

Emergency Communications Agency Intergovernmental Council to meet Oct. 1

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The Grant County Emergency Communication, Agency Intergovernmental Council will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the John Day Fire Hall, 316 S. Canyon Blvd. This meeting is open to the public. IGC members will discuss items regarding the Grant County 911 Dispatch Center, includ-

ing but not limited to the 2021 Budget for GCECA, lead dispatch position and alarm calls for Mt Vernon wastewater treatment. Additional agenda items may be added prior to the meeting. To join via teleconference, call 541-575-0195 for the teleconference number. If dialing in for the meeting, mute the phone unless addressing the group.

John Day Basin Partnership hosting restoration site tours

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The John Day Basin Partnership, along with several partners in the region, is facilitating two separate restoration site tours. These tours are for landowners who are interested in funding opportunities for improving their working lands in the John Day Basin. The tours will take place in the Izee community and just west of the town of Granite, on Oct. 15 and Oct. 23, respectively.

These tours will provide landowners a look into restoration projects that can benefit both working lands and the watershed ecosystems, along with information on funding to implement these projects. For more information, visit facebook.com/jdb-partnership or call 541-620-1187. RSVP is greatly appreciated at these events, as space is limited. Social distancing will be observed, and optional masks will be provided.

National Fossil Day activities planned Oct. 10

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On Oct. 10, people can participate in National Fossil Day, an annual celebration held to highlight the scientific and educational value of paleontology and the importance of preserving fossils for future generations. The John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will premier a new National Fossil Day virtual video tour of collections on its website and Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts at 10 a.m. The focus will be on non-mammal fossils that can be found in the fossil gallery at the Thomas Condon Paleontology and Visitor Center. The Thomas Condon Paleontology Center will also be open on Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theater, Junior Ranger room and Fossil Gallery

remain closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities are also available on the website, nps.gov/joda. “National Fossil Day celebrates the fascinating science of paleontology, which peers into the distant past and explores worlds of plants and animals that no longer exist today,” Roy Zipp, acting superintendent at John Day Fossil Beds, said. “The fossil gallery in the visitor center has been closed for most of this year, and we are excited to share virtually some of the amazing fossils you can’t see in person at this time.” Additionally, the 11th annual National Fossil Day Art Contest is open to any U.S. residents. The theme this year is Permian marine life. For more information, visit nps.gov/subjects/fossil-day/art-contest-2020.htm.

FAMILY

Joseph Lee Humbert

Nov. 30, 1984 — Aug. 30, 2020

Joseph Lee Humbert, 35, loving son, brother, husband and veteran of the Iraq War, passed away on Aug. 30, 2020, at 2:15 p.m. at St. Charles Hospital in Bend, Oregon. He was born to Michael Humbert and De Anna Fox on Nov. 30, 1984. In his youth, he resided in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. He joined the Army National Guard and served one tour in the Iraq War. Joe served as specialist from June 28, 2004, and was honorably discharged Dec. 31, 2005. He then attended Wyotech in Laramie, Wyoming, completing a specialty program in diesel mechanics. He was married to Tonia Humbert on Aug. 3, 2013. They raised their beautiful dog, Annie, together. Joe enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing the guitar, singing and spending time with friends and family. He would show up when you called, and he’d give you the shirt off his back, no questions asked. Joe was a rare genuine soul and became family to everyone he met. His smile would light up a room, and he would brighten anyone’s day. He was known for being caring and loyal. Joseph was taken too soon, and he will be greatly missed by everyone.



He is survived by his mother, DeAnna Fox (John Day, Oregon); father, Mike Humbert (Athena, Oregon); his wife, Tonia Humbert (Unity, Oregon); siblings Tawny Rose Brown (Spokane, Washington) and Samuel Humbert (Weston, Oregon); grandparents Sam and Rosella Humbert (Milton-Freewater, Oregon); many stepbrothers and -sisters, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and many loving cousins. Joe was preceded in death by his grandparents Barb and Gary Gentry and Ken Davidson. Donations can be made in Joseph’s name at Bank of Eastern Oregon in John Day, Oregon. The donations will be given to the V.F.W. and also used as a scholarship fund for a student attending a trade school.

Francis Martin

1935 — 2020

Francis Martin passed away in the VA hospital in Boise, Idaho, on Sept. 12 at the age of 85. He worked as a deputy for the Grant County Sheriff’s Office and eventually for the Forest Service. He served our country during the Korean War. He will be dearly missed.

Jose ‘Joe’ D. Cubero

Joe Cubero, 79, of Canyon City passed away Sept. 27 at his residence with his loving wife by his side. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel.

Clifford A. Monchamp

Clifford Allen Monchamp, 70, of John Day passed away Sept. 26 at his residence with his loving wife by his side. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Living Word Christian Center in Mt. Vernon with Pastor Sharon Miller officiating. To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

About Obituaries

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CORRECTION

Three positions are at large for the Prairie City City Council, not two as stated in the article “Who is running for local office?” last week. The Eagle regrets the error.

OBITUARIES

Giles Edward ‘Ed’ Lindstrom

Jan. 8, 1937 — Sept. 12, 2020

Giles Edward “Ed” Lindstrom met his wife, Ilona, in Dayville, Oregon, where they were married on June 18, 1960. They were married for 60 years. Ed had a master’s degree, from Stanford University, in mechanical engineering. He spent 32 years designing jet engine parts. He retired at 55 years of age. He then proceeded to spend the next 11 years volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, and 15 years volunteering, with his wife, Ilona, at Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp in Greer, Arizona. He loved hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, skiing and snowboarding. He rode his bicycle 16 miles, round trip, to his work for 22 years. He was a member of Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church in Tempe, Arizona, and attended Community Presbyterian in Pinetop, Arizona.

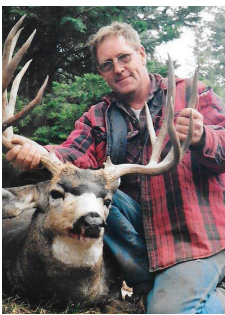


The family spent the summers at the cabin that he designed and the family built in Pinetop, Arizona. The cabin was also used for many skiing/snowboarding trips. Ed is survived by his wife, Ilona Lindstrom; son James (Darin Lowery) Lindstrom; daughter Lorna (Scott) Rischmueler; grandsons Zane Lindstrom and Scott (Daphne) Fike; granddaughter Erica (Sam) Felker; great-grandson Lex Felker; great-granddaughter Ruby Felker; sister Jeri (Dee) Kula; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Olga Lindstrom; sisters Lorna Thompson and Carol Muser; daughter-in-law Barbara Lindstrom; and son Edward Lindstrom. He was a loving husband, father and brother.

Wally S. Elsbury Jr.

July 13, 1953 — Sept. 18, 2020

Wally S. Elsbury Jr. was born July 13, 1953, to Walter Samuel and Regina Ann Waldmann Elsbury in Burns, Oregon. He was the seventh of nine children and the first son. He passed away on Sept. 18, 2020, on the Archie Creek Fire near Roseburg, Oregon. He had been wildland firefighting the last several years using his logging equipment and his skidgine. He grew up in Hines, Oregon, and attended Hines Elementary and Burns Union High School, graduating in 1971. He married Kathy Purdy in 1983, and they had three children, Angela, Mike and Shaun.



He was a logger all his adult life and was awarded Logger of the Year from the Malheur Forest Service in 1993. He loved to hunt deer and elk and looked forward to opening day each year but also had a soft spot for all creatures. Wally was one of those people who always had time to visit or help you in anyway. He appreciated history and enjoyed looking for treasures of all kinds. Wally is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kathy, daughter Angela (Travis) Courtney and their two children, Peyton and Lauren, Mike (Meaghan) and Shaun. He is also survived by his siblings Barbara (Chuck) White, Carol (Chuck) Lynde, Sharyn (Darrell) Williams, Doreen (Bud) Hubbard, Lorraine (Ken) Palmer, John Elsbury and Monica Elsbury, his mother-in-law Mary Purdy and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Regina, sister Shirley and nephew Scott. Contributions in Wally’s memory can be made to Harney County Save A Stray, Harney County Historical Society or a charity of your choice that supports victims of wildfires. A gathering will be held at the Valley Golf Club in Hines, Oregon, from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020.

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Daniel James Armstrong

January 25, 1943 ~ September 25, 2020

Daniel James Armstrong went to be with the Lord on Sept. 25, 2020. He was born in Burns, Oregon on January 25, 1943. His family moved to the farm in Willowcreek in the late 1940s and then to Burns so his dad could work at the sawmill. In 1960 they bought a small farm in Willowcreek, and Dan graduated from Vale High School in 1962. Dan started working on ranches during the summers at age 14. His first job was working for Glen and Bridgie Sitz near Drewsey. He married Carol Duckworth not long after high school and they had one son, Richard Kypp Armstrong. Throughout his life he was happiest buckarooping for ranchers, riding the mountains, hunting pheasants with Roberto, Kypp and Jason, and hunting elk and deer with his dad. Camping at the North Fork of the John Day and visiting with Patty and Charlie Dalton gave him great pleasure after retirement. Going for a ride in the mountains with Dan would usually develop into a lengthy adventure. The roads and two tracks between Drewsey, Burns, and Prairie City meant a story with every twist in the road, time to look for deer or elk, or to look at a rimrock that had some special significance, or to listen to a hunting, or horse wreck story. Of course if he met someone along the road, he had to stop and visit for “just a minute,” whether he knew them or not.

While working at the mill in Izee, Oregon, in the mid 60’s, Dan received his draft notice, so he went down and joined the navy. He served in Vietnam on the USS Seminole, as a boat coxswain. He piloted a Mike 8 boat on the rivers of Vietnam, many times under fire, delivering supplies and troops. While running the rivers, he was exposed to Agent Orange and that became a factor in his health in later years. Back in San Diego, he piloted the Admiral’s barge and received commendations for his service. After Vietnam he purchased the old farm at Willowcreek, where he had lived as a child, and he, Carol, and Kypp farmed for several years. In the 1990’s life circumstances changed and he sold the farm. On July 13, 2002 he married Jeannette Pardun and moved to a small acreage near Ontario.

He is survived by his devoted wife Jeannette of Ontario, son Kypp (Kathy) of Vale and grandsons Martin and Thomas (Rachael) of Vale; sister Linda Bossen (Jim) of Salem, brother Charles Armstrong of Caldwell, KS, special brother Roberto Rodriguez (Marie) of Cuba, NM, sister Marsha Armstrong (Keith Carter) of Ontario; nieces Cindy Purdy (Tim), Jodelle Bayan (Ezam), Roberta Counterman, and Renee Armstrong; nephews James Cooksey (Denise), Nathan Cooksey (Robyn), and Jason Rodriguez (Cynthia). He is also survived by maternal aunt Iona Gregg of Bend, and paternal aunt Lois Armstrong of Naches, WA, and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Velda Armstrong.

One can remember him by being kind to everyone, listening to a Marty Robbins or Ian Tyson song, or just watching a John Wayne movie, one more time.

A memorial with military honors will be held at a later date at the Drewsey, Oregon cemetery.

Paid for by the family of Dan Armstrong.

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Last Week’s Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	78/53
Wednesday	81/55
Thursday.....	72/45
Friday.....	67/43
Saturday	67/49
Sunday.....	66/47
Monday.....	82/41

24/7 FORECAST

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 30 - OCT. 6

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
						
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
87	89	89	88	85	83	83
50	49	51	49	49	36	41