

Grant Union sophomore bassoonist performs at All-State

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Grant Union sophomore Samantha Floyd was in the spotlight Jan. 14, performing with 150 other top-notch high school musicians in the All-State symphonic band concert at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene.

Floyd auditioned and was selected for the band, playing bassoon.

After two full days of rehearsals on Jan. 12-13 at the Oregon Music Education Association event, the work culminated with concerts from choirs, bands and orchestras.

Floyd said she enjoyed the event.

“It’s nice to be around people with a shared pas-

sion,” she said.

This is the first year Floyd has participated at All-State on bassoon. She played trombone the last three years she was chosen for All State.

Grant Union music director Lori Hart said she’s been impressed with Floyd’s level of involvement with music.

“Samantha is a strong player,” she said. “She is dedicated to going the extra mile to play with other musicians and students.”

Floyd has played in the Harney County Chamber Orchestra and teaches music at the Summer at the YAP Youth Arts Program.

Among her other musical pursuits, Floyd writes her own music and currently teaches eight piano students.



Grant Union High School sophomore band student Samantha Floyd, who plays bassoon, was among hundreds of Oregon’s top high school musicians performing at the Oregon Music Education Association’s All-State program Jan. 12-15 in Eugene.

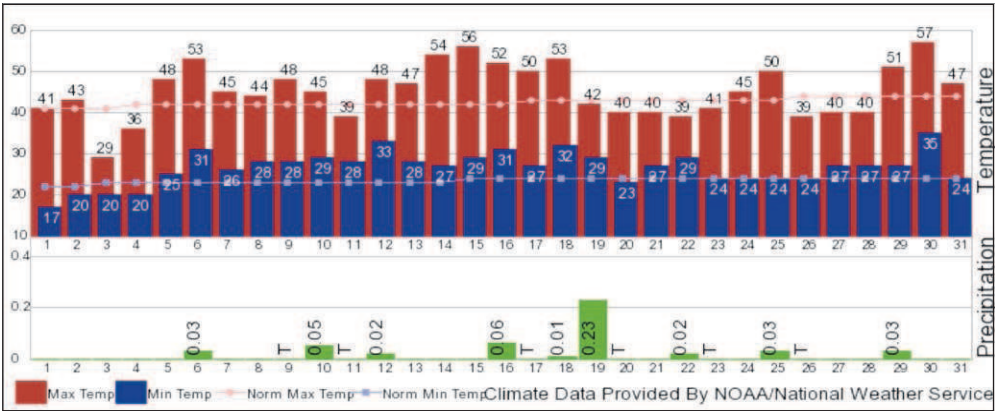
January warmer than normal

Above-normal temperatures expected in February

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Temperatures in John Day averaged warmer than normal during the month of January, according to preliminary data received by the National Weather Service.

The average temperature was 35.9 degrees, which was 2.9 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 45.2 degrees, which was 2.7 degrees above normal. The highest was 57 degrees on Jan. 30. Low temperatures averaged 26.5 degrees, which was 3.1 degrees above normal. The lowest was 17 degrees, on Jan. 1.



Temperatures in John Day were warmer than normal in January and are expected to be above normal in February.

There were 28 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There was one day when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.48 inches during January, which was 0.50 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on nine days with the

heaviest, 0.23 inches, reported on Jan. 19.

Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 3.48 inches, which is 1.08 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 41 mph, which occurred on Jan. 11.

The outlook for Febru-

ary from NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day during February are 47.4 degrees, and normal lows are 24.8 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.75 inches.

BRIEFLY

Free fishing days Feb. 17-18

It’s free to fish, crab or clam on the Saturday and Sunday of President’s Day Weekend in Oregon. During these two days, no fishing licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag and a Columbia River Basin Endorsement) are required to fish, crab or clam anywhere in Oregon. Although no licenses or tags are required, all other regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. Under statute set by the Oregon State Legislature, the Or-

egon Department of Fish and Wildlife can offer eight days of free fishing each year. The six other days of free fishing in Oregon this year are June 2-3, Sept. 1-2 and Nov. 23-24.

Skinner named to Olivet dean’s list

Joshua Skinner of Canyon City was named to the dean’s list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed fall 2017 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean’s list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and

must have attained a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

Houser, Hettinga named to Pacific dean’s list

Rayne Houser of Canyon City and Emmalee Hettinga of Dayville were named to the dean’s list at Pacific University for fall semester 2017. They are among 459 undergraduate students at Pacific University to achieve this high academic honor. To qualify for the dean’s list, a student must achieve a term grade-point

average 3.70 and complete 12 or more graded hours.

Grant Union announces perfect attendance

Grant Union Junior-Senior High School has announced students with perfect attendance for the first semester: Sage Browning, Daniel Henry, Andrew Hunt and Emma Schlarbaum, seventh grade; Sam McCracken, eighth grade; Jordan Hall, ninth grade; and Taylor Hunt, Megan McManama, Curtis Perry, Kellen Shelley and CharLee Wolf, 10th grade.

PRAIRIE CITY SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — JANUARY

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Nate Barber nominated seventh-grader Laken McKay, whom he said is great to have in the classroom. “She is quiet, but she is a go-getter,” he said. “She is an amazing athlete and student. She is thoughtful and hard working in the quality of her schoolwork and how she treats her classmates. She seems to always have a smile on her face.”



Laken McKay

Lindy Cruise nominated junior Levi Burke. “Levi is a strong leader and always has a positive attitude in class,” she said. “He is kind and empathetic to everyone in our school, and puts in a lot of hard work to be successful in his academics, athletics and FFA.”



Levi Burke

MONUMENT SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — DECEMBER



Morgan Cole
Fifth grade



Samantha Adams Choate
Ninth grade

OSU EXTENSION OPEN HOUSE DRAWS CROWD



A group of youths enjoy a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activity with leaders during the Jan. 26 open house at the Oregon State University Extension office in John Day. The daylong event featured a full slate of activities, including tree care and interior decorating workshops.

OBITUARIES

Virginia A. Knowles

Virginia A. Knowles, 87, of John Day passed away Friday, Feb. 2, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. To offer condolences to her family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

A man wakes up in the morning after sleeping on an **ADVERTISED BED**, in **ADVERTISED PAJAMAS**.

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Thank you to the Blue Mt. Care Center staff, the organizations and individuals who support the Care Center residents, Dr. Lieuallen, Driskill Memorial staff, and Boyd and Janine. Your kindness is felt deeply and will be remembered.

Lois had that twinkle in her eye and sweet smile nearly to her passing.

We all love and miss her.

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	56/31
WEDNESDAY	38/29
THURSDAY	52/33
FRIDAY	58/44
SATURDAY	58/42
SUNDAY	58/46
MONDAY	53/36

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 7-13

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Clouds and sun	Clouds and sun
58	63	48	43	48	49	38
41	36	26	22	30	21	24