

OSAA continues suspension of spring activities

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The OSAA executive board held an online meeting April 1 to discuss the latest developments regarding the COVID-19 situation. The board decided to continue its current suspension of spring activities but chose not to cancel any other remaining state championships at this time, according to a press release.

Up to this point the board has aligned its decisions regarding OSAA's education-based activities with the governor's school closure orders and plans to continue on that path. Board member discussion centered around the latest information sent out from the Oregon Department of Education earlier this week stating that there is a very real potential that students may not return to school this academic year. If the governor orders that in-person student learning is shut down for the remainder of this school year, the OSAA will continue to align with the school closures and also cancel its spring activities and state championships.

The OSAA staff has been in communication with all spring state championship venues and shared potential challenges they are running into with the board. In partic-



Levi Burke of Prairie City clears a 6-foot-5-inch bar to win the boys 1A high jump at the 2019 OSAA 1A Track and Field State Championships at Western Oregon University in Monmouth May 18.

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ular, Western Oregon University has shut down all of its athletic facilities until June 30 and will not be able to host the 3A, 2A, 1A Track and Field State Championships. Staff members are contacting other potential track venues to determine interest and availability.

Board members discussed the potential of shifting spring activities and state championships into the summer and are not supportive of that concept at this time. Concerns included increased staffing and personnel costs for school districts already facing uncer-

tain financial impacts, scheduling issues regarding facility availability and commitments for jobs, travel, etc.

The OSAA staff has been working with Dr. Mick Koester, chief medical advisor and chair of the OSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory

Committee, to develop acclimatization guidelines that the board approved to emphasize student safety if schools are able to reconvene this spring.

Included would be:
 • an initial 7-day period with practices only, no contests

- limiting practices to once per day and no more than three hours in length
- maintaining the current requirement of no more than six consecutive days without a rest day
- continuing heat warnings as appropriate to weather and baseball pitch count limitations
- limiting the number of contests allowed in a week specific to each activity (more details to come later)
- emphasizing late afternoon starts and weekend contests when possible to limit loss of class time

The OSAA executive board has an online meeting scheduled for April 15 to discuss developments regarding this situation and take any action they deem necessary regarding spring activities and state championships. The OSAA will post updated information to the website as well as send an update to all schools following that meeting.

Visit osaa.org/coronavirus for OSAA policies and health and safety resources related to COVID-19. Included on this page are all memos and media releases from OSAA since early March, along with a series of frequently asked questions.

John Day colder than normal in March

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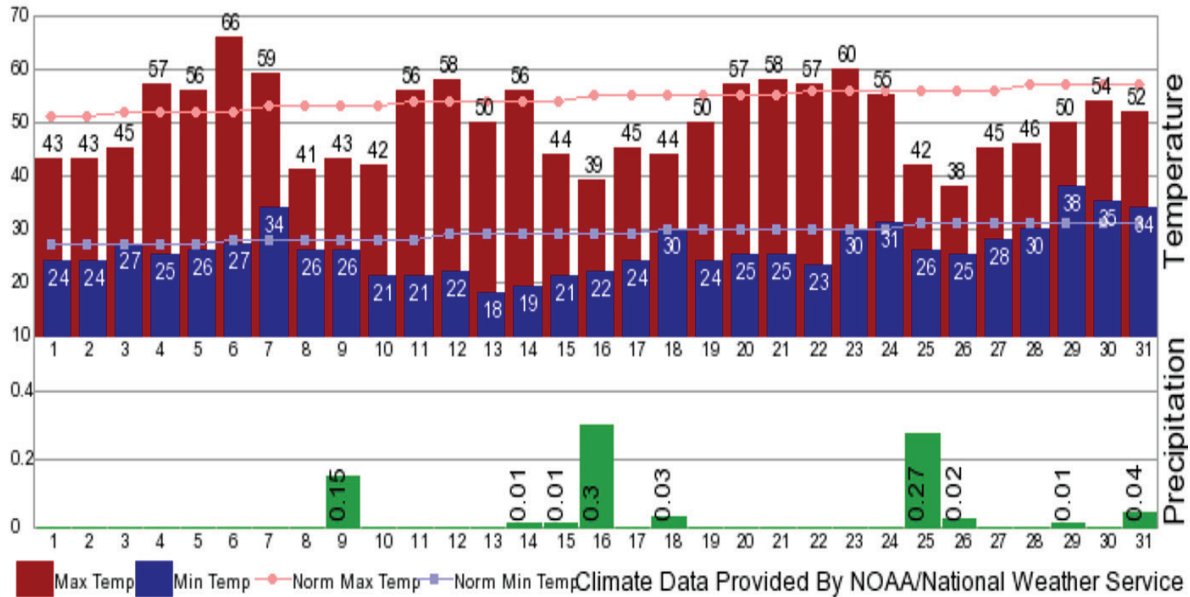
Temperatures in John Day averaged colder than normal during the month of March, according to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton.

The average temperature was 38.1 degrees, which was 3.6 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 50 degrees, which was 4.3 degrees below normal. The highest was 66 degrees on March 6. Low temperatures averaged 26.2 degrees, which was 2.9 degrees below normal. The lowest was 18 degrees on March 13.

There were 27 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.84 inches during March, which was 0.43 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on nine days with the heaviest, 0.30 inches, reported on March 16.

Precipitation this year has reached 2.90 inches, which is 0.10 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 3.64 inches,



John Day was colder than normal in March. Below-normal temperatures expected in April.

which is 2.94 inches below normal.

Snowfall totaled 3.4 inches with at least 1 inch of snow reported on one day. The heaviest snowfall was 3 inches reported on March 16. The greatest depth of snow on the

ground was 3 inches on March 16.

The outlook for April from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for below-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day

rise from 57 degrees at the start of April to 64 degrees at the end of April. Normal lows rise from 31 degrees to 36 degrees.

The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.39 inches.

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CCS offers virtual appointments

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Community Counseling Solutions is ready to help local residents through the stressors communities are experiencing as the result of the COVID-19 outbreak. CCS offers virtual visits where a person can reach a mental health or addictions provider from any device with a camera, microphone and internet connection, making behavioral health care as close as your computer, phone or tablet. This includes visits with prescribers. CCS also facilitates sessions solely via phone call. It also offers the David Romprey Oregon Warmline (1-800-698-2392), which provides confidential and non-judgmental peer support with no registration or assessment required. Contact CCS today at 541-676-9161 to learn more about virtual visits and visit the website, communitycounselingsolutions.org for important information related to the new coronavirus and helpful tips for staying healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak.

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Ernestine (Silvers) Hill

January 29, 1932 – April 2, 2020



Ernestine Hill, 88, passed away in The Dalles, Oregon, with her daughters; Colleen and Celeste by her side. She is survived by her daughters Colleen Marie Hill Hogan of Portland, Oregon, Celeste Ann Hill-Thomas (Britt Thomas) of The Dalles, Oregon, and son Michael Vance Hill of Seattle, Washington. Her three grandchildren are Brianna Marie Hogan, 26, Devin Ward Thomas, 26, and Alexia Erin Thomas, 20, and one great grandson, Jack Ward Thomas, 1. She also leaves numerous nieces and nephews who loved her deeply and considered her "the fa-vorite aunt". Ernestine is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Charles Lamar Hill, her three siblings, Pauline (Silvers) Dyksterhuis, Anthony Silvers and Jo Ann Silvers who died in infancy, and her parents.

Ernestine is the youngest of four children born in Grant County, Oregon to Joseph Canton Silvers and Mary (Moura) Silvers. At the age of 3 in the late 1800's, her father, Joe, immigrated with his parents, Martin and Anna Silvers, to the United States from the Azores Islands. Several years later at the age of 7, her mother Mary, also immigrated with her parents John and Mary Moura, to the United States from the Azores Islands. Being the daughter of immigrants in the 1930's was often difficult. Her father was a ranch hand and her mother was unwell. Her elementary years were spent in a one room school house between Mt. Vernon and Dayville, eventually graduating from Grant Union High School. After graduation, she attended one year of business school. Upon returning to Grant County, in the early 1950's, she worked as a telephone operator for the Oregon Telephone Company in John Day.

Ernestine met Lamar Hill at a dance at the 62 Hall in Canyon City. They dated off and on for several years while Lamar worked in Alaska. They married July 21, 1955, and made their home in John Day. They joined the First Baptist Church, attending regularly. She supported Lamar while he developed his various business ventures. Ernestine and Lamar were blessed with three children and moved up Canyon Creek in the early 1960's to raise their family. Ernestine was a loving mother, a caring friend and a wonderful homemaker. She enjoyed writing poetry, staying in touch with family and friends through cards and letters, singing in church and collecting antique glassware. She loved spending time with her siblings and the boisterous Hill clan. Ernestine and Lamar leave a legacy of hard work, determination and commitment to family.

There will be a memorial service in John Day sometime this summer. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation to the charity of your choice in memory of Ernestine. *Paid for by the family of Ernestine Hill.*

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BIRTHS

Derrick

A boy, Quinten Gene Derrick, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, was born March 11 to parents Chad and Kiley Derrick of Fox at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. He joins 5-year-old sibling Collins Derrick. Grandparents are Cork and JoAnn Humphrey of Mt. Vernon and Roger and Darla Derrick of John Day. Great-grandparents are Gene and Vernite Jordan of Mitchell and Peggy Lively of Fossil.



OBITUARIES

Ernestine Hill

Ernestine Hill, 88, passed away April 2 in The Dalles. She was a longtime resident of Grant County. Her beloved husband preceded her in death. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

CORRECTION

In an April 1 article, the Eagle reported Grant County had more COVID-19 tests at the time than personal protective equipment to administer them. Grant County Health Administrator Kimberly Lindsay said the county did have enough PPE to administer the tests. The Eagle regrets the error.

Last Week's Temps

Day	HI/LO
John Day Tuesday	41/30
Wednesday	39/26
Thursday	44/24
Friday	47/28
Saturday	49/26
Sunday	54/36
Monday	59/33

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8 - 14

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
64	69	68	58	54	56	63
37	40	40	32	28	32	30