

# Grant County receives 100 Moderna doses, begins vaccinations

Hospital inoculating frontline health care workers

By Steven Mitchell  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Blue Mountain Hospital District has received 100 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and has started vaccinating its frontline health care workers.

BMHD Director of Emergency Services Rebecca Rand said she believes the hospital will be receiving another shipment but she is unsure when.

"It's just like everything else," she said. "It gets pushed to us, and there is no set date."

Rand said one vial contains 10 to 11 doses. Yesterday, BMHD vaccinated 11 people.

She said over the next week the hospital would vaccinate health care workers, contractors and other frontline employees affiliated with the hospital.

Rand said the hospital's goal is to start small and make sure "every piece is in place." She said that is how most hospitals have rolled out their respective COVID-19 vaccination processes.



Contributed photo  
**Blue Mountain Hospital District's Dr. Emily Lieuallen, left, receives the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine from nurse Jenelle Moulton Monday as BMHD vaccinated 11 frontline workers.**

# Housing Resource Center receives \$5,000 grant

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Banner Bank has awarded Community Connection of Northeast Oregon's Housing Resource Center a \$5,000 grant for its prepurchase, financial capability and mortgage default counseling and education services.

Community Connection conducts Homebuying Education workshops, Building Your Budget classes and Becoming a Rental Superstar classes in Baker, Grant, Union and Wallowa coun-

ties. Community Connection offers Individual Development Accounts for first-time homebuyers to help them save up to \$12,000 for a down payment, \$4,000 for vehicle replacement and \$2,000 for rental assistance (first, last and deposit). Community Connection has also offered Down Payment Assistance Funds to first-time homebuyers. A certain portion of those funds are still available and reserved for veterans.

Community Connection has two certified pre-

purchase housing counselors that help people determine affordability for purchase price and mortgage payment. The counselors help them get lender qualified by reviewing credit (coming up with strategies to improve credit), debt analysis (devising repayment plans if necessary) and budget review to ensure they can sustain a mortgage payment and other housing-related responsibilities.

Community Connection also has a certified foreclosure intervention and default

counselor to help folks evaluate strategies for retaining ownership of their home and avoiding foreclosure. The benefits of counseling saves lenders thousands of dollars in foreclosure fees, creates sustainable payments for homeowners and stabilizes the economy. In 2019, Community Connection produced 37 positive resolutions, saving homeowners a collective \$729,727 in monthly mortgage payments, reinstatement amounts and principal balance reduction.

# Long, Weaver named to OSU honor roll

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Local students were named to the fall term 2020 scholastic honor roll at Oregon State University.

Johna M. Long, a freshman studying nutrition from John Day, and Wyatt T. Weaver, a

senior studying mechanical engineering from John Day, made the list.

A total of 8,378 earned a B-plus (3.5) GPA or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

## OBITUARIES

### Helen M. Bogart

July 4, 1923 - Dec. 21, 2020

Helen M. Bogart a longtime Grant County resident, came into this world with a bang on the Fourth of July, 1923! She joined her husband, Ken, in Heaven on Dec. 21, 2020, at age 97 years! She passed peacefully at The Good Samaritan Society nursing home in Spokane Valley, Washington.

She was active in the Episcopal Church in Canyon City; member of the Order of Eastern Stars; along with her husband, Ken, started what is now The Old West Credit Union in their home in Bates; was a Cub Scout den mother; leader of the Bates' Majorettes; member of Bates Womens Club; helpful in many endeavors of the John Day Senior Citizens Center and its transportation program, often driving the bus herself when there was no driver available.

More important than all these, she loved her family and put them above all others including herself.

Helen was preceded in death by: her only love, Ken; her father, Ervin Harrington; mother, Allie; and sisters, Valoria, Irene, Eula and Elaine.

She is survived by: daughter Susan Kirkwood and husband, Jim; son Ken (Danny) Bogart and wife, Bruna; grandchildren, Robert Kirkwood and wife, Anna, Tanja Bogart and husband, Mark Durgin, Michael Kirkwood and wife, Rhonda, Wendy Ambrose and husband, Taylor, Chad Bogart and wife, Autumn, Julie Lake and husband, Daniel, and Candace Bogart; and many nieces and nephews. Helen had 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Service will be held in the spring of 2021 in John Day, Oregon. Place, date and time will be announced in the Blue Mountain Eagle.



### Donald Clay Porter Sr.

September 9, 1936 - December 17, 2020

Donald Clay Porter, age 84, of John Day, passed away December 17, 2020, in Boise, Idaho. A memorial service is planned to be held at a later date.

Don was born September 9, 1936, in Prairie City, Oregon, to Clarence and Mildred (Meade) Porter of Long Creek, Oregon. He grew up on a ranch east of Long Creek, Oregon, and would take a horse and buggy to attend elementary school at the Carter School, a one-room schoolhouse where his mother Mildred was the teacher. He graduated from Long Creek High School in 1956.

Don married Arleta (Deda) Anderson in 1958, in Stevenson, Washington. The two made Long Creek, Oregon, their home and welcomed two sons, Daniel Richard and Donald Clay Jr. A few years later they moved their family to Milwaukie, Oregon.

Don worked for over 30 years with Northwest Natural Gas in Tualatin, Oregon, before moving back to Grant County, Oregon, to enjoy the beautiful views and quiet life.

Don was actively involved with the John Day Senior Center and enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, baking zucchini bread, and working in the yard. He loved to go for a walk every day with his walking stick and visiting with neighbors along his way. He was always ready to lend a helping hand where needed had a cheerful gentle smile and a hearty laugh.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Mildred Porter. Don is survived by his wife, Deda of Canyon City, Oregon; sons, Dan Richard (Mary) Porter of Portland, Oregon; Donald Clay Jr. (Denise) Porter of Long Creek, Oregon; granddaughter, Trisha (Noah) Shields of Portland, Oregon; grandson, Danny Delegato Porter of Portland, Oregon; great-granddaughter, Riley May Shields of Portland, Oregon; brother, Jerry (Sylvia) Porter of La Grande, Oregon; nieces, Mita Porter of La Grande, Oregon; Holly Jo (Ed) Hodges of Eugene, Oregon; Heidi (Josh) King of Seattle, Washington; nephew, Dan Lee (Karen) Porter of Vancouver, Washington; and several grand nieces and nephews, as well as many more beloved relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to the John Day Senior Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, Oregon 97845. To leave an online condolence for the family of Donald, please visit: [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com). Paid for by the family of Don Porter.



### Evelyn K. Ogilvie

April 13, 1920 - December 17, 2020

*Paid for by the family of Evelyn Ogilvie*

Evelyn Ogilvie passed away on December 17, 2020, peacefully, surrounded by her family; she was 100 years young. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Evelyn was born April 13, 1920 on the family wheat ranch, 17 miles south of Lind, Washington. She was the eldest of three daughters born to Carl and Lela Kelso. The family moved to Walla Walla, Washington, where Evelyn attended elementary, high school, and Walla Walla Business College. Upon graduation, she was employed as the office manager for Teague Motor Company in Walla Walla.

Evelyn was active in the community, serving as secretary of the YMCA, president of the YMCA Businesswomen's Association, secretary of the Blue Mountain Ski Club, secretary of the PNW Ski Association Teacher Certification Committee, Local Charter President, and state secretary of Epison Sigma Alpha.

During the war she was co-chair of the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce Victory Bells Association, promoting the sale of war bonds, and served as the office hostess for the Walla Walla Air Base social functions. She was a Red Cross Junior Grey Lady at the Veterans Hospital working with war casualties from the Alaska Theater of War.

On August 5, 1950, she married Carlos Ogilvie and moved to John Day where she joined the family business John Day Motor Company, serving as office/business manager and later as a partner.

Evelyn proudly continued her lifetime of service to her community and our veterans by joining the American Legion Auxiliary-Elis Tracy unit #77, where she served as unit president multiple times and district president under 10 state presidents. She held many state offices/chairmanships and was the director of Oregon Girls State in 1974 and state president of the A.L.A. in 1987-1988. She went on to serve at the national level as Foreign Relations VP, National Executive Committee Woman, Western Division Vice President, Girls State Committee member, and counselor at Girls Nation, just to name a few. Evelyn was a member and past president of the John Day Ladies Golf Association, Daughters of the Nile, John Day United Methodist Church, John Day Elks Club #1824, and was named the S.E. District Elk of the year in 2008-2009.

As an avid Bridge player, Evelyn enjoyed playing Bridge well into her nineties.

She is survived by her daughter, Tammy Ogilvie of Beaverton, Oregon; granddaughter Alexandra Deuel of Missoula, Montana; and grandson Griffin Deuel of Beaverton, Oregon. Memorial contributions in Evelyn's honor can be made to the Blue Mountain Hospice or John Day United Methodist Church through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 2410 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, Oregon 97875.



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### Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday .....	38/29
Wednesday .....	37/21
Thursday.....	46/26
Friday .....	46/29
Saturday .....	43/30
Sunday.....	41/24
Monday.....	37/21

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### WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 30 - JAN. 5

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rain/snow likely	Chance of snow	Slight chance of rain/snow	Chance of rain	Chance of rain	Chance of rain/snow	Cloudy
<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>