

Courthouse will get a new roof

Pendleton company gets the job

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The Grant County Court voted Nov. 6 to have a contractor replace the courthouse's aging roof.

After years of repairing the roof to prevent leaks, the combination of time, wear and tear have forced the county court to declare an emergency — the roof needs to be replaced before it begins to rain and snow. The next time it rains or snow melts, the roof will leak, said Grant County Judge Scott Myers.

Palmer Roofing Company from Pendleton will replace the roof and add 2 inch polyISO insulation. When talking about the bids, Darrell McKrola, an independent contractor in Grant County, shared his concern with this project going to a company outside of the county.

"To me, as a Grant County citizen, it's a little frustrating watching that kind of work go to a guy from Pendleton without much notice or opportunities for the local guys," McKrola said.

McKrola said that this would be a project that he could do, but he would not be available to work on the project until December because he already made commitments. Since the roof is in a vulnerable condition, the court had to move forward with a team that can begin working as soon as possible.

"I know that we've discussed this many times before about keeping work local as much as possible and I would really like to do that, but then again, what if a storm happens?" said Commissioner Sam Palmer.

"What happens in



Judge Scott Myers pointing at the various leaks on the third floor of the Grant County Courthouse.



A majority of the fans on the roof will be taken out since they are old and have been the source of many leaks.



Grant County Court Judge Scott Myers shows why the roof needs to be replaced at the courthouse and why leaks happen.

December when they try to rip the roof off in a foot of snow?" Commissioner Jim Hamsher said.

When looking for bids, Myers said that he did consider local contractors for the new roof.

"I know most of the contractors in town and I didn't know that Darrell had experience with mop roofs," said Myers. "I've called Smuckers and other contractors in town. I'm a licensed roofer

and I wouldn't even consider taking that project on myself."

The bid for the new roof is \$179,995 and will be paid from the courthouse reserve funds. According to Myers, Palmer Roofing will begin work on the roof right away, but no date has been set as to when the project will end. Myers estimates that the project could take up to a week to complete.

While the bid was approved by Palmer and Myers, Hamsher voted no in order to continue looking at bids until Friday.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Joan Ray

Evelyn Joan Ray, 78, of John Day, passed away Oct. 31 at Valley View Assisted Living. No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To light a candle for Evelyn or to offer online condolences to her family, please visit driskillmemorialchapel.com

Orville C. Casey

Former John Day resident Orville C. Casey, 86, died in Medford on Oct. 15. He was born Oct. 4, 1933. Casey and his wife, Darlene, lived in John Day from 1993-98. Services will be held at Eagle Point National Cemetery at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, with a reception following.

Wayne Leroy McKinnis

With great sadness, we announce the death of Wayne Leroy McKinnis. He died peacefully at his assisted living home in Medford on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Wayne was born in Summerville to Ralph and Hazel McKinnis. He was the middle of five siblings: brothers, Harold, Myron, Maurice and sister, Shirley. Wayne graduated from Grant Union High School in John Day where he was a proud member of the 1943 state champion football team.

He joined the Navy and was sent to Guam and Hawaii during WWII, where he served as a radio dispatcher. After serving his country, he returned to John Day and began his career working at the Chevrolet and Ford dealerships.

Wayne married Alice in 1955 and raised their family in John Day. He loved to hunt and fish, and left his family with many fond memories of camping adventures. He was an avid fly fisherman, traveling to Alaska most summers for over 20 years to visit his daughter, grandchildren and go fishing with the bears at Brooks Camp.

After retiring, Wayne and Alice moved to Bend. He loved following and attending his grandchildren's sporting events and activities. Wayne and Alice spent their last years in an assisted living facility in Medford being closer to their son, Brian.

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife Alice in 2018; son, Doug White; and daughter, Beverly Smith. He is survived by his sons, Robert McKinnis, Brian McKinnis (Nancy) and Dave White; and daughter, Sandy Durrell (Brian); along with 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life is planned for Friday, Nov. 29, at the home of his son, Brian, in Talent. Plans are pending for an interment celebration for Wayne and Alice in John Day in the coming year. Funeral arrangements are being made by Rogue Valley Funeral Alternatives of Medford.

Nathan G. Maloy

Nathan G. Maloy, 21, of John Day, died Saturday, Nov. 9. A memorial service will be held Monday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in John Day.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nathan Gene Maloy Memorial Fund or to the Ronald McDonald House through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To light a candle in Nathan's memory or to offer online condolences to his family, please visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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The Blue Mountain Eagle will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 to spend Thanksgiving with our families.

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Day	HI/LO
John Day Tuesday	64/36
Wednesday	56/31
Thursday	58/30
Friday	69/36
Saturday	65/39
Sunday	60/38
Monday	56/32

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Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Weather							
Forecast	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High	59	60	55	54	59	55	48
Low	40	36	35	35	33	23	21