

**CORRECTION**

**Gold Rush Run:** Grant Union High School will host the Gold Rush Run cross-country meet at the Seventh Street Sports Complex in John Day on Thursday, Oct. 21. An item in the sports roundup in the Oct. 13 edition gave the wrong date for the event. The Eagle regrets the error.

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**John Robert Harper**

January 21, 1958 ~ October 15, 2021



John Robert Harper passed away October 15, 2021 holding his wife's hand. John was born January 21, 1958 in Canyon City, Oregon to George and Bonnie (Weaver) Harper. He grew up on the Harper Creek Ranch in Mount Vernon with his siblings Lola Thissell, Lala Thissell, Loren (Toink) Thissell, Mary Harper, and Susan Harper. They spent every evening listening to their dad playing the banjo or their mom reading books. He attended the Mount Vernon School where he excelled at football, basketball, and track; lettering in all three. He even played on the Shriners football team. While in high school, he enlisted in the army. He did his basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where he specialized in heavy equipment, then was stationed in Germany for two years. While in Germany he enjoyed many steins of beer and he played on a semi-professional rugby team in a European League. In Germany is where he met his wife Doris (Dolney) Harper. They were married for forty years on September 19, 2021. Together they have five children Jessie, Travis, Terry, Lucinda, and Bayley. They are the grandparents to seven grandchildren Mayley Saul(13), Emmie Saul(11), Tatyln Harper(12), Bransyn Harper(9), Quincee Harper(5), Presley Harper(4), and Waylynn Harper(2). Spending quality time with family was the most important thing to John. He taught them all his favorite hobbies including running hounds, hunting, camping, running heavy equipment, and cheating at card games. John was a collector of knives, arrowheads, elk ivories, and time with his loved ones. He was a career heavy equipment operator and known as the best around. He loved to see young people learn, and he shared any knowledge he could with them.

John is preceded in death by his mother Bonnie (Weaver) Harper, father George Harper, sisters Lola Jean (Thissell) Ellis and Susan May (Harper) Horn, Richard Hammons, and father-in-law Andrew Dolney.

John is survived by his wife Doris (Dolney) Harper, mother-in-law Philomena Dolney, daughters Jessie Saul and husband Wayne, Lucinda DesJardin and husband Daniel, Bayley Harper and partner Darren, sons Travis Harper and wife Eliza and Terry Harper and wife Shilo; as well as his seven grandchildren Mayley, Tatyln, Emmie, Bransyn, Quincee, Presley, and Waylynn. He is survived by his brother Loren Thissell and partner Juanita, and sisters Lala (Thissell) Peirce and husband Artie, and Mary (Harper) Bradley and husband Dennis, as well as many nieces and nephews.

John's service will be held Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 2:00pm at the Grant County Fairgrounds Pavilion. We know everyone holds a good story of John, but whether it's appropriate or not, is questionable. Regardless, we ask that you capture these stories in writing for the family to cherish forever, but also consider sharing with the crowd at the service. Meat will be provided, but the family asks that you bring a side dish to share if you are able.

For those who would like to leave an online condolence may do so to [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com). Memorial donations can be sent to Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home at PO Box 543, Halfway, Oregon 97834.

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**John P. Maple**

April 5, 1941 – Sept. 7 2021

John Paul "JP" Maple, 80, passed away on Sept. 7, 2021, surrounded by family and friends in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He was born April 5, 1941, in John Day, Oregon, to the late James Paul and Claire Margaret (Oliver) Maple. He graduated from Chico State University with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. He lived most of his life in Hawaii, where he raised two children and was owner/operator of his general contracting company, Rainbow Builders. After retirement, he enjoyed playing golf, swimming, biking, dancing, and traveling across the continental United States with his companion Crystal Chow. He was also an exceptional outdoorsman, accomplished skydiver, airplane pilot, surfer, and scuba diver. He will be remembered for his adventurous spirit, generosity, and devotion to his family.



He is predeceased by his father and mother, James and Claire Maple; brother Thomas Maple; cousin JC Oliver; and niece Samantha Ricketts Watnes. He is survived by former spouse, Connie Tagtmeyer; son Lt. Col. Keegan (Robyn) Maple and daughter Tiana Maple; grandchildren Grace, Ellie, Sydney, Horatio, Viola, and Oliver; brother James Maple; sisters Joan Hornecker and Mary (Dennis) Farmer; cousins Gay Kuykendall and Kay Oliver; nephews and nieces Michael, Kevin and Matthew Ricketts, Mary Ricketts Seifert, Claire Ricketts Jaramillo, Mark, Brian and Christopher Farmer; grand-nephews and grand-nieces Jordan, Ian, Bryan, Kyle, Alexandra, Macy, Ladan and Jakim Ricketts, Lindsey Seifert Dixon, Kathryn, Olivia and Matthew Seifert, Audrey and Andrea Jaramillo, Joshua and Kelsey Watnes, Margaret Farmer Kollodge, Samantha Farmer Messina, Mikinzie Farmer Ridgewell, and Brayden, Charles, Maxwell and Lucia Farmer; great-grand-nephew Anthony Messina; and many cherished family and friends.

A celebration of life is being planned for a later date.

Condolences to: Tiana Maple, 1604 Old Town Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

**Diane Mary Holthouse**

Diane Mary Holthouse, age 81, of John Day passed away on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021. Services will be held on Friday, Oct. 22, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in John Day, with the recitation of the rosary beginning at 10 a.m. and the Mass of Christian burial starting at 11 a.m. Vault interment will take place immediately afterwards, and a reception will follow at the Catholic church parish hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Building Fund or to Blue Mountain Home Health/Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel at 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To offer online condolences to Diane's family or to light a candle in her honor, visit [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com).

**John Harper**

John Harper, 63, of Mt. Vernon died on Oct. 15 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**OBITUARIES**

**Judy Elizabeth Krutsinger**

Sept. 30, 1947 — Aug. 19, 2021

Judy Elizabeth Krutsinger was born on Sept. 30, 1947, in Portland, Oregon, to Robert and Grace Samuels. She died on Aug. 19, 2021 in North Bend. Judy grew up near Canby.

She trained Egyptian Arabian horses in Silverton in the '70s and eventually moved to Terrebonne, where she raised her two children. Judy worked as a financial officer for the Inn at Seventh Mountain in Bend in the '90s. She also ran a small gift shop in Sisters during this time. Judy lived and worked in John Day for about 20 years. She worked for the Blue Mountain Health District and wrote grants for many community projects in Grant County.



She is survived by her son, Aaron Gunzner, and daughter, Analisa Kaufman; her grandsons, Kayden, Kai and Aksel; and her brother, Bob Samuels. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Grace Samuels. Judy was a bright soul and will be greatly missed.

**Gladys Arloweene Palmer**

Feb. 5, 1928 — Oct. 11, 2021

Gladys Arloweene "Arlo" Palmer passed away peacefully in Tigard on Oct. 11, 2021, at the age of 93. She was born Gladys Arloweene Williams in Westport on Feb. 5, 1928.

Arlo's family lived in a number of Oregon cities including Bend, The Dalles and Toledo before eventually settling in Forest Grove, where she graduated from high school and met Robert Lee, a student at Pacific University School of Optometry. They married and, upon Bob's graduation from school, relocated to John Day, where he opened an optometry practice. It was in John Day their three sons were born; Bobby, Gregory and Ronald. She and Robert lost Bobby to childhood leukemia in 1956.

Always a devoted mother to Ron, Greg and Bobby during his short life, she attended all school and sports activities that the boys participated in, whether local or away.

After losing husband Robert in 1980, she met and eventually married Maurice Palmer and moved to Walla Walla and, later, College Place, Washington. They were both active golf members at the Walla Walla Country Club and participated in league bowling in the winter months until Maurice's passing in spring of 2011. Arlo was an avid golfer most of her adult life and managed to shoot three holes-in-one over that period. She also enjoyed watching professional sports (Portland Trailblazers and Seattle Seahawks), was an excellent seamstress and knitter and achieved her private pilot's license in 1965. In 2016 Arlo moved to Charbonneau to be closer to her son Ron. She was preceded in death by her two husbands, son Bobby, brother Jack and both her parents. She is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron (Cerena) and Greg (Joanne); brother Wallace Williams; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Phyllis Mae (Smith) Lissman**

November 15, 1927 ~ October 11, 2021



Phyllis Mae Lissman was born in Sidney, Nebraska on November 15, 1927. She died from complications related to a heart ailment on October 11, 2021 in Boise, Idaho, just one month short of her 94th birthday. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, her son-in-law Mike Violette, and by her beloved husband of 75 years, Wayne Lissman. She is survived by her daughter Elaine Ricketts and by her sons and their spouses; Henry and Roxie Lissman and Larry and Lydia Lissman. She is also survived by 4 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Phyllis married her high-school sweetheart, Wayne Lissman, on October 5th, 1943 in Lander, Wyoming just before he was "shipped" to the Pacific where he fought in the Philippine Islands in WW II. After the war Phyllis lived in Nyssa, Burns, Seneca, and Hines in Oregon, then spent her final years in Payette, Idaho.

Phyllis's life was dedicated to the service of others. She focused her intelligence, ambition, and compassion on improving the lives of people every place she lived. After the non-incorporated community of Seneca was informed that they could no longer dump their raw sewage directly into the Silvies River and that they had to remove the town dump from Shirt Tail Creek, Phyllis was a leader in resolving the issue. She was active in incorporating the City of Seneca and was elected to the first city council. She wrote the grants for funding of a sewage treatment facility and for establishing an environmentally friendly waste disposal site. She was an active member of the Seneca PTA and served as President for several years. She organized Seneca's "Women Fire Fighters," raised money for and chaperoned the Seneca Grade School Rope Jumpers trips to Chicago and Washington DC and served as a 4-H leader and Cub Scout Den Mother. She was active in the Oregon Home Extension Program by serving on the Grant County Home Extension Advisory Board and as a "judge" of home extension projects at county fairs around the state. When asked to help Grant County 4-H youth find housing for attendance at the Oregon State Fair she connected them with a state sponsored dormitory housing program and within several years became the statewide "Dorm Supervisor" for Oregon youth involved in the State Fair and for the 4-H Summer School program held in Salem each year.

In 1974 Governor Tom McCall awarded Phyllis the first ever "Youth Leadership" award and appointed her to the first Governor's Advisory Committee for Youth. In 1972 she was hired to provide service for senior citizens in Harney County. Without an office, budget, staff or work plan she developed a multiple service program, raised funds to build a Senior Center providing nutrition, health, socialization, transportation, and other services.

In 1976 she was awarded the Oregon Business and Professional Woman's "Outstanding Woman of the Year" Golden Torch award. In 1978 she was honored as Harney County's "Woman of the Year." She was an active member of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services and served as president for several years. At her retirement from the commission she was awarded the "Bob Van Houte Award" for "contributing significantly to the development of the long-term care system in Oregon."

Phyllis believed in people, was non-judgmental, and treated everyone with love and respect. She will be remembered as a welcoming mother figure by her children's friends and for her work ethic, positive "can do" outlook, and for her caring and kindness for everyone she met. She loved and was loved by her family, who will forever hold her as an inspiration and role model for selflessness and service.

Phyllis's family has asked that in lieu of flowers, friends and acquaintances make donations to the Idaho Commission for the Blind at 341 W. Washington, Boise, ID 83702. Private graveside services will be held at the family burial site in Nyssa, Oregon.

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**Diane Mary (Gianandrea) Holthouse**

October 9, 2021

Diane Mary (Gianandrea) Holthouse of John Day, Oregon passed away peacefully of natural causes on October 9, 2021. Diane will be celebrated with a ceremony on October 22nd at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church and will be interred at Canyon City Cemetery.



Diane was born in Santa Barbara, CA and grew up on her family's ranch in Milpitas, CA. She moved to Grant County with her husband, Leo Holthouse, and their growing family in 1966 where they built their own ranch, and their life, together. Diane was "tough-as-nails;" whether she was taking care of livestock or chasing off trespassers on the ranch, she was always able to adapt to challenges and face them with grit and bravery. Outside the ranch, Diane worked in several vocations; most notably, country club manager at the John Day Golf Course.

Her true devotion, however, was to her family and friends, who will attest to her attentive, caring, and generous nature. She stepped up to the challenge once again when she cared for Leo as his health declined late in life. Diane had an active social life; she looked forward to annual trips to the Pendleton Round-Up and loved quilting and laughing with her "gals." Diane was a wonderful cook and baker and often hosted friends and family in her home. She also enjoyed traveling and gardening, combining both of these when she visited her home in Panama.

Diane was a loving mother, grandmother and friend who will be sorely missed by her children Jeffrey Holthouse, Cerena Lee, and Shannon Murphy, her children-in-law Leslie Holthouse, Ron Lee, and Michael Murphy, her three grandchildren Bertina, Justin, and Jessica (Holthouse), and a circle of devoted and close-knit friends. She is survived by her brother Richard Gianandrea.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Diane's name can be made to Blue Mountain Home Health and Hospice or St Elizabeth's Church Building Fund through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

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**Last Week's Temps**

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	47/34
Thursday	52/30
Friday	64/35
Saturday	67/36
Sunday	60/32
Monday	65/37
Tuesday	68/40

**24/7 FORECAST**

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**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 13 – 19**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Showers	Showers	Showers	Showers	Rain/snow showers
<b>61</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>