Senior advisory council meeting planned Dec. 14

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant County Senior Citizens Advisory Council semi-annual meeting starts at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the John Day Senior Center. New members of the council appointed by the

Grant County Court will be introduced. By-laws will be presented, officers will be elected and the area plan will be reviewed.

The public is welcome. For more information, contact Frances Preston, 541-820-4463.

PRAIRIE CITY HONOR ROLL — FIRST NINE WEEKS

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Ezra Beam, Jesaka Culley, Brandon Horrell, Sophia McLennan, Caitlin Willet and Jayden Winegar.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Samantha Workman, Declan Zweygardt, Katie Hire, Kevin Duvall, Jojari Field and Abbey Pfefferkorn.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Mikiah Kimble.

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Marcus Judd. Honor roll: Masyn Keith and Gavin Lopez.

Honorable mention: Hannah Wall, Tianna Lawrence, John Titus, Cameron Zirkel and Zenteyvia Locke.

Sophomores

Honor roll: Kaitlynne Ashley and Laken McKay.

Honorable mention: Betty Ann Wilson, Paige Shaw, Caitlin Titus and Cole Teel.

SUNRISE IN

MT. VERNON

Freshmen

Honor roll: Jasmine Hayzlett, Cayden Howard, Tristen Gibson and Wes Voigt. Honorable mention:

Cody Reagan, Jaycee Winegar, Brooke Teel and Brianna Kimble.

Eighth-graders

4.0 GPA: Tamara Judd. Honor roll: Clyde Holliday, Josie Horrell, Reece Jacobs, Arie De Groot, Eric Rausch, Hinkle Eli and Lilly Rockhill.

Honorable mention: Skylar McKay, Hunter Urbanowicz, Gracie Voigt, Hagen Workman and Zoey Beam.

Seventh-graders

Honor roll: Alexis Anderton, Kaitlyn Dehart and Nicholas Perez.

Honorable mention: Riley Davis, Mya Bryant, Lavnie Harmon, Ashlee Mills and Maison Teel.

Vet clinic offering spay and neuter clinic

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John Day River Veterinary Clinic will offer reduced rates during a spay and neuter clinic for dogs and cats Dec. 15-16.

Dogs will be on Dec. 15, cats on Dec. 16. Call to make appointment, 541-932-4428.

Sunrise in Mt. Vernon.

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Rita Meyer December 29, 1930 ~ November 26, 2020

Rita (Howard) Meyer, age 89, was a beloved wife, mother, and Grandmother. She passed away on November 26, 2020, at her residence with her family by her side. A private family graveside service will be held at the Canyon City Cemetery, with a memorial service for the public to be announced at a later date.

Grant Union, Humbolt schools back to on-site education

By Rudy Diaz Blue Mountain Eagle

Many students are back in the classroom.

Grant Union Junior-Senior High and Humbolt Elementary School returned to on-site education Monday, according to Grant School District Superintendent Bret Uptmor.

The decision was based on the number of COVID-19 cases and case positivity as well as the impact COVID-19 has had on kids and staff and how many have been ill or quarantined, he said.

Uptmor said current data indicates Grant County's case positivity rate dropped from 16.8% two weeks ago to around 7.8% last week and is now hov-

Gordon and Clara Jacobson Smith. He died

on Dec. 2, 2020, in Hermiston, Oregon,

at the age of 81 years. Clifford was raised

for a good part of his childhood in Prairie

City, Oregon, where he graduated from high

school in 1957. He then joined the United

States Army, serving from 1958 until his

honorable discharge in 1962. He then

attended Treasure Valley Community Col-

lege before transferring to Eastern Oregon

College where earned his BA in English.

Clifford was united in marriage to Reiba

nephews and cousins.

Long Creek, Oregon.

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to the Long Creek ambulance.

Clifford E. Smith

March 29, 1939 – Dec. 2, 2020

Clifford Earl Smith of Long Creek, Oregon, was born on

March 29, 1939, in Dead Ox Flats, Oregon, near Ontario to parents

cil and as mayor. Clifford enjoyed hunting, was an avid sports fan,

playing city league basketball into his 60s, and supporting his chil-

dren and grandchildren in their sporting events and other activities. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Reiba Smith, Long

Creek, Oregon; daughters, Treina Smith Slatt, Hood River, Oregon,

and Treila Smith, Monument, Oregon; son, Rykeir Smith, Vancou-

ver, Washington; brother, Tim Smith, McMinnville, Oregon; sisters,

Sharon Leasy, Pilot Rock, Oregon, and Joyce Authier, Prineville,

Oregon; eight grandchildren, Treiquella, Peiyton, Tayleir, Aubrei-

anna, Teigan, Zandeir, Lillien and Preston; and numerous nieces,

Ryan Smith, sister, Bev Baldrige, and a brother, Morse Smith.

Clifford was preceded in death by his parents, and infant son,

A graveside funeral service with military honors will be held on

Those who wish may make contributions in Clifford's memory

Please share memories of Clifford at burnsmortuaryhermiston.

Gary 'Hawk' Grant

Gary "Hawk" Grant, 73, of Monument passed away Nov.

28. No services are planned at this time. Memorial contribu-

tions may be made to a local charity of one's choosing. Nis-

wonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visit the online registry at niswonger-reynolds.com.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at 12 noon at the Long Creek Cemetery,



Eagle file photo **Grant School District Superintendent** Bret Uptmor.

ering around 3.8%. Uptmor said the local health department was supportive of moving back to on-site education.

Uptmor said they know some people may be nervous going back to school, but

OBITUARIES

Samuel Alphonso Lindsey

Oct. 11, 1932 - Dec. 5, 2020

Samuel Alphonso Lindsey was born Oct. 11, 1932, in Grangeville, Idaho, and passed away Dec. 5, 2020. He lived in Prairie City.

Sam came to Oregon in 1944. Sam married Mona Dianne in 1984. Sam is proceeded in death by his parents, William and Bessy Lindsey; stepson Shannon Dains; and grandson David Jacob Lindsey. Samuel is survived by his wife. Mona, and several step-children, grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Iva Speelman

Jan. 31. 1938 – Dec. 3. 2020

Iva Speelman, 82, of Prairie City, Oregon, passed away on Dec. 3, 2020. She was surrounded by family in the comfort of her own home with her loving husband,

Ken, right by her side. A celebration of life will be held in the spring.

Iva was born Iva Estella VanLeuven in Baker City, Oregon, on Jan. 31, 1938. She met and married Ivan Andrew in 1953. Together they had four children. Iva later married Ken Speelman, to whom she has been devoted for the last 44 years.

Iva is preceded in death by her parents, Della and Roy Howe, and her sis-

ter Pat Seigrist.

Iva is survived by her husband, Ken Speelman; her children, Ivan (Vickie) Andrew, Elaine (John) Livran, Valeria Andrew and her husband, Chuck Cason, Duane (Trace) Andrew; her stepchildren Rod Speelman, Kendra (Kaipo) Raiser and Scott Speelman; her brother Duane (Sherry) VanLeuven; and her sister Diane (Gary) Wright. Iva was also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as Grandma Froggy (because of her incredible collection of decorative frogs). There are also many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews who loved Iva very much.

Iva's family would like to thank her dear friends Ed and Nancy Akers for their help and support over the last several months

Memorial contributions in Iva's honor can be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To leave an online condolence for the family or to view photos of Iva, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



FAMILY

the schools have gone through additional

cleaning and made sure that every safety

"We're just making sure that when they show up on Monday, we're still in school in a safe manner," Uptmor said

Uptmor said, when the district made

However, he said he is grateful for the

"To know that our community stepped

the decision to transition to comprehen-

sive distance learning, it was a tough

community's help and willingness to step

forward to help us get back on-site... that

appreciation is so heart-felt, I don't even

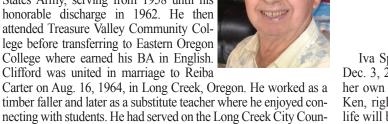
know how to reach out to everybody and

say thank you," Uptmor said.

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last week.

decision to make.





She was born Rita May Howard on December 29, 1930, at a midwife's house in Stanley County, South Dakota. During the Great Depression, her family moved frequently and lived for several years in a sod house near Wanblee, South Dakota. She graduated from high school in Huron, South Dakota, where she met Alfred (Al) Meyer in choir class. The two were married in Huron in February 1951 and remained together until his death in 2006.

Rita worked at Hughes Aircraft in Venice Beach, California, while her husband Al was serving in the Navy during the Korean War. She also worked at the Oregon State University Controller's office and then at a Chiropractor's office until her first son's birth.

During her husband's career with the U.S. Forest Service, the Meyers lived in various towns in Oregon, including Corvallis, La Grande, Enterprise, Unity, Joseph, and John Day, where she lived since 1971. She was an avid piano player and spent many years teaching and playing the piano at the Nazarene Church. She loved to sing and was a wonderful cook.

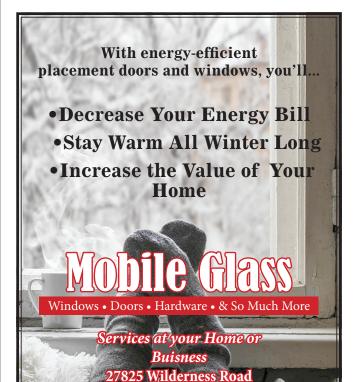
She is survived by her son David (Hope) Meyer of John Day, Oregon; daughter, Susan (Michael) Brannon of Portland, Oregon, and grandchildren, Trianna Brannon and Michael Brannon Jr.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alfred, her son, Nathan, and her parents, Guy G. Howard and Esther T. Thorne of Huron, South Dakota; siblings, Vernita, Margaret, Barbara, James, and Bernard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grant County Food Bank through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To leave an online condolence for Rita's family, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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Paid for by the family of Rita Meyer



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At the holidays and all year, we're here to help with quality medical care for the whole family! To find a physician or schedule an appointment, please call 541-575-0404

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	42/28
Wednesday	45/22
Thursday	47/30
Friday	45/26
Saturday	50/28
Sunday	41/34
Monday	44/30
24/7 Forecast	
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Weather Forecast for the week of Dec. 9 - 15

