

FOURTH OF JULY, DAYVILLE STYLE

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DAYVILLE — Residents of Dayville celebrated the reopening of their community hall on Friday, July 1, and spent the following three days celebrating the independence of our nation. Festivities started on Saturday, July 2, and continued on to Independence Day on Monday, July 4.

Highlights of the celebration include a parade and a car show that included 13 entries (see accompanying story). Dayville Cafe owners Greg and Deanne Van Tassel were the grand marshals of this year's Independence Day Parade.

Other notable events included goat roping for both kids and adults, a treasure hunt and a horseshoe tournament. The city also held various contests in categories such as sidewalk chalk art, patriotic lampost decoration and home decorating.

The Dayville Community Church handed out over 200 servings of free strawberry shortcake, and the city provided free cookies to anybody who wanted them.



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Six-year-old Evie Schmadeka carries the flag while riding her pony, Cocoa, in the Dayville Fourth of July Parade on July 4, 2022.

The Best of Parade Award went to the Wyllie Clowns. Best of Parade in the kids division went to McKenzie Thompson of Dayville. The nonmotorized division first place honors went to the Jake Streeter Memorial Car Show. And the Wyllie Clowns picked up a second award at the parade, walking away with first place in the motorized division.

Winners of the horseshoe tournament were Jeff and Justin Larson of Dayville, who nabbed

first-place honors in the opening round of the tournament. Fellow Dayville residents Larry Powell and Casey Fretwell emerged the winners in the second round of the tournament.

Dayville City Recorder Ruthie Moore said this year's Fourth of July celebration was about giving back to the community in gratitude for all the fundraising that had been done in the past for the community hall. "For many years our Fourth of July celebration was a time to raise money for renovating our community hall. This year, in honor of our newly renovated community hall, we chose to give back: Strawberry shortcake was given away by the Community Church, cookies from the town, and the best pie in the state from the grand marshals. There was much to celebrate this Independence Day, and that's exactly what we did," she said.

"From start to finish, our town was filled with a lot of fun moments. Music, food, contests, classic cars, a beautiful new gathering place, and flags flying, all while enjoying those who traveled from near and far to celebrate with us," Moore added.

Car show gets strong turnout

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Cindy Streeter/Contributed Photo

Entrants in the 2022 Jake Streeter Memorial Car Show on July 4, 2022, from left: 1936 Ford pickup, 1965 Ford Mustang, 1969 Ford Mustang, 1956 Chevy dump truck, 1931 Model A Roadster, and 1965 Oldsmobile.

for the city," Streeter said. "He wasn't a city employee, but he knew where all the sewer lines and water lines and everything were. If anybody ever had a question, they always came to Jake. He lived here most of his life, practically on the same street. We've lived on this street for 41 years."

The Streeter family gets a lot of help with the car show every year from City Recorder Ruthie Moore, whom Cindy Streeter called her best friend.

"She does a lot of the scheduling and that sort of thing," Streeter said. "They always advertise that we're having it, and I put up flyers, too, in different places about it."

The car show doesn't have formal judges. Instead, members of the public vote for their favorite cars and Jake's five grandchildren also select their favorites. Selection as a favorite of one of Streeter's grandchildren is a sep-

arate honor from the overall people's choice winners.

"It's all people's choice — we don't really judge them except for the kids pick what they like," Streeter said. "Other than that, we have a voting place where people vote for their favorite car. It's a very low-key thing. It's not professional, if you want to call it that."

Turnout for the car show was as high as it has ever been this year, according to Streeter.

"It's never been higher," she said. "I think another year we had 13. It's been lower. I think one year we only had three or four, but that was in the middle of the week."

Streeter said the one thing she wants people to remember about her husband is that he always helped people.

"He was just a good person and he helped anybody that needed help," she said.

Robert James Berez

Aug. 12, 1940 – June 7, 2022

Robert (Bob) James Berez, M.D., 81, was born in Chicago, IL August 12, 1940 and passed away June 7, 2022 in McMinnville, OR after a battle with Parkinson's disease.

Bob attended Wisconsin Academy for his high school years and graduated from Andrews University in Michigan in 1962. He completed his medical training at Loma Linda University in California in 1966. Bob served a surgical internship, a four-year surgery residency, and a fellowship in vascular surgery. He was drafted, served in the U.S. Navy, and was deployed to Vietnam. He was separated from active duty in 1969 and received an Honorable Discharge as a Lt. Commander. His career as a surgeon was spent in several hospitals in Oregon and Washington, including Portland, OR; Chehalis, WA; John Day and Enterprise, OR. He retired in from his 50-year career in Hermiston, OR in December 2016 and moved to Medford and Lincoln City, OR.

Bob is survived by his wife Carol (Roessel Peterlin); brother John (Deborah); daughters, Kari (Todd) Schroeder, Diane Berez, and Michelle Berez; stepsons Paul (Martha) Peterlin and Marcus (Jayne) Peterlin; grandchildren Chase and Cooper Schroeder, Alona Berez, and Isaac and Cloey Plumlee; step grandsons Brock and Alek Peterlin; great grandchildren Jaidyn and Braelyn Berez-Franks; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Helen Berez, brothers Bill and Joe, sisters Helen and Judy, and grandson Fisher Schroeder.

A private memorial service will be held at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations to favorite charity are requested: International Children's Care, 2711 NE 134th Way, Vancouver, WA 98686. To leave online condolences, visit www.macyandson.com.

Melvin John Saunders

January 4, 1943 – July 5, 2022

Melvin John Saunders of Prairie City, OR passed away in Portland, OR on July 5, 2022.

Melvin was born in 1943 and was placed in foster care at age 11, along with his siblings ages 8-6-4-2. He led a life of his own. His rules. His passions. His motorcycles. His guns. His 4-wheeler. His crazy T-shirts.

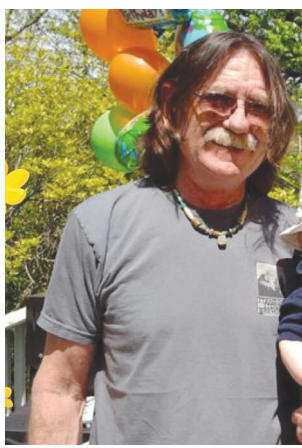
He bravely served his country at age 17. He worked at Portland Wire and Iron for 30 years after returning from the military.

He met his wife, Mae Saunders (Cowan), a schoolteacher, and together they traveled and worked and partied. And after several years they moved to Prairie City for another whole new life. New friends. New excitement and new adventures. He even built a house.

He took the road less traveled. It was his road. He measured it out. He dug the dirt, paved it and ran it. He was admired for his easy peasy grin. He was very loved by his friends and family and will be greatly missed.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Lillie Mae, son Chad Gibbs, daughter Christina Janssen and sister Patsy Saunders Lake.

Services at Willamette National Cemetery with Veterans Honors will be held in the near future. Paid for by the family of Melvin Saunders.



Tina Bossuot

September 14, 1966 – June 13, 2022

Tina Bossuot, age 55, passed away at her home in Silvies Valley, Oregon on June 13, 2022. Our dear Tina left behind her loving husband, Dave, and her daughter, Tiffany Robarge, in addition to many other family members and friends who loved Tina very much.

Tina was born in Burns, Oregon on September 14, 1966, to Louise and Melvin Shepherd. Growing up Tina loved spending time at the family ranch where she played with cousins, learned to cook, crochet and many other skills that she used throughout her life. When Tina was 6 years old, Louise married Gale Prince. Tina never thought of him as a 'stepdad.' She had not only gained a dad, but 4 siblings as well. Tina kept that same philosophy throughout her life. It didn't matter how you were related; whether by marriage or blood- you were family.

She graduated from Burns High School in 1984. She loved music and dancing; whether it was cruising around jamming to her favorite album at the time or going to concerts with friends and family. She participated in dance team in high school and has been known to have dance parties in the living room with her daughter and granddaughter.

In 1988 Tina married Scott Robarge and gained a son, Josh. In December of 1989 they welcomed their daughter, Tiffany Robarge into the world. From that day on, Tiff has been her #1. In October of 1999, Tina married her rock and best friend, Dave Bossuot. In doing so, she gained a daughter and son- Darbie and Bret. Over the last 21 years Dave and Tina have spent their time being together. Sundays were Tina's favorite day of the week because she knew she got to spend the whole day with Dave, even if that just meant staying home and hanging out. She loved spending as much time with him as she could. They loved being together, going up to the cabin, going on drives, and of course watching their grandkids play sports. They traveled to as many games as they could and Tina always loved bragging about how good they were. Nothing made her happier than celebrating Tiffany's success and Tiana's incredible athletic accomplishments.

Tina worked at a variety of places in the community, but her favorite job was babysitting. She loved each kid she took care of like they were her own. Some still today call her "Mama Tina." The kids



still talk about listening to her favorite music and dancing alongside her.

Tina was kind and loving to all. She touched many lives without even realizing it. She never did anything halfway, which included buying food. Dave said he will be set with cheerios and oatmeal for life. Tina always wanted the best for those that she loved and that meant loving them with her whole heart.

Tiff said, "My mom knew how to make the simplest things in life a celebration. She never needed anything fancy. The things she loved were so simple, like driving to the cabin with Dave, having dance parties in my living room with Tiana and me, drinking iced tea in the sun, seeing all her grandkids play in a game and going out for ice cream with Daniel and me, just to name a few. She loved music, dancing, and cooking. She would always tell me: 'Tiffany, it's the

simple things'. She is also the only grandma I know who would try to ride a skateboard, jump on a trampoline, go down a waterslide, do TikTok dances and try to ride a hoverboard. She may have broken her wrist a time or two doing it, but nothing was going to stop her. She had the biggest heart of anyone I know. I hope to be half the mom that she was to me."

Tina is survived by husband Dave Bossuot, daughter Tiffany Robarge (Dan Tooke) and granddaughter Tiana, bonus kids and grandkids Josh Robarge, Darbie Kemper (Adam) and Hunter, Easton, Cannon, Ledger, Bret Bossuot (Lydia) and Reid and Patrick, father Gale Prince and stepmother Rozann Hoffman, sister Serita Barnes (Tom) and Steven and Twyla, half-sister Melanie Shepherd, bonus sister Tanna Prince, bonus parents Alan and Ethel and many other beloved nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Tina was preceded in death by her mother Louise Prince, father Melvin Shepherd, half-brother little Melvin Shepherd, step-siblings Terryhl Prince, Tandi Ludvicsen, Todd Prince and grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Avalanche Softball-Tiana Robarge, 61126 Brookhollow Dr., Bend, OR or Hi-Desert Mat Club, P.O. Box 1031, Burns, OR.

Arrangements under the direction of LaFollette's Chapel. Paid for by the family of Tina Bossuot.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael D. Powell

Michael D. Powell, 82, of John Day passed away on Oct. 20, 2021. A memorial service with military honors will be held on Monday, July 18, at 1 p.m. at the Canyon City Cemetery. To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Sarah Jane Hamsher

Sarah Jane Hamsher, 88, of Prairie City passed away on July 2 at her residence. A celebration of her life will be announced in the near future. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carrie Young Memorial through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To offer online condolences to Sarah's family, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Eugene Clifford Freshour

July 7, 1928 – May 10, 2022

Eugene Clifford Freshour, 93, was born July 7, 1928 to George and Zulema Freshour on their beautiful ranch in St. Ignatius, Montana. He passed away on May 10, 2022 at home in Denver, Colorado. Gene was a rancher, farmer, loan officer, missionary, husband, foster parent, father, grandfather, and great grandfather many times over. He was married to his beloved wife and best friend, Jeanne Freshour, for 62 years.

Gene grew to manhood on the ranch and graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1946, then attended Montana State University and graduated in 1950. He returned home to the ranch and was married to Jeanne Cordis on November 25, 1956. In 1969, Gene and Jeanne sold the ranch forming the Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch. They moved from Colorado to Montana to Oregon following his careers in ranching, farming, and working as a loan officer with the Production Credit Association.

Gene accepted the Lord as his savior together with Jeanne on Easter day in 1964 and dedicated his life to His work ever since. They had a variety of roles working with Frontier Missions in places such as Belize, Venezuela, and England before returning to the states and moving to Canyon City, Oregon for the rest of their days. Gene was very active in the John Day Church of the Nazarene until his recent medical difficulties. Gene was steadfast in his daily prayer for those he knew, and even those he did not. His kindness, patience, love, and soft-spoken nature are unforgettable to his family. His gift for giving wise, Godly advice was appreciated by everyone who knew him.

Gene is preceded in death by his father George and his mother Zulema; his wife Jeanne Freshour, his brothers, Elmer and Walter Freshour, his sister Helen Smith, and two infant daughters. Gene is survived by his sister Lois Delaney of Moise and his brother Donald of Helena; his son Dane Freshour of Denver, CO; his daughter Ann Spies of Twin Falls, ID; his son Joel Freshour of Golden Valley, AZ; and his daughter Jennifer Sherebrenikoff of Dutch Harbor, AK. Gene leaves behind nine grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren, as well as a lasting legacy of love and devotion to Jesus. He will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held at the Christian Church on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 10:00 am in St. Ignatius, Montana. A celebration of life and lunch will follow.

Paid for by the family of Gene Freshour.



Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	83/53
Thursday	84/54
Friday	85/54
Saturday	83/52
Sunday	82/51
Monday	90/56
Tuesday	99/61

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13-19

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny
90	90	97	96	90	83	88
56	57	58	57	52	52	55