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# NEWSLETTER

JEROME PRAIRIE'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



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## Meet Tonya Simpson

Including Jerome Prairie, I have worked for three schools in the Three Rivers School District. I believe I have saved the best for last!

My story begins in 1984 when I married my husband Tom. We have 3 wonderful young men, 3 wonderful Daughter-in-laws and 4 beautiful grandbabies. My husband and I love to camp and fish at Diamond Lake. I am a HUGE Blazer fan! Oregon State Beaver baseball fan (3 time National Champions by the way) Go Beavs! We love Country Music Festivals and concerts. I am looking forward to going to the PBR World Final bull riding in Las Vegas when I retire.

I began volunteering at Madrona Elementary in 1990, and it soon became a career. While at Madrona, I was a jack-of-all-trades. 1st and 2nd grade reading was my favorite. I worked at Madrona for 14 years. I finally graduated elementary and quickly made my way to high school. I worked at HVHS for 5 years. While there, I was the Family Advocate and worked in the ERC department. Last year, I decided to step out of my comfort zone and come here. I love it here at Jerome Prairie. It is a true family.

I am blessed!!

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## Transition Center News

Rockin' in the New Year... The Transition Center began their new Winter Term with courses that focus on Health & Interpersonal Skills, Job Readiness, Basic First Aid and Emergency Skills, Self-Advocacy, Cooking and Sewing, the students were excited to be back and fully engaged.

We are also thrilled to volunteer for our new business partners! Grocery Outlet Bargain Market and Hidden Valley Market have teamed up with us to assist our young adults in developing skills that will serve our community.

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## G.E.D. & On-Line News

The Online/GED team ended 2019 with smiles and excitement while heading to the finish line of the 2019-20 school year. We had 17 classes completed and over 200 hours of work from home during winter break.

We are seeing success in our Math classes with the support of Mrs Christi Clary. She dedicates 2+ plus days per week on guiding each student on areas they feel weak while helping them realize their strengths.

Seniors will begin wrapping up essential skills requirements this month. We will focus on OSAS for those who need it while others will continue focusing on class goals.

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## Student Spot-Light



### **BoDeven Locust:**

This is Bo's 1st year at JPTC. He is a graduate of NVHS. His favorite thing to do at the Center is the cooking classes. His favorite hobbies drawing and watching movies. BoDeven would really like a job at Greenleaf or work at a store to organize and stock shelves. We enjoy Bo's positive and mature attitude. He brightens everyone's day!