Sub Base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and later in New London, Connecticut. The submariners he had been on were the USS Skipjack SS 184 and the USS Seadragon SS 194.

Dick's parents had bought a ranch in Eastern Oregon, located between John Day and Prairie City. After the Navy, he decided to work for his father. When Maurice died in 1962, Dick took over running the ranch. Dick finally figured out the marriage thing on the third try and married Evelyn Wells in 1979. They traveled to Hawaii for the 50th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bombing. Dick was able to go on an honor flight for World War II veterans for four days to Washington, D.C.

Dick was always busy and loved sports. He enjoyed trap shooting and golf. Dick was a member of WWII Sub Vets, Oregon Loggers, past exalted ruler of Elks Lodge No. 1824, a Mason and a Shriner.

Evelyn preceded Dick in death on Oct. 21, 2019. Between the two, there were six children, 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Dick enjoyed his morning coffee group at The Outpost. He loved teasing the wonderful staff at Valley View and passing out candy kisses. Services are planned June 20, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Fox Cemetery.

Dick's wishes were that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to Grant Country Jr. Golf, 620 SE Hillcrest Road, John Day, OR 97845.

### Madeline Ann Howard

Nov. 2, 1936 — Jan. 8, 2020

Madeline Ann Howard, age 83, of John Day passed away on Jan. 8, 2020, at Valley View Assisted Living. Services will be announced at a later date.

Madeline was born on Nov. 2, 1936, in Santa Monica, California. She attended high school in Weiser, Idaho. In February 1960, she was part of the 35th class of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead. Madeline married Billy Howard on June 11, 1963, in Kitwe, Zambia. She was proud to have served as a missionary in Taiwan and Africa for 10 years and enjoyed reading in her spare time.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Howard, of John Day, Oregon, and her siblings Hildegard, Susan, Bob, Emmy and John.

To offer an online condolence to the family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).



### Gary Joe 'Porkchop' Hammons

Aug. 25, 1956 — Jan. 12, 2020

Gary Joe "Porkchop" Hammons, 63, of John Day passed away Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020, at his residence with his loved ones by his side. A celebration of life will be held in the spring.

Gary was born Aug. 25, 1956, in Prairie City, Oregon, to Joe and Gayle (Masonheimer) Hammons. He graduated from Grant Union High School in 1974 where he was the first state heavyweight wrestling champion.

He worked as a mechanic for Doug's Motor Vehicle Repair in John Day for several years and married the love of his life, Celaina Tucker, in Winnemucca, Nevada, in September 1998. Gary loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and boating.

Gary is survived by his wife, Celaina Hammons, of John Day, Oregon; brother, Larry Hammons, of Hamilton, Montana; sister, Sissy Hammons, of Pendleton, Oregon; stepdaughter, Crystal Parks, of John Day, Oregon; stepson, David Parks, of Prineville, Oregon; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Gayle Hammons.

Memorial contributions can be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel at 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).



### Drew Erwin Harmer

July 23, 1960 — Dec. 22, 2019

Drew Erwin Harmer died on Dec. 22, 2019, at his home in Mt. Vernon, Oregon. A memorial service will be held at the Mt. Vernon Grange on Feb. 8, 2020, at 3 p.m.

Drew was born in Long Beach, California, on July 23, 1960, to Winifred and Donald Harmer. He grew up in Everett, Washington. After attending high school, he joined the Navy for five years. Drew's hobbies included collecting coins and baseball cards, woodworking and gardening. In addition, he loved the Lord and would regularly be found assembling for worship with his church family. He was also active in the community, helping out at John Day and Prairie City senior centers.

Drew is survived by his brother Ken Harmer and uncles Dale Harmer and Jim Williams.

Drew was preceded in death by his father, Donald, his mother, Winifred and his brothers Russell, Henry and James.

### Stell Hardy Benwell

Stell Hardy Benwell, 72, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, at his residence with his family by his side. No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society through Driskill Memorial Chapel. To offer online condolences to his family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

### GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — DECEMBER



**Seventh grade**  
**Madelyn Bailey**  
Parents:  
**Zachary and Heather Bailey**



**Eighth grade**  
**Morganne Wyllie**  
Parents:  
**Charles and Tracy Wyllie**



**10th grade**  
**Riley Robertson**  
Parents: **Shaun and Colleen Robertson**



**Ninth grade**  
**Kieran Byers**  
Parent:  
**Mykah Byers**



**11th grade**  
**Ezra Beam**  
Parents: **Monty and Shonna Beam**



**12th grade**  
**Gage Brandon**  
Parents:  
**Kristopher and Fawn Brandon**

## Grant County Republican meeting planned Jan. 30

Blue Mountain Eagle  
The Grant County Republican Central Committee will meet from 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 30 at The Outpost Pizza, Pub & Grill in John Day.

Special guests include circuit court judge candidates John Lamborn, Jim Carpenter and Rob Raschio, who will each have five minutes to speak and 10 minutes to answer questions.

The next meeting will be March 26.

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1917 (R)	Two young British soldiers during the First World War are given an impossible mission.	FRIDAY (4:00)	7:00
SAT & SUN (1:00)	(4:00)	7:00	7:00
MON-THURS		7:00	7:00

**DOLITTLE (PG)** Starring Robert Downey, Jr. A physician discovers that he can talk to animals.  
FRIDAY (4:10) 7:10  
SAT & SUN (1:10) (4:10) 7:10  
MON-THURS 7:10

**JUST MERCY (PG-13)** World-renowned civil rights defense attorney Bryan Stevenson works to free a wrongly condemned death row prisoner.  
FRIDAY (3:45) 6:45  
SAT & SUN (12:45) (3:45) 6:45  
MON-THURS 6:45

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

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**Liberating the Writer Within:** Begins Tuesday, February 4, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Increase self understanding to enrich writing.

**Knitting 101 with Jessica Moore:** Begins Monday, February 10, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Go from beginner to intermediate knitter.

**Music Lessons:** Introductory Rockband, Chamber Choir, and Group Guitar starting first week of February. Slots available for Piano, Voice, and Flute lessons. See [paintedskycenter.com/music-lessons](http://paintedskycenter.com/music-lessons) for more info or to register.

**Knit & Purl (Beginner Knitting) with Jessica Moore:** Ongoing, Wednesdays and Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Knitting class for beginner adults.

**Basic Drawing Class:** Ongoing, Tuesdays through March 24, 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Basic shapes, apply shading, and much more in this 12-week course.

**Intermediate Drawing Class:** Ongoing, Thursdays through April 2, 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Composition, design elements, perspective, and figure proportions.

**Arts After School & Friday Art Club:** Ongoing; see more at [Paintedskycenter.com/Kids-Art](http://Paintedskycenter.com/Kids-Art). With enough interest we will start additional classes.

For more info or to register visit [paintedskycenter.com](http://paintedskycenter.com) or email [paintedskycenter@gmail.com](mailto:paintedskycenter@gmail.com).

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John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday .....	33/15
Wednesday .....	40/15
Thursday.....	41/24
Friday.....	33/13
Saturday.....	38/29
Sunday.....	44/28
Monday.....	47/37

24/7 FORECAST

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### WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 22-28

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Possible rain	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly sunny
<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>