

# Master spellers compete

By Angel Carpenter  
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Grant County's best spellers, 100 students in grades 1-12, tested their skills Tuesday, May 8, at the Grant County Education Service District spelling bee.

Students from all the county public schools gathered at the John Day Elks Lodge 1824 for the event.

District Superintendent Robert Waltenburg told all the students to remember, "You are the cream of the crop."

Max Bailey, a Grant Union seventh-grader, said his toughest word was "colloquial."

The winners of the spelling bee received a Kindle Fire, and those in Divisions I, II and III, will have the opportunity to compete at the state level. The second-place winners received a hydro-flask, and those in third place were given a backpack.

**Results**

**Division III (grades 9-12)**  
Cody Combs, first place, junior, Grant Union  
Thomas Kreamier, second place, freshman, Long Creek  
Dante Valentine, third place, senior, Grant Union

**Division II (grades 6-8)**  
Max Bailey, first place, grade 7, Grant Union  
Bradlee Smith, second place, grade 6, Seneca  
Jonathan Nehl, third place, grade 6, Humbolt

**Division I (grades 4-5)**  
Sarah Smith, first place, grade 4, Seneca  
Nicholas Devine, second place, grade 5, Monument  
Logan Randleas, third place, grade 5, Humbolt

**Primary Division (grades 1-3)**  
Adalyn Judd, first place, grade 2, Humbolt  
Laignhney Barzee, second place, grade 3, Dayville  
Emma Field, third place, grade 3, Prairie City



**Winners of Division III (grades 9-12) at the Grant County Education Service District's spelling bee are, from left, Cody Combs, first place, junior, Grant Union; Thomas Kreamier, second place, freshman, Long Creek; and Dante Valentine, third place, senior, Grant Union.**



**Winners of Division II (grades 6-8), from left, Max Bailey, first place, grade 7, Grant Union; Bradlee Smith, second place, grade 6, Seneca; and Jonathan Nehl, third place, grade 6, Humbolt.**



**Winners of Division I (grades 4-5), from left, are, Sarah Smith, first place, grade 4, Seneca; Nicholas Devine, second place, grade 5, Monument; Logan Randleas, third place, grade 5, Humbolt.**



**Winners of the Primary Division (grades 1-3) are, from left: Adalyn Judd, first place, grade 2, Humbolt; Laignhney Barzee, second place, grade 3, Dayville; and Emma Field, third place, grade 3, Prairie City.**

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## OBITUARIES

### Clifton Marsh

May 2, 1945 - May 11, 2018

Clifton Lee Marsh, 73, of Dayville passed away Friday, May 11, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. May 26 at West Branch Cemetery in Mitchell, with a potluck to follow.

He was born May 2, 1945, in Prineville to Bessie Stevenson and D.C. Marsh and attended Mitchell High School. He went on to attend college in Boise, Idaho, and later joined the Army. After his service, he became a self-employed rancher and logger.

Marsh lived a simple life ranching and logging. He loved living in Grant County and giving back to the community. Some of his hobbies included volunteering at the Red Cross and food bank, hunting and fishing. He loved spending time outdoors, but his favorite was spending time with family. He was very proud of his two sons, Rocky and Dusty, and his grandchildren. He would give you the shirt off of his back if you needed it.

Marsh is survived by his sons, Rocklyn Marsh of Powell Butte and Dusty Marsh of Anchorage, Alaska; Judy Zapata of Dayville; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Joyce Mooney. To leave a condolence, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

### Elizabeth Carrol Miller Moles

Aug. 6, 1937 - April 27, 2018

Elizabeth "Liz" Moles passed away April 27 at home, surrounded by loved ones. A memorial service was held Saturday, May 12, at the John Day Senior Center with Pastor Jack Retherford officiating the service.

Moles was born in Fairfax, Oklahoma, on Aug. 6, 1937, to Mabel and Homer Miller. Her brother Billie was 10 years old and excited to finally have a sibling. She lived in Oklahoma until her parents moved in 1939 to Canby and bought a farm.

Moles attended school in Molalla. During her high school years, she met and married her high school sweetheart David R. Moles. The two of them eloped and on Aug. 8, 1952, they were married, when she was 15 years old. They had four children together, Carol, David, Donald and Connie. They lived in Scotts Mills, Mulino, Silverton, Oregon City and Salem.

In the summer of 1964, they moved to John Day. He worked at John Day Motor Company, and she worked at Marion's Cafe. They divorced a few years later.

On Dec. 31, 1967, she married the love of her life, Raymond L. Moles. This union created an even bigger family as his children, Terri, Renee, Laura, Shawn and Ray, joined the already full house. They enjoyed many hunting and fishing adventures together.

She was a master seamstress. She shared her sewing abilities with the youth of Grant County by volunteering as a 4-H leader. She also made beautiful matching dresses for granddaughters and taught her children how to sew as well. She was a great cook. Later in her life, she learned how to paint. It took some coaxing by her best friend of 54 years, Dorothy Palmer, but in this venture she created some beautiful portraits of her children and multiple country landscapes.

Moles will be remembered for her fierce love of her family. She was deeply loved and will be deeply missed by those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her brother Billie; husband, Raymond; and grandson Joseph.

She is survived by her children Terri Stevens (Larry) of Silverton, Carol Thompson (Darwin) of John Day, Renee Marks (Cory) of Prairie City, David Moles and Donald Moles of John Day, Laura Moles of Umatilla, Connie Karns (Jim) of Chehalis, Washington, Ray Moles (Vicki) of Silverton and Shawn Moles of John Day; 30 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice, 422 W. Main St., John Day, OR 97845. To leave condolences, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

### Wayne H. Foss

Wayne H. Foss, 74, of Grant County died Oct. 30, 2017. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Canyon City park. Following the service, a lunch will be served at the Canyon City Community Hall.

## Elementary youths learn at Health and Safety Fair

Students from Grant County schools join in

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Grant County elementary students learned about dental health, bike safety and more May 9 at the Health and Safety Fair at Humbolt Elementary.

Students in grades 3-6 from Humbolt, Seneca, Prairie City, Dayville and Monument schools enjoyed the educational event, organized by Grant County Safe Communities Coalition member Debi Hueckman.

Helpers at six stations taught a variety of topics, with Hueckman teaching about bike safety and helmet use.

Hands shot up at Erin Gosnell and Jenni Workman's table as they asked the kids which of several drinks contained the most sugar.

Workman and Gosnell are nurses at the Grant County



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**Prairie City students in grades 3-6 guess which sodas and other drinks have the most sugar as they learn about nutrition and fitness from registered nurse Erin Gosnell of the Grant County Health Department and Community Counseling Solutions. The Health and Safety Fair was held at Humbolt Elementary School in Canyon City.**

Health Department, and Gosnell also works as a nurse at Community Counseling Solutions.

The students also learned about handling stress and peer pressure and being kind and thoughtful, made aromatherapy playdough and had a true-or-false quiz about dental health.

Oral health program coordinator Alanna Chamulak of Lakeview gave out questions for the kids, who each held up a larger-than-life, double-sided paper tooth with their true or false answer.

Question: "Was cotton candy invented by a dentist?"  
Answer: "True."

Chamulak and Kimberly Mecham of Bend talked about the importance of flossing and demonstrated using yarn and a plastic Mega Blok.

"You're missing 40 percent of your teeth if you don't floss," she said. "Would your parents be OK if you got 60 percent on a test?"

The students answered, "No!"

Funding for the event was provided by the local Community Advisory Council, Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization and Oregon Department of Transportation's traffic safety division.

"It was a great day, showing students how to be safe and healthy in their everyday choices," Hueckman said.

She added the information the youths learned at each of the stations "can make a real difference in their lives as they become teens and adults."

"It's likely they can share what they learned today with their parents and adults in their lives and teach them some things," she said.

Great things are happening!

EOU IS CONNECTED

► EOU officially breaks ground on the Stadium-Track Project at a special ceremony on Saturday, May 5

► Campus librarian Shirley Roberts earns Distinguished Service Award from the Oregon Library Association

► Senior hurdler Matt Kirkendall broke a 55-year-old school record in the 110-meter hurdles

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SATURDAY .....	69/47
SUNDAY .....	76/44
MONDAY .....	79/46

### 24/7 FORECAST

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Possible thunderstorms	Cloudy with showers	Mostly cloudy	Sun and clouds	Possible thunderstorms	Partly sunny	Sun and clouds
69	71	67	71	72	71	77
49	49	47	47	48	42	46