

Student vaccination deadline Feb. 17

Health Dept. advises parents to update immunization records

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Immunization laws have changed in the last year, and students whose records are not up to date will be sent home Feb. 17.

State law requires all children in public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities have current documentation on their vaccinations, or have an exemption.

Grant County Health Department Manager Jessica Winegar said parents should be aware of new immunization laws and updated vaccine requirements.

The hepatitis A vaccine is a two-dose series now required for children 18 months and older in child care, preschool and kindergarten through seventh grade. Seventh-graders also need a Tdap booster to help protect them and others from pertussis (whooping cough).

Senior year high-schoolers preparing to leave for college are now required to have the measles vaccines. They are also encouraged to get a meningitis vaccine,

2015 Grant County vaccination rates

- Tdap: 92.3 percent (92.1 percent statewide)
- Meningococcal: 42.5 percent (70.3 percent)
- Seasonal influenza: 12.9 percent (24.3 percent)
- MMR (1+ doses): 98.2 percent (96.1 percent)

but it is not required by all colleges.

Winegar said the old religious exemption, signed before March 1, 2014, is no longer valid. Parents need to complete new documentation of immunizations, a medical exemption or a non-medical exemption.

Winegar said a lot of parents who were granted reli-

gious exemptions prior to that date were grandfathered in, by law, for last school year.

Under the new law, parents and guardians need to complete the vaccine education module again to claim the nonmedical exemption. If parents already did this last school year, they don't have to do it again.

Three options are available:

- If the child has received the vaccines, parents can turn in the information to the school or child care.

- If parents want a non-medical exemption, they can complete the new process and turn in two forms — Certificate of Immunization Status and a Vaccine Education Certificate.

- For a medical exemption, parents should get a letter from the child's primary care provider with the information stated on the Certificate of Immunization Status form. Turn the letter in to the school or child care facility. Medical exemptions are reviewed and approved

by the health department.

Submit the vaccine documentation as soon as possible to avoid the risk of receiving a notice the child will be excluded due to missing records.

Parents seeking immunizations for their children should contact their health care provider, local health department or dial 2-1-1 to find a place to get vaccinated. Pharmacists can also immunize children 7 and older.

To learn more, visit www.healthoregon.org/imm or follow Oregon Immunization Program on Facebook.

For more information, call the Grant County Health Department at 541-575-0429.

Offices close for Presidents' Day

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Several offices and other places will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15, in honor of Presidents' Day.

The closures include all Malheur National Forest locations, all Grant County offices, the Department of Motor Vehicles and all public schools.

OBITUARIES

Nelda Marie Morton May 27, 1920 — Feb. 5, 2016

Nelda Marie Morton, 95, formerly of Baker, Malheur, Wallowa and Union counties, died Feb. 5 at Valley View Assisted Living facility in John Day. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City.

Morton was born May 27, 1920, in Bridgeport where her parents homesteaded a cattle ranch. She went to grade school in Bridgeport and attended Baker City High School — the old original high school. Her father hired a ranch hand, Joseph Kulis, with whom she fell in love — "at first sight," she said.

They married in Boise, Idaho in 1939. The following year, their son, Ken, was born, and they moved to Baker City.

Her father contracted Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and when he died, they moved back to help her mother run the cattle ranch. In 1952, her husband was killed in a tractor accident on the ranch. She and her 12-year-old son, Ken, helped her mother continue running the ranch for the next five years. Because of a deer problem, the Oregon State Game Commission came out to the ranch to assess the deer damage. That's when she met Karl Morton.

They married in June 1956 and moved back to Baker. Ken ran the ranch with his grandmother until it sold in 1960.

Her husband became the manager at Winehaw Game Reserve in Troy, where they lived until he retired.

After retirement, they moved to Ontario, where they bought a brand new home. They enjoyed winters in Baja, Mexico, with friends. After he died from cancer, she and her black kitty, Prince, moved into Valley View Assisted Living in John Day.

She worked hard most of her life running a ranch. She loved the outdoors and was an avid gardener. She was a good cook, and she spent many hours canning and preserving their harvest the old-fashioned way. She loved her home, and she was an immaculate housekeeper. She enjoyed embroidery and was passionate about crocheting, creating hundreds of doilies and going through a new spool of thread every two days.

Survivors include her son, Ken (Gloria) Kulis of John Day; granddaughter, Donnetta of John Day; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On June 16, 2015, she welcomed her first great-great-grandson, Miles Stoneman.

Memorial donations may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



James Louis 'Jim' Dyckhoff III May 17, 1947 - Jan. 8, 2016

James Louis "Jim" Dyckhoff III passed away Jan. 8 in Helena, Montana, near family.

Dyckhoff was born in McCloud, California, May 17, 1947, the oldest of 10 children.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war, then fished the seas of Alaska.

Dyckhoff worked in construction for many years and even built his own home by hand on 140 acres in Eastern Oregon. He spent more than 40 years in Oregon where he lived the outdoor life he loved of hunting and fishing.

Dyckhoff always had a smile on his face, and he was always willing to help out anyone in need.

He was preceded in death by his father, James L. Dyckhoff II, in 2014. He is survived by his mother, Doris Dyckhoff, who resides in California.

There will be a memorial at 4 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Long Creek. All who knew and loved this man are asked to come and remember the wonderful life he lived.

Ruth Caroline Cummings Feb. 3, 2016

Ruth Caroline Cummings, 88, of Mt. Vernon, died Feb. 3 at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. Services are pending at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Kenneth Clinton Lang Jan. 26, 1920 — Jan. 30, 2016

BEND — Kenneth Clinton Lang, 96, of Redmond, formerly of John Day, died Jan. 30. There are no services planned at this time.

Lang was born Jan. 26, 1920, and lived in Redmond and John Day.

Arrangements are under the care of Baird Funeral Home of Bend, 2425 N.E. Tweet Place, Bend, OR 97703.

BIRTHS

Grayson Lee Montague

Courtney and Bryan Montague of Mt. Vernon announce the birth of their son, Grayson Lee Montague, at 7:55 a.m. Jan. 20, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Steven and Gayla Skeen of Union, and Vicki and Austin Duane Drewett of Mt. Vernon. Great-grandparents are Janice Childress and Ronald "Dee" Childress of John Day.



Barbara Blackstone Ledden July 29, 1924 — January 22, 2016

Barbara Blackstone Ledden passed away in her sleep at her home on January 22, 2016, at the age of 91. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the McMinnville United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at 2pm.

Barbara was born in Omaha, Nebraska, to Lloyd Warren Peck and Estella Mae Blackstone Peck. She was their first child. She was joined by three brothers, Thomas and Arthur, now deceased, and John of Rohnert Park, CA. The family lived in Sioux City, Iowa where Barbara graduated from high school. During high school, she played the cello and rose to occupy first chair in the orchestra.

While spending her adult life as a mother and housewife, Barbara was active in the life of the communities where she lived. She was a troop leader and council member with Girl Scouts. She was a life member of Eastern Star and participated with her daughter in Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. Barbara loved to garden and participated in Garden Clubs wherever she lived. She was an artist who used watercolors as a medium to depict nature in all its glory. She enjoyed making objects of beauty out of the things nature provided (seed pods and cones, flower petals, leaves, etc.).

Barbara took an active role in the Christian life. From early childhood she attended church. In adulthood, she gave active leadership to the church's program where she attended. Her love of music was expressed in singing in the choir. She was a member of United Methodist Women and served as President of local units; President and Secretary/Treasurer on the District level; and Treasurer and Vice President of the Annual Conference U.M.W.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Robert Ledden Sr., and four children: Sue Ann Strong, Napa, California; Deborah Strong, Portland, Oregon; Cynthia Harris, Prairie City, Oregon; and Marc Strong, Prairie City, Oregon. She is survived by six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Terry, and a son, Robert.

To leave condolences, visit <http://www.macyandson.com>.

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Chapel plans game nights

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PRAIRIE CITY — Looking for something fun for the family?

Grace Chapel in Prairie City is planning the second annual family game nights from 6:30-8 p.m. every Saturday through

the month of February.

Bring your favorite games and snacks and be prepared for an evening of fun. Everyone is welcome.

Grace Chapel is at 154 E. Williams St. in Prairie City.

Call 541-620-4198 for more information.

Grant County Road Department

On February 1, 2016, the Grant County Road Department will begin a Culvert Replacement Project, located on Canyon Creek Lane, County Road 65, south of 395S. It is anticipated this project will last for approximately 2-3 weeks. There will be one-lane traffic with flaggers 24/7.

For further information, contact the Grant County Road Department at 541-575-3783, or 541-575-0138. Monday-Friday, 7am-3:30 pm.

LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

| JOHN DAY | HI/LO |
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| TUESDAY | 39/21 |
| WEDNESDAY | 38/28 |
| THURSDAY | 44/32 |
| FRIDAY | 52/32 |
| SATURDAY | 49/37 |
| SUNDAY | 57/33 |
| MONDAY | 64/35 |

24/7 FORECAST
AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122
ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM
WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO
NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY
162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 10-16

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| | | | | | | |
| Mostly sunny | Partly sunny | Slight chance of rain | Slight chance of rain | Chance of rain | Slight chance of rain | Cloudy and cooler |
| 54 | 51 | 55 | 50 | 50 | 53 | 53 |
| 30 | 34 | 38 | 30 | 33 | 30 | 22 |

Ski Report: Anthony Lakes: Base 66 inches; no new snow.