

Senior advisory council meeting planned Dec. 14

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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.

Grant Union, Humbolt schools back to on-site education

By Rudy Diaz
Blue Mountain Eagle



Eagle file photo

Grant School District Superintendent Bret Uptmor.

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 hovering 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

the schools have gone through additional cleaning and made sure that every safety protocol was in place.

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

Uptmor said, when the district made the decision to transition to comprehensive distance learning, it was a tough decision to make.

However, he said he is grateful for the community's help and willingness to step up.

"To know that our community stepped 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.

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 Zwegardt, Katie Hire, Kevin Duvall, Jofari Field and Abbey Pfefferkom.

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: Kaitlynn Ashely and Laken McKay.

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

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 Anderson, Kaitlyn Dehart and Nicholas Perez.

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

SUNRISE IN MT. VERNON



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Sunrise in Mt. Vernon.

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 an appointment, 541-932-4428.



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.

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.

Paid for by the family of Rita Meyer

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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 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 College before transferring to Eastern Oregon College where earned his BA in English. Clifford was united in marriage to Reiba Carter on Aug. 16, 1964, in Long Creek, Oregon. He worked as a timber faller and later as a substitute teacher where he enjoyed connecting with students. He had served on the Long Creek City Council and as mayor. Clifford enjoyed hunting, was an avid sports fan, playing city league basketball into his 60s, and supporting his children 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, Vancouver, Washington; brother, Tim Smith, McMinnville, Oregon; sisters, Sharon Leasy, Pilot Rock, Oregon, and Joyce Authier, Prineville, Oregon; eight grandchildren, Treiquella, Peiyton, Tayleir, Aubrianna, Teigan, Zandeir, Lillien and Preston; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Clifford was preceded in death by his parents, and infant son, Ryan Smith, sister, Bev Baldrige, and a brother, Morse Smith.

A graveside funeral service with military honors will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at 12 noon at the Long Creek Cemetery, Long Creek, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Clifford's memory to the Long Creek ambulance.

Please share memories of Clifford at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Gary 'Hawk' Grant

Gary "Hawk" Grant, 73, of Monument passed away Nov. 28. No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to a local charity of one's choosing. Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Visit the online registry at niswonger-reynolds.com.

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Last Week's Temps

Day	HI/LO
John Day 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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162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 9 - 15

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Chance of rain	43	25
Thursday	Partly sunny	45	25
Friday	Chance of rain/snow	39	25
Saturday	Chance of rain/snow	42	31
Sunday	Chance of rain/snow	45	31
Monday	Chance of rain/snow	43	21
Tuesday	Cloudy	45	29