

Grant County schools post excellent graduation rates



Eagle file photo
Dayville School District has graduated all of its students the past two school years.

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Graduation rates at Grant County schools were well above the state average following the 2018-2019 school year. Each school district in the county beat the statewide average of 80%, the highest rate ever recorded in the state, according to data released by the Oregon

Department of Education. Three local districts had perfect rates last year. Monument's class of 2019 began with four students, and all four graduated. The district's rate was 100% the previous year as well. Seven students started in Dayville with two transferring before their senior years. All five that remained

graduated, up from a rate of 50% in 2017-2018. Long Creek's class began with eight students. Although all but one transferred, the remaining student earned a diploma. The previous year, Long Creek's rate was 66.7%. At the largest district, Grant, the class began with 50 students, and 10 transferred. Thirty-seven stu-

dents graduated for a rate of 92.5%, up from 92.11% the previous year. Although Prairie City School District had the lowest rate at 84.6%, only two students failed to graduate. The grade level started with 16 students, and three transferred. Eleven of the remaining 13 earned a diploma. The rate was 88.9% the previous year.

Grant will improve small-animal barn at County fairgrounds

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Northwest Farm Credit Services has awarded the Grant County 4-H Association in John Day a \$2,000 Northwest FCS Rural Community Grant. In a statement, the association said, "We thank Northwest Farm Credit Services for the grant. The funds will be used to revitalize our local small-animal barn. The current barn has allowed youth to house animals during fair for over 50 years, but it is in need of remodeling. With this grant, youth will have the opportunity to house animals at this location for many years to come." In 2019, Northwest FCS committed over \$237,000 to 190 projects in rural communities across Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Since the program's inception in 2007, it has awarded 1,182 grants totaling more than \$1.99 million. The next rural grant deadline is Feb. 1. Visit northwestfcs.com/stewardship/rural-communities for more information and an application.



Contributed photo
From left, Northwest FCS Insurance Agent Beau Reynolds presents a \$2,000 Rural Community Grant to revitalize the small-animal barn at the Grant County Fairgrounds to the Grant County 4-H Association, represented by OSU Extension Office Coordinator Carol Waggoner, 4-H leader Deanna Maley and Grant County Fair Manager Mindy Winegar.

OBITUARIES

Lyla Marie Brooks

Jan. 3, 1945 — Dec. 23, 2019

Lyla Marie Brooks passed away in Boise, Idaho, Dec. 23, 2019, at the age of 74.



Lyla was born in Prairie City, Oregon, to Lyle and Hazel Blume. She was raised in Bates, Oregon, and graduated from Prairie City High School.

After graduation, she married Freeman Brooks. They began their life together traveling by train to Washington, D.C.

In 1964 their work took them to the Philippine Islands, where their son Garry was born. In 1965 they moved to Singapore. Then in 1966 they transferred to England where their second son Russel was born. In 1968 they moved to Belgian Congo, where they spent two and a half years. In 1971 they were assigned to Guatemala City. After three and a half years in Guatemala they moved back to England.

In 1974 they were transferred to Buenos Aires. Then in 1979 they transferred to Lima Peru. They were then sent back to the U.S. where their children graduated high school.

In 1984 she was assigned to Athens, Greece. Freeman and Lyla then divorced. Lyla went on with her work traveling to Turkey, Germany, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Austria.

Lyla retired in 2002 and moved to Boise, Idaho, where she enjoyed golfing, playing cards and jigsaw puzzles.

Lyla is survived by her son Russel of Payette, Idaho; granddaughter Kate Brooks of Payette, Idaho; her sisters Marlene Woodley, Bev Davis, Bobbi Officer, Sandy Mead and Verna Pettyjohn; and her companion Jerry D Campbell. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Gary, a brother Garry and a sister Joann Hild.

Services will be at a later date.

Steven M. Devine

Steven Milton Devine, 72, of Monument passed away Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020, at Blue Mountain Hospital. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel. To offer online condolences to his family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Doyle Dewaine Staples

Doyle Dewaine Staples, 96, of Seneca passed away Jan. 19, 2020, at his residence. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel. To offer online condolences to his family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Mildred A. Greenwood

Mildred A. Greenwood, 97, of Unity, Oregon, and recently of John Day, Oregon, passed away at Valley View Assisted Living Facility in John Day, Oregon, on Jan. 27. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. Services will be held at a later date. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit grayswestco.com.

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Current Oregon driver's licenses won't work to board commercial aircraft starting Oct. 1

Passports, passport cards or Real ID compliant identification will be required

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Oregonians planning to board a commercial aircraft after Oct. 1 will need a form

of identification that is Real ID compliant. The current Oregon driver's license is not Real ID compliant, but the Department of Motor Vehicles will begin offering a Real ID option July 6, according to an Oregon Department of Transportation press release. The DMV, however, will not be able to fulfill the

demand of almost one million Oregonians who will want the Real ID option. If people do not have a Real ID compliant form of identification at the airport, the Transportation Security Administration will put them through an alternate identity verification process that could take an hour or more, potentially causing them to miss flights.

Another option is to obtain and use a passport or passport card. The cost of getting a new passport card is roughly equal to that of getting a replacement license with the Real ID option — and people can apply now at one of more than 76 acceptance sites across Oregon. For more information, visit oregon.gov/realid.

Painted Sky Center for the Arts offers new classes

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Painted Sky Center for the Arts is offering new classes beginning in February. Classes include writing, group guitar, cham-

ber choir, introductory rock band, knitting, piano, voice and flute. Other classes are also ongoing. For more information, call 541-620-3788 or visit paintedskycenter.com.

Chamber seeks local feedback on Grant County marketing plan

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The Grant County Chamber of Commerce is working with a consulting firm to develop a new logo, brand and marketing plan for Grant County. To help determine what

best describes the county, the chamber is asking local residents to complete a quick survey. Answer the survey branding questions at surveymonkey.com/r/N56TCKQ. For more information, call the chamber at 541-575-0547.



Janice C. Officer, age 89, of Canyon City passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at her residence. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, January 29th at 1:00 PM at Canyon City Cemetery with a reception following at the John Day Elks Lodge.

Janice was born June 20, 1930 in Baker, Oregon to James and Jessie (Cassidy) Moore. She graduated from Grant Union High School in 1948. In August of that same year, she married Joseph Wade Officer Jr. in the John Day United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, golfing and reading. She was a real history buff as well. Aside from her work on the family ranch and a housewife, Janice was very active in her community. She was the 1947 Grant County Fair Princess, a member of the Grant County

Family Heritage Foundation Board, a member of the John Day Golf Course and served on the Golf Course Board. She was also the 1993 Grant County Fair Grand Marshall and a 4-H leader for livestock and knitting clubs.

Janice was a member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, a member of the Eastern Star, Nydia Temple Daughter of the Nile, past member of the Canyon City Rainbow Board, a charter member of the Grant County Cow Belles, having served as the President, Vice President and Secretary. She was also a charter member of the Oregon Cow Belles and has been 2nd Vice President and Secretary.

She is survived by her daughters: Patti Deist of Pilot Rock and Karen Officer of John Day and one son, Jim Officer and his wife Andrea of Bear Valley as well as 7 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband Wade Officer, her parents Jim & Jess Moore and one brother, James (Dinty) Moore.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grant County Family Heritage Foundation or to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, Oregon, 97845. To offer on-line condolences to Janice's family, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com. Paid for by the family of Janice C. Officer

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Thursday	48/41
Friday	54/39
Saturday	58/33
Sunday	48/36
Monday	46/34

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Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Weather	Possible rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly sunny	Cloudy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
High	44	48	54	58	36	43	48
Low	38	41	39	33	28	13	32