

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Seventh grade
Gracee Hueckman
Parents: Bobbee Boethin and Brandon Hueckman



Eighth grade
Aaliyah Judd
Parents: Jesse and Marci Judd



Ninth grade
Ava Gerry
Parents: Ryan and Sami Gerry



10th grade
Drewsey Williams
Parents: Zach and Marissa Williams



11th grade
Max Bailey
Parents: Zachary and Heather Bailey



12th grade
Emily Finley
Parents: Aaron and Janita Finley

OBITUARIES

Tracy Moss

Tracy Moss, 60, a longtime resident of Grant County, died Thursday, Nov. 11, at his home, surrounded by friends and family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Elmer Gill

Elmer Gill, 74, of Prairie City died Thursday, Nov. 11, at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Michael D. Powell

Oct. 8, 1939 — Oct. 20, 2021

Michael D. Powell, age 82, of John Day passed away on Oct. 20. Michael was born to Harold and Miriam Powell on Oct. 8, 1939, in Portland. When he was a child, his family relocated to Fall River Mills, California. After graduating from Fall River Mills High School, he enlisted in the Navy and was an aircraft structural mechanic, serving from 1958 to 1962.

He spent the next 40 years of his life working as a log scaler with the Southern Oregon Log Scaling and Grading Bureau. He began his career in Burney, California, where he met his first love, Barbara, and started a family. They had three children, Dwayne, Tammy, and Gary. During his career as a log scaler his worked moved him and his family many times over the years, first to Wallowa in 1975, then to Mt. Vernon in 1981 and finally to John Day in 1993. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammy Lavonne Powell, at the age of 2, and his first wife, Barbara Sue Powell, after 25 years of marriage.

Michael is survived by his sons, Dwayne and Gary Powell; his wife of 22 years, Arlene Kay Powell; and her daughters, Wendy, Carla, and Robin, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was extremely blessed to find Arlene Kay after the loss of his first wife and he was so thankful for the loving relationships he was able to enjoy with her three daughters, since the loss of his own infant daughter Tammy. His love for his family was unwavering and unconditional, a true testimony to anyone who knew him. He will forever be missed by family and close friends, but never forgotten.

To leave online condolences for the family, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Carol Emma Tallman Scott Deming

Oct. 31, 1929 — Oct. 29, 2021

Carol Emma Tallman Scott Deming, 91, passed away on Oct. 29 in Laie, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu. A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, Nov. 6, in Sandy, Utah.

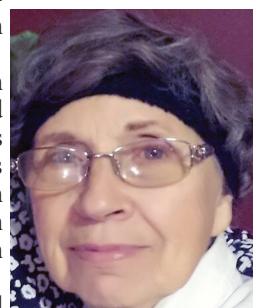
A visitation followed by a graveside service at Canyon City Cemetery in Canyon City took place on Monday, Nov. 8.

Carol was born on Oct. 31, 1929, in Imperial, Nebraska, to James Orrin and Leona Ethzelda Mather Tallman. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having been raised Christian and baptized into the church shortly after being married to Kenneth Dorsey Scott in November of 1947.

She was a loyal wife and devoted mother, compassionate grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother. Her family was an important source of joy to her, as was her faith. Carol was preceded in death by Kenneth Scott, who passed in 2005, and subsequent husband David Thompson Deming in 2014; one sister, Ruth Elsie Morgan; and two brothers, Benjamin Eldon and Merrill Elvan Tallman.

She is survived by her brother Keith Erwin Tallman; two daughters, Sara Sutton and Rebecca Wilson; eight sons, Steven, Jamon, Matthew, Robert, Gordon, Kenneth, Carlon and Daniel; 57 grandchildren; 120 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

To light a candle in her memory or to offer online condolences to her family, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Dominique Ann Karpinska

April 7, 1979 — Oct. 30, 2021

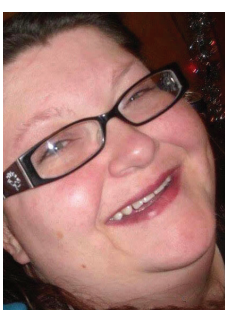
Dominique Ann Karpinska, 42, died on Oct. 30 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. A celebration of Dominique's life will be held on Nov. 27, starting at 1 p.m. at the parish hall of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, 111 SW Second Ave., John Day. Dominique was born on April 7, 1979, to Jerry and Louise Karpinska Hobbs in Miami, Florida. When she was 11 months old, she had open heart surgery in San Francisco and this changed her life, in that she was unable to be outside or in the sun. Dominique did very well in school, graduating from high school in Florida.

She moved to John Day to live closer to her family in approximately 2006. She helped at the food bank and would help anyone in need. She loved dogs and horses; her most favorite little pup was Charlie.

Dominique liked to go to the mountains, and when she was little, she loved snow. Dominique left an imprint on every single person's heart that she came across. She would give with an open heart and never ask for anything in return. She had a multitude of friends that she considered family. She was not only my sister, but she was my best friend. Dominique had the most beautiful yet feisty soul.

Dominique is survived by her longtime companion, Josh Bennett; siblings Luster Hobbs of South Korea, Dawn Jones of North Florida, Terri Hobbs of Lake Worth, Florida, and April Clark of Murphy, North Carolina; Aunt Annie Smith; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Dominique to help defray service expenses may do so in her name to Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



Rep. Owens meets with constituents

By STEVEN MITCHELL
Blue Mountain Eagle



State Rep. Mark Owens

JOHN DAY — State Rep. Mark Owens, R-Crane, answered questions and talked about various topics Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Squeeze-In Restaurant and Deck with roughly a dozen Grant County residents.

Owens summarized the bills he introduced during the legislative session, his committee assignments, weighed in on the crowded gubernatorial race and touched on the proposed River Democracy Act, sponsored by U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden.

Owens told the group that he introduced three education-based bills last session. He said each centered around school choice.

"I honestly feel that some competition even in education is good," Owens said.

Owens said while schools have good teachers and staff, sometimes a school is not a good fit for a student, and parents should have options.

Owens said he would like to see a voucher system. A voucher program allows parents to receive funds to use toward the cost of private school.

According to one of the constituents, the concern around voucher programs is the overall quality of public education if students defect to private schools.

Owens said he believes most families would likely keep their kids in public education. However, he said that should a district start losing students to private schools, it must figure out why kids leave.

Owens said if everybody were to receive the same amount of voucher, there might be higher private school enrollment numbers, but hopefully, public education would "step up."

Grant County Commissioner Sam Palmer asked Owens about Senate Bill 774, which Gov. Kate Brown signed in August, suspending essential skills testing for high school graduation for the next three years.

The essential skills graduation requirement was suspended during the pandemic to assist students who had a year of distance learning. However, the bill's proponents took it beyond the pandemic.

Owens, who served as chair of his local school board, said the bill threw out the essential skills testing requirement until 2024 and formed a committee to review what type of competencies should be required.

Owens said he supported

reviewing competency requirements and added that he does not support standardized testing.

According to Owens, the state should have varying high school diplomas in different areas, including career and technical education and accelerated learning.

"Not everybody's fit for college," Owens said, "but everybody should have the opportunity."

Owens added that he did not vote for the bill because it did not replace the existing competency requirements with something else.

"I voted no because I thought it was a bad bill," Owens said, "but I actually liked the premise. We need to look at education in the state of Oregon and how we can make sure every student has the opportunity to succeed."

Looking ahead to next year's elections, Owens said the chance of getting a moderate Republican elected governor is excellent. However, he noted that one party ruling for long periods is not good — no matter what party has a majority.

"We need to have checks and balances," Owens said.

Owens said state Sen. Betsy Johnson, a moderate Democrat who will run for governor under no party's banner in 2022, would be a viable candidate, noting her pro-life stance.

Owens also added that he would run for re-election to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2022.

Saying, "I'm not a political animal by nature," Owens lamented the level of partisan polarization in politics today.

When he got to Salem, Owens said, he thought that policy would not go through a political lens. But, unfortunately, he added, the country and the state have come to the point where that is not the reality.

"We live in the best country in the world. We're still going to live in the best country in the world two years, four years, even six years from now," Owens said. "But get off social media and hug your family, and go talk to your neighbor."

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	52/28
Thursday	48/29
Friday	48/38
Saturday	60/36
Sunday	60/38
Monday	56/40
Tuesday	43/31

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Evening showers	Morning showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
44	48	45	49	52	50	42
31	41	31	31	35	35	32