

Local students make EOU dean's list

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Eastern Oregon University named 523 students to the dean's list for the 2019 fall term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while com-

pleting a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework. Locally, Mariah Meyerholz of Canyon City, Avery Lenz and Cody Nielsen of John Day, Rachel Henry of Mt. Vernon and Brianna Zwegardt of Prairie City were named to the list.

OBITUARIES

Bobby Dollens

Bobby Dollens passed away Feb. 8, 2020, with family and loved ones by his side. Bobby was a heavy equipment operator with Local 12 for over 50 years. Bobby was born in Checotah, Oklahoma, and moved to Ventura, California, as a child. This is where he met his future wife Wanda Davis.

Bobby and Wanda were married Nov. 12, 1960; they had two children, Bethany Dollens and Ronald Scott Dollens. Bobby moved his family from Ventura, California, to Dayville, Oregon, in the early 1970s where Wanda and Bobby raised their two children. Bobby and Wanda bought the Dayville shell and cafe and operated the business for a couple of years until their children were grown. Wanda stayed by her husband and family until her death in 2005.

Bobby is survived by daughter Beth Dollens of Melbourne, Florida; and son Ronald Scott Dollens of Portland, Oregon; three granddaughters Samantha Button of Las Vegas, Nevada, Stephanie Dollens of Portland, Oregon, and Amanda Sanchez of Portland, Oregon; and five great-grandchildren.



Kim A. Chesley

Nov. 24, 1954 - Feb. 21, 2020

Kim A. Chesley, 65, of John Day, passed away Feb. 21, 2020, at her residence with her loved ones by her side. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at the Church of the Nazarene, 521 E. Main St., John Day, Oregon, with a reception to follow. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Nona Jordan

Nona Jordan, 78, of Pendleton, formerly of Grant County, died Feb. 17, 2020, in Pendleton. She was born July 26, 1941, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

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Community Connection providing Census assistance

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In 2020, the United States Census will be conducted primarily online for the first time. To maximize the number of responses, Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. has received a \$65,000 grant from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette to operate Census Assistance Centers in Baker, Grant, Union, and Wallowa counties, according to a press release.

These centers are primarily designed to assist senior citizens, low-income

persons, households with children under 5, persons with disabilities, homeless populations and those without internet access. From April 1 through July 24, Census Assistance Centers will be provided at the Baker County Senior Center in Baker City, John Day Senior Center in John Day, Union County Senior Center in La Grande and Wallowa County Senior Center in Enterprise during regular business hours.

In-home appointments and pop-up style outreach at other locations, such as farmers markets, librar-

ies, clinics, social services offices, food pantries, the EOU campus and others will also be conducted, many on weekends and evenings.

Throughout the grant period, Community Connection anticipates assisting more than 1,000 people with filling out the census. The census is a constitutionally mandated count of all residents of the United States. The results will allocate billions of dollars in federal funding to local communities over the next decade.

Many key safety net

programs are funded via the census data including energy assistance, SNAP, school lunches, Section 8 housing, Head Start, Pell grants, short-term rental assistance, medical assistance programs and more.

According to the Census Bureau, Oregon's population has grown by 8.1% since 2010. If the current population estimates hold, Oregon stands to gain increased federal assistance and an additional congressional seat in if the state is able to achieve an accurate count.

Firefighters participate in fire academy

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During January and February, 12 firefighters from four fire departments in Grant County spent 63 hours over a period of three long weekends honing their firefighting skills. Classes included fire behavior, fire safety and survival, breathing apparatus, ventilation, forcible entry, search and rescue and more. In March, these fire fighters and other county firefighters will be participating in a 16-hour hazardous materials class.

This is an annual academy sponsored by the Grant-Harney Training Association. This year the host for the Academy was the John Day Fire Department. Instructors for the academy were Don Willis and Hayden Jones from the Department of Police Safety Standards and Training. They were assisted by more experienced local firefighters.



Contributed photo

Grant County firefighters participated in Grant-Harney Training Association's annual academy, including, front row, Ray A. Proper, Antonio Smith and Jenny Stinnett, all from the John Day Fire Department, and Jeremy Henderson from the Canyon City Fire Department; middle row, Christopher Camarena Jr. and Brandon Gillihan, both from the Prairie City Fire Department, Joy Brown and Nahum Baughman, both from the John Day Fire Department, and Hayden Jones, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training fire instructor; back row, Don Willis DPSST fire instructor, Jonathan Lawrence from Prairie City Fire Department, Zachary Pogue from the Monument Volunteer Fire Department and Devin Packard from the Prairie City Fire Department. Not pictured was Don Moles from the Prairie City Fire Department.

Painted Hills recruiting volunteers

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John Day Fossil Beds National Monument is recruiting community vol-

unteers to become members of the Painted Hills Pals. The park is seeking summer volunteers who want to help keep Painted

Hills beautiful by providing visitor assistance, spending time outside or hiking trails.

A recruitment event will take place from 6-8 p.m. March 11 at Howard Hall, 1051 NW Madras Highway, Prineville.

Painted Hills is one of three units of John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. It is located north of Mitchell. As one of the seven wonders of Oregon, Painted Hills has experienced a dramatic increase in visitation over the past

five years. At the same time, the park has seen more trail erosion, litter and unauthorized unmanned aircraft.

"The incredible red and tan hues of the Painted Hills need protection, and you can help," said Superintendent Patrick Gammann. "As a volunteer, preserve one of Oregon's treasures and meet people from all over the country and world."

For more information, call 541-987-2333 or email joda_volunteer@nps.gov.

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	40/18
Wednesday	44/20
Thursday	46/23
Friday	54/25
Saturday	55/30
Sunday	55/28
Monday	43/26

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 26 - MARCH 3

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Possible rain	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Possible rain	Cloudy	Sunny
50	53	56	57	48	34	56
30	26	26	30	23	18	33