

Amateur radio operators conduct exam

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Grant County Amateur Radio Emergency Service held an FCC-approved exam session on Sunday, April 26, in John Day.

Candidates who sat for the exam came from Long Creek, Mt. Vernon, Bend, Hermiston and Salem, according to a press release. The exam proctors all came from John Day.

The exam organizers kept the gathering to under the 10-person limit, kept everyone 6 feet apart and required the use of face mask for all participants. They held the exam outside.

Ed Elleson, the volunteer examiner liaison for Grant County Amateur Radio Club said, "We had an exceptionally successful test session with candidates passing exams at every amateur radio level."

Steve Fletcher, the ARES emergency coordinator said, "Many amateur radio clubs canceled their planned examination sessions due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Grant County decided to approach the



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problem by obeying all the restrictions but still holding the exam. As a result we had people come here from all over the state."

All five candidates obtained their license or license upgrade.

Dustin Wylie, one of the three volunteer examiners who were present said, "It was special. We got testing done that nobody else did. We helped our community as well as the state."

Fossil Beds still plans on hiring YCC crew

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John Day Fossil Beds National Monument is still planning to sponsor an eight-week long Youth Conservation Corps program this summer.

Youths ages 15 to 18 are encouraged to apply, provided that they do not reach their 19th birthday before Aug. 9.

YCC team members will work June 15 through Aug. 11, earning the Oregon state minimum wage of \$11 per hour. The schedule is Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The YCC team will work at John Day Fossil Beds National Monument under the supervision of National Park Service staff.

"Of course, we will monitor the

COVID-19 (outbreak) on a day-to-day basis and plan the safest route for staff and youth at (John Day Fossil Beds National Monument," said Chief of Facilities Shane Loescher.

The YCC team will focus on the preservation of resources associated with the James Cant Ranch and the surrounding fossil beds. In addition, the crew will have opportunities to visit other historically significant areas in the valley, gaining a more complete understanding of the John Day Valley history and the issues facing the protection of these resources in the future.

An application is available for download with the online version of this article at myeaglenews.com.

Although their offices may be closed, applications are also typically available at Grant Union High School, Prairie City High School office, Dayville School office, Monument School office, Spray School office, Mitchell High School office, Grant County Library, National Park Service at John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, 32651 Highway 19, eight miles northwest of Dayville on Highway 19 headed toward Kimberly.

The completed application must be postmarked no later than May 25 to John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Attn: Shane Loescher — YCC, 32651 Highway 19, Kimberly, OR 97848.

Malheur National Forest to begin invasive plant treatments

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The Malheur National Forest will soon begin invasive plant control on the forest.

Control will be conducted using an integrated approach, including prevention; manual, mechanical, herbicide, biological control and cultural treatments; and restoration work, according to a press release.

Invasive species negatively affect biodiversity, wildlife habitat, wildlife and domestic livestock forage and streamside vegetation. Invasive plants targeted for treatment include spotted, diffuse and other knapweeds; Canada, bull, Scotch and musk thistles; St. Johnswort; houndstongue; sulphur cinquefoil; Dalmation and yellow foxtail; whitetop and other invasive mustards; and leafy spurge.

Invasive plant control on the forest is scheduled to begin this spring and is expected to continue through October. Most herbicide treatments will be spot application to individual invasive plants using backpack and truck sprayers. Some broadcast application is also planned along a subset of roadsides and gravel pits.

Treatment sites are located across the Malheur National Forest, and herbicide treatments in high-use areas will be signed at the time of treatment. A blue marker dye that will fade over time will be mixed with herbicides to alert people of where product has been applied. Herbicides allowed for use include aminopyralid, chlorsulfuron, clopyralid, glyphosate, imazapic, imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, sethoxydim, sulfometuron methyl and tri-clopyr. Manual and mechanical treatments will continue

as they have in previous years. All treatments will be carried out following the project design features of the Record of Decision for the Invasive Plants Treatment Project.

Partners include Grant Soil and Water Conservation District, Harney County Weed Control, Harney County Cooperative Weed Management Area, Burns Paiute Tribe, Monument Soil and Water Conservation District, North Fork John Day Watershed Council, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, private landowners and permittees. Funding includes appropriated dollars and grant money from Title II projects.

The public can identify areas where edible and medicinal plants are collected so that the Forest Service can implement an appropriate integrated pest management strategy, including avoidance.

The following campgrounds will have no herbicide use in 2020: Starr on the Blue Mountain Ranger District, Big Creek on the Prairie City Ranger District and Yellowjacket on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District. Roads and invasive patches nearby but outside of these campgrounds may still receive herbicide application. The remaining campgrounds may have at least half the campground herbicide free in a 30-day period.

For more information on the invasive plant program, including a map of potential treatment sites, visit fs.usda.gov/main/malheur/landmanagement/planning.

For more specific information on timing and location of herbicide treatments, contact Invasive Plants Specialist Jessi Brunson at 541-575-3067 or by email at jessica.brunson@usda.gov.

OBITUARIES

Louise Hobbs

Louise Hobbs, 73, of John Day died on Sunday, April 26, at Valley View Assisted Living with her family at her side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Steve Parsons

Steve Parsons, 68, of Mt. Vernon died on Sunday, April 26, at home, surrounded by his family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Norma Viola Rynearson

Norma Viola Rynearson, 90, of Prairie City passed away April 18 at Sun Terrace Assisted Living in Hermiston. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family burial took place in the Prairie City Cemetery last week. A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date for both family and friends to attend. To offer online condolences to her family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Local students make honor roll at Oregon State University

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Names of students who have made the scholastic honor roll winter term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 1,910 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 5,529 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the list-

ing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

From Grant County, Jennifer I. McCloskey, a senior from John Day studying applied visual arts, earned a straight-A average, and Joshua T. Walker, a senior from Seneca studying natural resources, earned a 3.5 GPA or better.

Eastern Oregon University announces winter term dean's list

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Eastern Oregon University named 581 students to the dean's list for the 2020 winter term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher

on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework.

Named to the list from Grant County were James Hercher and Carmen Vaughan of Long Creek and Brianna Zweygardt of Prairie City.

Grant County Futures Scholarship now accepting applications

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Qualified local residents can now apply for the Grant County Futures Scholarship.

Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in courses through Eastern Oregon University or Blue Mountain Community College's online degree programs and courses offered through the Grant County Center in John Day. They must also have been county residents for

one year, demonstrate financial need and provide letters of recommendation.

The application is available at granted.k12.or.us/documents/scholarships/GC-Futures-Scholarship.pdf.

Funds are intended for the 2020-21 academic year. The deadline is Thursday, May 21. Contact Ashley Armichardy at 541-575-1550 or armichardy@eou.edu with any questions.

CORRECTION

In the April 22 edition, the Eagle reported that Grant County Commissioner Jim Hamsher said he had access to a law enforcement database. This is incorrect. Hamsher said he is privileged to confidential law enforcement information, not a law enforcement database.

The Eagle also reported that Bank of Eastern Oregon secured loans for six small businesses in Grant County. The Bank of Eastern Oregon secured loans for 33 small Grant County businesses and five additional businesses with ties to the area.

The Eagle regrets the errors.



George Scott Sintay

June 20, 1971 ~ April 19, 2020

Paid for by the family of George Sintay

George Scott Sintay, age 48, died April 19, 2020 in his home in Richland, Washington as a result of lung cancer. Scott was born in John Day, Oregon as the sixth child and first son to parents George and Susan Sintay. During his childhood he lived with his family in Oregon, Idaho, and California. His undergraduate studies took him to Brigham Young University in Utah and Boise State University in Idaho. Scott met and married Nicki Collins at BSU where he earned a bachelor's degree in Communication. Scott and Nicki then moved to Indiana where Scott pursued graduate studies at Purdue University, earned a master's degree in Organizational Communication and completed doctoral studies in Organizational Behavior.

Scott, Nicki, and their four young children moved to the Tri-Cities in 2004 where he became a State Farm agent. He also served as adjunct professor at WSU Tri-Cities and BYU-Idaho. Scott loved helping people. He was thrilled to accept a position in 2014 as Temple Recorder for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Columbia River Temple where he served until his death. He also loved to volunteer and served faithfully in many capacities in his community, church, and family. He served as president of the Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, TCYC board member, and producer of the Forte show choir.

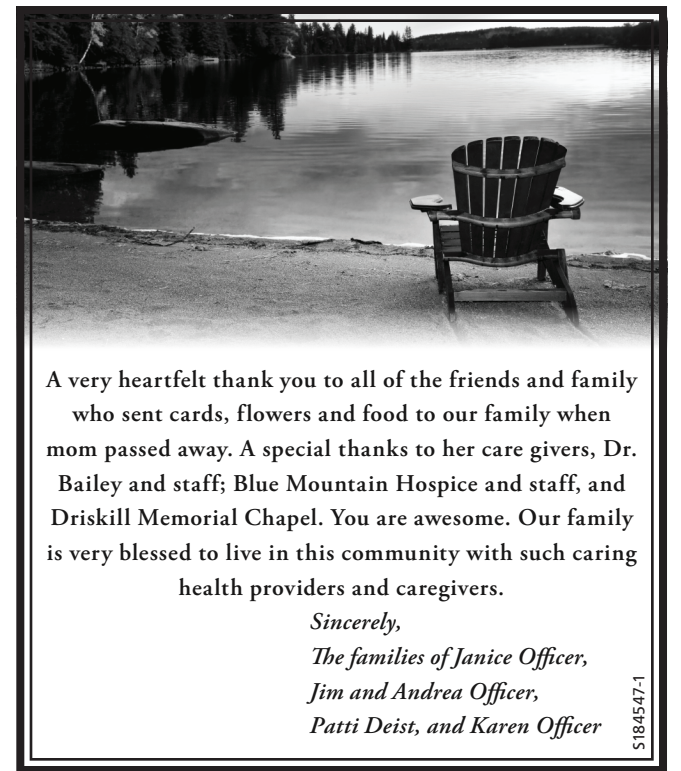
Scott has always been an example and leader to those around him, and his dedication to mental, physical, and spiritual excellence was an inspiration to many. From the age of 7, when Scott raced in his first 13.1-mile half marathon, to the months before his death, Scott loved participating in competition sports. As an extremely strong endurance athlete, he could often be seen swimming the waters of the Columbia River and riding his bicycle throughout the area. Scott competed in high school football, basketball, cross country, and track and in a marathon as well as many triathlons and extreme distance bike races throughout his life. Among his favorite was the LATOJA bicycle race from Logan, Utah to Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Scott's faith in Jesus Christ permeated all facets of his life. As a young man, he accepted a call to serve as a missionary. He labored in Mexico for two years teaching about Jesus Christ. Upon learning of his cancer diagnosis, Scott announced, "The Lord is calling me to labor in the spirit world" and shared his conviction that "death is not the end. It is a continuation of an exciting eternal adventure. I will continue to do the Lord's work."

Scott will be missed by many including his wife Nicki, children Aubrey (Logan McDonald), Ammon (Analisa Reeder), Aaron-Michael (Kenedy Carey), and Alena, granddaughter Gracie McDonald, parents and eight siblings.

A family memorial celebration including a fun run in Scott's honor will be held June 20th in Seneca, Oregon.

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A very heartfelt thank you to all of the friends and family who sent cards, flowers and food to our family when mom passed away. A special thanks to her care givers, Dr. Bailey and staff; Blue Mountain Hospice and staff, and Driskill Memorial Chapel. You are awesome. Our family is very blessed to live in this community with such caring health providers and caregivers.

Sincerely,
The families of Janice Officer,
Jim and Andrea Officer,
Patti Deist, and Karen Officer

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	67/38
Wednesday	53/37
Thursday	58/42
Friday	64/40
Saturday	66/40
Sunday	68/43
Monday	69/47

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29 - MAY 5

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Chance of thunderstorms	Chance of thunderstorms	Partly sunny	Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Slight chance of showers	Partly sunny
75	57	68	68	59	58	67
48	36	41	41	35	29	41