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American Legion members take part in a rifle salute to honor veterans on Veterans Day last year.

## Elks Club to honor veterans with ceremony at Seventh Street Complex on Veterans Day

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The John Day Elks Lodge will host its yearly Veterans Day ceremony at the Seventh Street Complex to honor those who have served in the military at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the flag pole. The ceremony, held on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the

11th month, is an annual tradition for the Elks. Vietnam veteran Robert Van Voorhis said the ceremony would conclude with a rifle salute from members of the American Legion and taps played by Ed Heiple. After the ceremony, there will be a free stew lunch, open to the public at the Elks Lodge.

## October slightly colder than normal for John Day

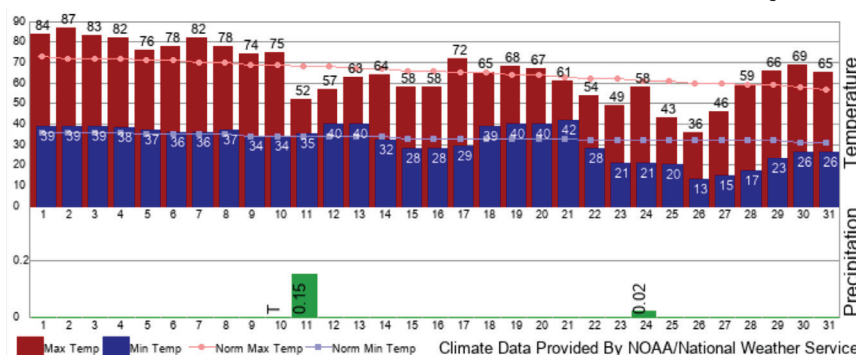
Above-normal temperatures, precipitation expected in November

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

The average temperature was 48.4 degrees, which was 1 degree below normal. High temperatures averaged 65.5 degrees, which was 0.1 degrees above normal. The highest was 87 degrees on Oct. 2. Low temperatures averaged 31.4 degrees, which was 2 degrees below normal. The lowest was 13 degrees, on Oct. 26.

There were 13 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.



October was slightly colder than normal in John Day. Above-normal temperatures and precipitation are expected in November.

Precipitation totaled 0.17 inches during October, which was 0.82 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on two days with the heaviest, 0.15 inches, reported on Oct. 11.

Precipitation this year has reached 9.59 inches, which is 0.98 inches below normal. The outlook for November from

NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day fall from 57 degrees at the start of November to 44 degrees at the end of November. Normal lows fall from 31 degrees to 25 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.35 inches.

## OTEC scholarship applications open

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is once again offering scholarships to eligible students and adults in its service territory.

Applications for OTEC scholarships are open. Scholarships are available to high school students, returning college students and adults entering educational and technical programs.

Academic scholarships are in the amount of \$5,000. Four will be allocated to the OTEC-EOU Rural Scholarship Program, an exciting partnership between OTEC and Eastern Oregon Uni-

versity in La Grande. Four incoming EOU freshman will have the opportunity to have their entire four years of tuition and fees paid for, if they commit to attend and graduate from Eastern Oregon University.

The other academic scholarships are for graduating high school students, returning college students or adults looking to begin college.

Applications for all academic scholarships must be submitted by Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021.

OTEC is also awarding two \$5,000 lineman college scholarships and four \$2,500 trade school scholarships. Appli-

cations to the lineman and trade school scholarships are accepted year-round and will be awarded until funds are exhausted.

"We are committed to helping our future leaders grow and our scholarship program is one way we recognize our responsibility to support the communities we serve", said OTEC Communications Manager Joe Hathaway in a press release. "OTEC is proud to once again sponsor these educational opportunities for members and their families in Baker, Grant, Harney and Union Counties."

Applications and specific criteria for all the OTEC scholarships are available at otec.coop/scholarships.

## Next week's paper will be delivered Thursday because of Veterans Day

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The Nov. 11 edition of the Blue Mountain Eagle will be delivered to subscribers Nov. 12.

The U.S. Postal Service will be closed in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 and will not deliver the newspaper as usual. The papers will be delivered the day after the holiday.

## Dispatch intergovernmental council to meet Thursday

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The Grant County Emergency Communications Agency Intergovernmental Council will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the John Day Fire Hall, 316 S. Canyon Blvd. This meeting is open to the public, and a teleconference number is available upon request.

IGC members will discuss items regarding the Grant

County 911 Dispatch Center, including 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.

## EOU's spring term dean's list

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Eastern Oregon University named 558 students to the dean's list for the 2020 spring 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.

Local students included Mariah Wright of John Day, Hannah Flower of Kimberly, James Hercher and Carmen Vaughan of Long Creek and Brianna Zwegardt of Prairie City.

## OBITUARIES

### Thomas Edward Whale

Sept. 20, 1929 — Oct. 28, 2020

Thomas Edward Whale, 91, of Prineville, Oregon, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020, at his residence of Ashley Manor. Due to the pandemic, there will be a small celebration of his life for immediate family only. To light a candle for Tom or leave an online condolence for the family, please go to [whisperingpinesfuneralhome.com](http://whisperingpinesfuneralhome.com).

He was born on Sept. 20, 1929, in Plunketville, Oklahoma, to Lindsay and Madge (Evans) Whale. Tom spent his childhood in Plunketville, moving to Washington, working at Oxteam Orchards. He served in the U.S. Navy as a 3rd class working as an engineer and was honorably discharged in 1954. He lived most of his life in Mt. Vernon, Oregon, working as a logger and then as head custodian and bus driver at Mt. Vernon School, retiring after 30 years.

Tom loved to travel and was constantly on the go, journeying to the Holy Lands, traveling the world while serving in the U.S. Navy, and he loved vacationing on the coast. He was active in the Assembly of God Church in John Day, Oregon, well known for his love of country music, playing the guitar and singing both in church and all over Oregon. Tom had a passion for family get-togethers, where he was able to show off his undeniable sense of humor, and loved to laugh. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and riding his motorcycle.

If you are so inclined, please donate to the dementia charity of your choice through Whispering Pines Funeral Home, 3168 NE Third St., Prineville, OR 97754, 541-416-9733.

### Howard 'Buddy' Brown

July 6, 1950 — Oct. 24, 2020

Howard "Buddy" Brown was born July 6, 1950, and passed away Oct. 24, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Trudy Brown. A private cremation will take place, and no services are planned at this time. To leave an online condolence for the family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

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**Arts After School - Fall Term:** Ongoing Mon-Fri with the school calendar, from 3:30 PM to 5:15 PM, and Friday 1:00 PM to 5:15.

**"Truck and Tree" Paint Night:** Friday, November 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Paint an adorable old-fashioned truck with a Christmas tree! All experience levels welcome. Ages 12 and up.

**"Barn and Truck" Paint Night:** Friday, November 20 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

**Stamp and Paint Leather Earrings:** Saturday, November 28 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.

**Beginner's Leather:** Mondays starting November 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

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**DOUG'S**  
MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR

We would like to thank all those great people: local residents, official city, county and state personnel, who helped suppress the fire on our ranch in September. The response to the quickly spreading fire was amazing. The "troops" arrived, were organized, and attacked on the ground and from the air. Citizens supplied water trucks and dozers, had stock trailers on call, and offered food and willing hands for any necessary job.

*Thank all of you great people for going above and beyond the call of duty!*

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### Last Week's Temps

Day	HI/LO
John Day	61/27
Tuesday	68/35
Wednesday	71/38
Thursday	68/39
Friday	59/29
Saturday	69/33
Sunday	75/41

24/7 FORECAST

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### WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 4 - 10

Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Weather	Sunny	Chance of rain	Rain likely	Chance of snow	Mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Cloudy
High	68	64	44	37	35	38	44
Low	43	36	27	20	14	17	20