

# Veterans honored at Seventh Street Complex

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Grant County honored veterans at Seventh Street Complex in John Day.

John Day Elks Lodge exalted ruler Charles Caughlin spoke on the history of Veterans Day. The long-held tradition, which is celebrated at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, is an annual tradition for the Elks.

Vietnam veteran Robert Van Voorhis read a letter from Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Director Kim Fitzpatrick, who due

to travel restrictions on state employees, was not able to attend the ceremony.

She said the ODVA, for the first time in over a century, would not be hosting an in-person event in Salem near the World War II memorial.

"2020 will long be remembered as a year of tremendous change and challenge for our nation. Yet this year also gives us reasons to celebrate. It marks 75 years since the of another historic challenge — World War II," Fitzpatrick said in the letter. Van Voorhis said Grant



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**The John Day American Legion Rifle Guard honors veterans at the Seventh Street Complex on Veterans Day.**

County is "very good" at taking care of veterans. He recognized the county's Veterans Service Office, headed

up by Katie Hoffman, who is a veteran as well.

The ceremony concluded with a rifle salute from mem-



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**Chuck Howe, right, leading knight of the Elks Lodge and a veteran, bows his head in prayer Nov. 11 during the Veterans Day ceremony at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day.**

bers of the American Legion usually holds a free lunch, open to the public, instead held a drive-through. The Elks Lodge, which



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**Pies at last year's John Day Elks Lodge community Thanksgiving dinner.**

## Elks Lodge plans takeout, delivery Thanksgiving dinner

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With the statewide ban on indoor gatherings, the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner at the John Day Elks Lodge will be takeout or delivery this year.

Free and open to the public, the lodge will serve turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, sweet

potatoes, rolls, stuffing, cranberries and pies.

To place an order for delivery, call 541-575-1824 no later than noon on Nov. 25.

Deliveries will start going out at noon and will run until as late as 4 p.m.

The meals can be picked up at 140 NE Dayton St. starting at 1 p.m.

## Republican meeting moved to Prairie City

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The Grant County Republican Central Committee meeting with the election of officers has been moved to 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at 121 S. Washington St., Prairie City. The public is welcome.

## Zipp hired as Fossil Beds superintendent

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The National Park Service has selected Roy Zipp to serve as the superintendent of John Day Fossil Beds National Monument starting Nov. 22, according to a press release. Zipp currently serves as the superintendent at Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve in Washington.

"Roy brings a wealth of knowledge and hands-on experience in natural and cultural resources management, science and stewardship, conservation planning, special park uses and partnerships and civic engagement," said Acting NPS Regional Director Linda D. Walker. "His skill in working with rural communities and building partnerships makes him a great fit for this position."

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in central Oregon offers the public an understanding of the earth's history through geological and paleontological resource exhibits. The park is one of the few areas on the planet with numerous well-preserved and ecologically diverse fossils entombed in sedimentary



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Roy Zipp

layers found in close proximity to datable volcanic rocks. Zipp will oversee all the management aspects of the park, including planning and programming, public relations, administration, resource management, safety, interpretation, visitor services and facilities maintenance.

"John Day is a fascinating place for contemplating the earth's history, 'deep time,' and the evolution of life on earth following the extinction of the dinosaurs," said Zipp. "My National Park Service

career began in the sciences, and it feels good to return to these intellectual roots at this park. I'm excited to become a member of the community here."

In Zipp's current position as superintendent of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, he manages the NPS lands and facilities within the park in coordination with state and local governments and nonprofit partners.

Prior to coming to Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, Zipp worked

at North Cascades National Park for 13 years focusing on diverse issues including sport climbing, fisheries management and flood recovery planning. During his first permanent position with the NPS at Big Thicket National Preserve in Southeast Texas, he partnered with the Nature Conservancy to establish a long-leaf pine restoration effort that is ongoing. Zipp began his career with the NPS in 1992 through the Student Conservation Association at Mount Rainier National Park, monitoring mountain lakes and streams. He has been with the NPS for 24 years.

Zipp holds a bachelor's degree in biology from McDaniel College and a master's degree in environmental management with a focus on water resources from Duke University. He and his partner, Brenda Binker, and their two barn cats, Mojo and Winston, enjoy wilderness adventures, eating from their own garden and playing outside.

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument was established in 1975. For more information, visit [nps.gov/joda](http://nps.gov/joda).

## Taylor hired as Fossil health center CEO

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Renee Taylor is the new chief executive officer of Asher Community Health Center in Fossil and brings her professional record of effective leadership and management in community health care, according to a press release.



Renee Taylor

Originally from California, Taylor worked several years in the Indian Health Service, before moving to Oregon in early 2015 to work as chief financial officer for a federally qualified health center.

She believes FQHCs are an essential partner for integrating behavioral, dental and community wellness with primary care to provide a high-quality patient centered holistic care model.

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John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	40/29
Wednesday	39/24
Thursday	41/20
Friday	44/34
Saturday	40/32
Sunday	48/34
Monday	55/38

24/7 FORECAST

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rain likely	Chance of rain/snow	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Chance of rain/snow	Chance of rain/snow	Mostly cloudy
<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>