

# EOHLA launches new resource to aid those most impacted by COVID-19

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Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance has launched the Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network to connect community needs with community volunteers and resources.

The Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network is an online resource that brokers connections between people who have been impacted by COVID-19, including low-income, older adults and individuals with special needs, to those who are willing and able to offer support, according to a press release.

There are different types of support folks can request, including assistance purchasing or transporting food from grocery stores to one's home, picking up and delivering one's prescription drugs and transporting food boxes from food

pantries to one's home. There are multiple ways local organizations and individuals can offer aid, including volunteering at the local food pantry, signing up to support a community member and donating to the Mutual Aid GoFundMe. All donations from the GoFundMe help support grocery assistance and general funding for food pantries. The Mutual Aid Network operates in 12 counties in Eastern Oregon, including Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties.

EOHLA was formed in 2014 to support and provide community health programs in Eastern Oregon. EOHLA is part of the Nutrition Oregon Campaign, a statewide campaign grounded in the science of the developmental origins of

health and disease that shows the relationship between early life environment, including access to nutrition and lifelong chronic disease risk, and how that risk is passed from one generation to the next.

Funding for the Mutual Aid Network is provided by the Oregon Community Foundation Recovery Fund and The Ford Family Foundation COVID-19 Special Allocation Funding. This funding supports the work EOHLA, Nutrition Oregon Campaign, Oregon Food Bank and Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization have under way to support food access during the pandemic.

For more information or to request or offer help on the Eastern Oregon Mutual Aid Network, visit <https://eohla.org/easternoregonmutualaid> or contact Meghan Chancey at 907-712-7595.

# McCloskey named to OSU honor roll

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Jennifer I. McCloskey was named to the scholastic honor roll for spring term 2020 at Oregon State University.

McCloskey, John Day, is a senior studying applied visual arts. A total of 7,004 students earned a B-plus (3.5) grade-point average or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

# Piecemakers Quilt Guild will hold raffle next year

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The Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild was unable to hold the 2020 quilt show because of state regulations regarding COVID-19.

Because the show was canceled, the guild was unable to raise enough funds for the quilt raffle this year. The quilt raffle will instead take place next year during the 2021 Grant county Piecemakers Quilt Guide quilt show.

Tickets purchased for the 2020 raffle will be held until the 2021 raffle.

# Quinton hired as EOU SBDC business adviser

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Eastern Oregon University Small Business Development Center has hired Dawson Quinton, a Grant County native, as a business adviser serving Grant and Wheeler Counties.

Dawson is a 2020 graduate of the Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon. He

holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics with minors in business administration and entrepreneurship.

"Coming back home to help new and existing businesses will be both challenging and rewarding. I look forward to meeting with as many business own-



Dawson Quinton

ers and community members as possible," Quinton said.

EOU SBDC Director Greg Smith said, "We are pleased to have someone with the educational background and familiarity with the area that Dawson has. This will go a long way in strengthening part-

nerships which benefit business owners, assisting entrepreneurs and helping to grow and sustain the local economy."

EOU SBDC offers free, confidential business advising. To schedule an appointment, call 541-792-9045 or email [eousbdc@gmail.com](mailto:eousbdc@gmail.com). The office in La Grande can be reached by calling 541-962-1532.

## BIRTHS Grayson Michael Jones

A boy, Grayson Michael Jones, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born June 25 to parents Meaghan and Travis Jones of John Day. Grandparents are Jeff and Christy Keffer of Bates and Mike and Pat Jones of Purdy, Virginia.



## Painted Sky Day Camp session three begins Aug. 10

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Painted Sky Center for the Arts will hold day camp session three from Aug. 10-21.

The camp is open to students ages 6-12. The cost is \$200 and \$125 for each additional child added. Membership discount rates apply. Payment must be received prior to the start date.

Drop off is from 8-8:30 a.m. and pickup is from 11:30 a.m. to noon Mondays through Fridays at the purple door of the art center (downstairs, back entrance).

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*John Michael Surplus*  
September 22, 1957 ~ July 19, 2020

John Michael Surplus (Mike) was born in San Bernardino, California on September 22nd, 1957 to John and Charlene Surplus. He was sent home to heaven on July 19th, 2020 after a long and courageous fight with cancer. One in which cancer wasn't even prepared to handle. Mike moved with his family to John Day, Oregon around the age of 5 to which became his home for the remainder of his youth. During his time at Grant Union High School he was a standout athlete in football, basketball and baseball. His senior year he was tabbed as the best basketball player in the state of Oregon, if you knew Mike he would talk about that state championship game of '76 against the Burns Hilanders often! He graduated in 1976 and went on to play basketball at Eastern Oregon University for the next two years. Between the years of 1979 and 1984 Mike and Tami welcomed their two daughters Kali and Sheena and resided in Burns, Oregon. Mike left his job logging in John Day to take a role at Dalton's distributing, the couple spent many years in Burns raising their daughters and becoming a part of a community he loved so much. Mike continued to live in Burns, with a few side stops in Bend and Boise up until diagnoses when he moved to Pullman, Washington to be with his daughter Kali and her family. The group then relocated to Vancouver, Washington to be closer to Sheena as well.

Theses years proved to be some of the best in his life, lots of family trips, memories and good conversations were had. Mike was grateful to his good friends that he spoke with even in the hardest of times, he was the hardest worker you could every imagine and would hang his hat on that everyday. He loved his family with all his heart which is evident in any picture you see. His big smile and unwavering loyalty will be missed greatly by all that had the chance to cross paths with him. Mike is survived by his daughters Kali Gesser and Sheena Raffaele, his son in laws Jason Gesser and Eddie Raffaele, his nephew Jay Trost and his grandchildren, Jordyn Gesser (17), Kolten Gesser (13), Kruz Gesser (7) and London Raffaele (3). Per his request there will be no service. The guy we call "Popi" will be laid to rest in his favorite place in the world, the islands of Hawaii.

*Paid for by the family of Mike Surplus*

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Thursday.....	103/64
Friday.....	100/66
Saturday.....	94/62
Sunday.....	94/57
Monday.....	87/58

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Chance of thunderstorms	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
<b>95</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>