



The Grant Union senior band stands to take a bow during their Oct. 25 fall concert.

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The Grant Union Junior-Senior High School choir sings with air guitar moves, led by Mary Ann Vidourek, at the Oct. 25 fall concert.



The Grant Union junior high band bows at the end of their presentation.

GU talents displayed at fall concert

Director Vidourek to stay till end of 2016

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Extra chairs were set up to accommodate a larger-than-expected crowd for the Tuesday, Oct. 25, Grant Union Junior-Senior High School fall concert.

Director Mary Ann Vidourek led the choir of students in grades 7 through 12 and the junior and senior bands.

The choir clapped along to "All Night, All Day" and even had some air guitar moves as they sang "Stomp Box."

Sophomore Samantha Floyd was accompanist for the choir.

The junior band's song selections included the familiar



Grant Union band and choir director Mary Ann Vidourek stands with sophomore trombonist, and accompanist for the choir, Samantha Floyd at the close of the Oct. 25 fall concert at the school.

"Star Wars" theme song. "Oregon Trail" by Mike Story was the kickoff song for the senior band, and they ended with a fall favorite "Dr. Rockenstein" by Steve Hodg-

es. Vidourek retired from Grant Union last school year, moving to Redmond, and she

is back at the job temporarily until a replacement is found.

She said school officials hope to have a new director hired by the end of 2016.

"It was exciting for everyone to be back together again," she said.

Vidourek added she was pleased with the effort the students gave for their first performance of the year.

The choir presented songs they performed at the Oct. 19 Tri-County Choir Festival in Echo, which included students from six schools.

"The choir had a lot of fun singing," she said of last week's concert. "The bands are young, and I see a bright future ahead for them."

Next up for Vidourek, she



Senior band members perform, including Annie Wall, front, Caleb Dilley, back left, Kohlten Jones and Alyssa Hoffman.

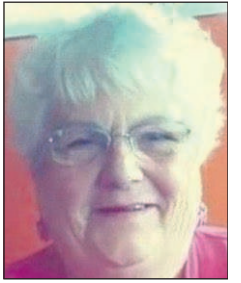


Grant Union junior high band member Clara Carr plays the xylophone.

plans to direct Grant Union and Humbolt Elementary students in their annual Christmas concert.

OBITUARIES

Mary Jane Allen
May 29, 1944 - Oct. 20, 2016



Mary Jane Allen, 72, of John Day passed away Thursday, Oct. 20, at Blue Mountain Hospital. A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 26, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in John Day, followed by a procession to Canyon City Cemetery.

Allen was born May 29, 1944, to James Earl and Tina Inez (Keeney) Sharp, and was the youngest of three children. She married James K. Allen II on Feb. 23, 1967, and together they raised four children.

She spent most of her life in Grant County. She had a deep love for the area and the people. She attended all 12 years of schooling in John Day and Canyon City, and formed many lifelong friendships. Several years of her childhood were spent at the J bar L Guest Ranch with her family, exploring the surrounding area on horseback, and eventually wearing the title of junior rodeo queen. She was active in the community and a longtime member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was the happiest when she was helping others. She volunteered her time at the local genealogy libraries. She could also be found at Valley View doing nails, and visiting with the residents. She enjoyed being part of the 4th of July Committee, the Grant County Fair and the Truckers Light Parade. She loved her family and enjoyed trips to Central Oregon, Alaska and Eugene to hug grandchildren, and spending time with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren that lived near her.

She never knew a stranger, and many in the community claimed her as their own. She had a way of seeking out those that needed a little extra love and making them feel welcome. Her presence will be missed by many including her little dog, Miley.

Allen was preceded in death by her husband, James K. Allen II, her parents, sister Edna May Sheets and brother Ed Sharp.

She is survived by her son, John F. Allen and his wife, Bonnie, of Prineville; three daughters, Renee Smart and her husband, Ken, of Mapleton, Stephi Allen of La Grande and Mindy Winegar and her husband, Toby, of John Day; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to John Day Canyon City Parks and Recreation through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Raymond Elvey 'Ray' Chidester
Oct. 5, 1914 - Oct. 19, 2016

Raymond Elvey "Ray" Chidester, 102, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 19, in Charlottesville, Virginia, surrounded by his children. Born Oct. 5, 1914, in Hallstead, Pennsylvania, he attended Thaddeus Stevens Technical School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was a scientific instrument maker for the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Colorado, and Washington, D.C., and was an extraordinary clock and watchmaker. He could fix anything and had a sweet sense of humor and kind ways.

Chidester and his wife, Frances, moved to John Day in 1984 from Virginia to be with their new granddaughter, Camille Thompson. They were members of the First Baptist Church in John Day and resided on Brent Street until 1993. Chidester repaired many watches and clocks for neighbors and friends, and his wife was the church secretary. They had many fond memories of the John Day Valley and their friends there.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Frances Lucas Chidester; his parents, Sarah and Holdridge Chidester; and brother, Merle Chidester. He was survived by four children, Alan Chidester of Moscow, Idaho, Nina Chidester Thompson (Joseph), of Charlottesville, David Chidester (Soudabeh Hadipour) of Richmond, Virginia, and Phillip Chidester (Bunny) of Richmond; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be sent to Hospice of the Piedmont, Development Office, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911.

Philip Stephen Gause
May 18, 1930 - Oct. 21, 2016

Philip Stephen Gause, 86, of Mt. Vernon passed away Friday, Oct. 21, in Mt. Vernon. No public services will be held.

Gause was born May 18, 1930, to Francis and Agnus (Morris) Gause in Yakima, Washington.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Gause, of Mt. Vernon, six children and several grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Earlene Rose Durant

Earlene Rose Durant, 78, of Prairie City passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, at her home, surrounded by family. A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Assembly of God Church in Prairie City. Memorial contributions may be made to the Earlene Durant memorial fund at Old West Federal Credit Union. To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com. Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

M. Gregg Smith

M. Gregg Smith of Prairie City passed away Monday, Oct. 31, in Keizer. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande.

CORRECTION

Dr. Raffaella Betza's name was incorrectly spelled in last week's article, "Just what the doctor ordered." The Eagle regrets the error.

Cowboy Chapel Hour
KJDY,
Sunday, 7 a.m.
"Easy Listening"

THANK YOU

The family of Bill Deist would like to express our heartfelt thank you for all the love and support we have received at this difficult time. All the prayers, cards, flowers, and food given to our families was truly appreciated. We would also like to thank those who made contributions to the charities that Bill chose. Thank you to Driskill Memorial Chapel for all of your help and kindness and the Elk's Lodge for the dinner following the service. We feel very blessed to have such caring friends and families.

Thank you,

Patti Deist, Dan & Cheri Deist and family, Jeanna & Pat Kiser and family, Janice Officer, Jim Officer and families and Karen Officer and families.

Glenn R. Gray, 87, passed away Sunday, October 16, at his home in Phoenix, Oregon, with his wife, Arlene, by his side. He was born May 5, 1929 in Elk, Washington to John A. (Jack) and Cora L. Gray. His older brother was John R. Gray (Jack). The family also lived in Vale, Oregon, and moved to Seneca, Oregon, where Glenn grew up. He attended Grant Union High School, graduating in 1947. Glenn married Thelma Campbell in 1950. They made their home in John Day and had two children, Roger F. Gray and Laurie Gray Hueckman.

Glenn was a timber faller, and did contract logging with his crew of fallers for several decades in Eastern Oregon. He was a charter member of the Elks BPOE 1824 in John Day. He was a member of the Grant County Sheriff's Posse for several years. Thelma preceded him in death in 1982.

Glenn married Arlene Amos March 10, 1984. They spent their leisure time boating and fishing, and traveling south in the winters. Glenn was forced to retire in 1989 due to a back injury suffered in the woods. Then they traveled full time in their RVs for 10 years. When he could no longer travel they settled in Phoenix, OR for 16 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and one great-grandchild, Isabel Hueckman. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, and children, Roger F. Gray, Laurie Gray Hueckman, Pam Halbert and Lori Williams, his grandchildren Jill, Brian, and Steven Hueckman, and several nieces and nephews.

At Glenn's request, no services will be held.

Paid for by the family of Glenn R. Gray

LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	62/48
WEDNESDAY	67/51
THURSDAY	59/43
FRIDAY	56/48
SATURDAY	56/41
SUNDAY	55/41
MONDAY	55/29

24/7 FORECAST

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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM
WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY
162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 2-8

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Partly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and mild	Partly sunny and mild	Showers and cooler	Sun and high clouds	More sun than clouds
62	63	65	66	51	54	55
42	37	37	45	35	29	33