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Oregon's Abigail Scott Duniway votes in after the state allowed women to vote in 1912.

Oregon's Duniway helped lead the way for women's suffrage

Aug. 18 was the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote

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The year was 1920, and the push for full voting rights for women in the United States came to fruition in the nation, but a majority of women in Oregon gained that right in 1912.

Aug. 18 marked the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote, 42 years after the amendment was first introduced in Congress. However, women in Oregon achieved full voting rights in 1912, thanks to the persistent push from women like Abigail Scott Duniway, according to the Secretary of State website.

Duniway was an early advocate for women's voting rights and organized a tour across the Pacific Northwest in 1871 with Susan B. Anthony, a key figure in the suffrage movement.

In 1872, Duniway and fellow suffragist Maria Hendee, Mrs. M.A. Lambert and Mrs. Beatty, a black woman, all cast ballots in Oregon for the November election as part of a nationwide movement. The movement was an attempt to extend the rights gained from the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution to women, according to the website.

The 14th Amendment declared that anybody born in the United States is an American citizen while the 15th Amendment focused more on voting rights and stated that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

The women's votes were not counted, and Anthony was also arrested in this effort for voting illegally. However, on the 100th anniversary of

the ratification of the 19th Amendment on Aug. 18, President Donald Trump posthumously pardoned Anthony.

"She was never pardoned," Trump said during his announcement. "What took so long?"

The work to obtain the rights and responsibilities included in full citizenship continued as the issue of voting rights for women appeared on the state's ballot six times: 1884, 1900, 1906, 1908, 1910 and 1912, according to the website.

Duniway established the New Northwest Paper in 1871, which was to help promote economic and social rights for women, as well as the right to vote. The motto for the paper was "Free Speech, Free Press, Free People."

"Writing always was our forte," Abigail Duniway announced in her first issue of The New Northwest, according to the Oregon Encyclopedia. "If we had been a man, we'd have had an editor's position and handsome salary at twenty-one..."

The paper also combated what Duniway identified as social injustice, according to the encyclopedia.

Duniway also assisted the national suffrage movement by arranging tours for Anthony in the Pacific Northwest and attending national conventions.

In 1912, Duniway submitted an initiative petition to place the women's suffrage question on the ballot for the sixth time, according to the website. This time the Oregon Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 and House Concurrent Resolution No. 24 recommended ratification of the equal suffrage amendment to the Oregon Constitution in the November general election.

"On November 5, 1912, 52% of the male voters of the state approved extending the franchise to women," the website states.

With the outcome, a majority of women in Oregon gained the right to vote, and Duniway became the first woman to vote in Oregon in 1914.

Gary W. Bennison

Sept. 4, 1941 – Aug. 8, 2020

Gary W. Bennison, 78, died on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at St. Charles Hospital.

Gary was born on Sept. 4, 1941, in Burns, Oregon, to Howard "Smokey" Bennison and Virgie Nance Bennison. Gary was raised in Burns and graduated from Burns Union High School in 1959. He married Valerie Van-Wey on March 24, 1962. They had two children to this union: Ted Bennison and Tonya Bennison Fox.



He worked at Hines Lumber Company, LeRoy Jackson Construction, System 99 local delivery and line drive, Eastern Oregon Fast Freight as an Independent contractor and Co Gen Company in Prairie City, Oregon. When the mill was closing, he moved to John Day in 1984 working there until his retirement in 2006. He and Valerie moved back to Burns in 2007.

Gary enjoyed and loved fishing, hunting, riding his side by side Ranger and being around his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Valerie; sister, Nancy Ray (Garry); son, Ted Bennison, and wife, Beth; Tonya Fox and husband, Ron; and grandchildren Jonathan Bennison and Catherine Bennison. He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no services at this time.

Susan Carter

Oct. 30, 1947 – Aug. 4, 2020

Susan Carter, 72, was born Oct. 30, 1947, to Theodore Roosevelt Carter and Vern Josephine Ward Carter of Long Creek. She is survived by daughter Sayward Carter, grandchildren Jaxon and Amara Kammer of Vancouver, Washington, and brother Kent Carter of Pendleton.



Her earlier years were spent working hard on the Carter ranch. She was a woman of many talents and pushed the gender limits of her time. She attended Eastern Oregon University and Kinman Business University, traveled on the national rodeo circuit, worked for the FDA, ran her own ranch and owned the Mountain Inn Cafe in Long Creek. She worked for Dice Construction intermittently before her retirement in the early 2000s.

She had an eye for beauty and spiritual intuition beyond what most of us could comprehend. She was one of a kind. Irreplaceable. So many words but none do her justice. R.I.P. Susan Carter from Long Creek. Thank for your shameless convictions and the beauty that shined beyond the demons. We saw you, we loved you, you influenced us all. We will never forget your heart and Long Creek valley will never be the same.

Services will be determined at a later date based on COVID-19 restrictions. For those asking, donations accepted in lieu of flowers at 12711 NE 39th St., Vancouver, WA 98682 for her grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at burnsmortuary.com.

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OBITUARIES

Velda F. Davis

May 6, 1925 – Aug. 7, 2020

Velda Fay Davis, 95, of Long Creek, Oregon, passed away Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, surrounded by her loving family at her daughters' home in Long Creek. Velda was born May 6, 1925, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Murry and Mary Moore. She attended school all 12 years in Pendleton. She then went on to beauty school in Walla Walla, Washington, opening her own salon "Velda's Hair Fashions." She was in the beautician business most of her life. Velda married Edward Davis Feb. 28, 1945, in Goldendale, Washington, and they were married until Edward's passing in 1996. They had two daughters Linda and Patricia. Velda and Edward lived in Pendleton until his retirement, and they then moved to Long Creek, Oregon.

Velda is survived by her daughters Linda Kranovich of Milwaukie, Oregon, and Patricia (Joseph) Walton of Granite Creek. Her grandchildren are Rebecca (Andrew) Johnson, Jennifer (Russell) Fecht, Melinda (Jared) Peters, Mathew (Molly) Kranovich and Jeffrey (Megan) Kranovich. And her great-grandchildren are Timothy Fecht, Conner Fecht, Katelyn Johnson, Brooke Johnson, Avery Peters and Clarie, Eddie, Brendan, Jimmy, Lydia and Logan Kranovich.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Davis, her parents, Murry and Mary Moore, brother Leslie Moore and sisters Helen Perry and Mildred Fullerton.

Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory.

A private family burial will be held at Olney Cemetery Pendleton, Oregon. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at burnsmortuary.com.

William Holoboff

William Holoboff, 83, of Granite passed away at his residence on Aug. 9. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave a condolence for the family, visit grayswestco.com.

James Lloyd Hanson

Feb. 25, 1932 – Aug. 10, 2020

James Lloyd Hanson, age 88, of Mt. Vernon passed away on Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, at his residence with his family by his side.

Jim was born in Portland, Oregon, to Lloyd G. Hanson and Ruth C. Beebe on Feb. 25, 1932. He went to Benson Polytechnic High School and attended Oregon State University. Jim served four years in the United States Navy as a second-class Cryptologic Technician, stationed in the Western Pacific and Korea. After returning home Jim worked for the Oregon State Police for 26 years in The Dalles, Government Camp and John Day. He was station sergeant from 1978 up until his retirement in 1983.



He enjoyed spending time at his beach house in Rockaway, Oregon, and going for walks in the back woods with his three dogs. Jim was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, American Legion and on the OSP Reserve.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Ruth Hanson.

He is survived by his sister, Linda G. Miller, and niece, Jamie Ingram of Lake Oswego.

Memorial contributions can be made to ASPCA through Driskill Memorial Chapel at 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To offer online condolences to Jim's family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

TEC funding available for dislocated workers, adults and young adults

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The Training & Employment Consortium currently has funding available for dislocated and adult workers.

Funded services include on-the-job trainings, short-term vocational or post-secondary educational training, ABE/GED and employment assistance, according to a press release.

Funding is also available for young adults, ages 14-24. Funded services include paid work experiences, ABE/GED

services, pre-employment and life skills training and employment services.

Funding is limited. Registration must be completed and eligibility must be determined before funds can be awarded.

TEC also offers, free of charge, assistance with resume development, job search, career and training exploration.

For more information, contact the Training & Employment Consortium office in Grant County at 541-575-0744, ext. 227, or call or text 541-620-3626.

Census event planned in Prairie City

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The 2020 Census is underway, and an event in Prairie City will help people complete the process.

People who need help completing their Census forms can attend an event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 20 at the park on Bridge Street near city hall in Prairie City.

CORRECTION

In the Aug. 12 article about 4-H and FFA leaders, the 4-H static superintendent was misidentified. The superintendent's name was Callie Moss. The Eagle regrets the error.

www.MyEagleNews.com

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	92/55
Wednesday	74/50
Thursday	83/47
Friday	89/48
Saturday	100/54
Sunday	102/68
Monday	99/64

24/7 FORECAST

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 19 - 25

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Red flag warning	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
92	85	90	91	94	92	95
60	58	57	57	57	51	49