

Grant County sports contests start this week

Some fans can attend volleyball, football games

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High School sports schedules are out along with guidelines for spectators.

Each school district is incorporating the guidance from the Oregon School Activities Association, Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Department regarding spectators in their district.

For spectators at Grant Union High School, there is a maximum capacity of up to 200 people for indoor contests. There is a maximum capacity of up to 300 people for outdoor contests. A mask is required for everyone attending.

The guidance on spectators released from Grant Union states, if an individual refuses to wear a mask, they will be asked to leave the facility.

For home volleyball games at Grant Union, there will be 90



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Grant Union Prospector Kenna Combs (3) tips the ball over the net just past Enterprise Outlaw Zari Bathke.

passes for home fans to attend the contest. The varsity volleyball team will receive four passes per game to distribute, while the junior varsity team will have three. Passes need to be presented upon entering the venue.

For home football games at Grant Union, there will be

140 passes for home fans to attend. Each football player will receive five passes to distribute.

Admissions will be collected: \$5 for adults, \$5 for students and free admission for senior-citizens.

All home contests will be live streamed on the NFHS

Network for people not able to attend. For more information on streaming, visit nfhsnetwork.com/pixelott and search for Grant Union High School in the "Find Your School" bar located at the top of the page.

For Dayville/Monument School spectators, masks are required for everyone over kin-

SPORTS SCHEDULE

March 3

Grant Union volleyball vs. Crane, 5 p.m.

March 5

Grant Union football vs. Heppner, 5 p.m.

Prairie City football vs. South Wasco County, 1 p.m.

Dayville/Monument football vs. Wheeler County in Monument, 2 p.m.

Dayville/Monument volleyball vs. Wheeler County in Monument, 4 p.m.

March 6

Grant Union volleyball @ Stanfield, 12 p.m.

March 10

Prairie City volleyball vs. Crane, 5 p.m.

attend the football games while following the guidelines for distance and masks, according to a release from Dayville School District.

Only two spectators per Dayville/Monument athlete will be allowed at the volleyball games with no visiting spectators. Tickets will be provided to athletes on the week of the game.

Prairie City School Superintendent Casey Hallgarth said masks and distancing are required.

Hallgarth said that capacity for their volleyball games will be 50% maximum capacity. OSAA guidelines also states that there is a maximum gathering limit of 300 people for outdoor activities such as football.

Hallgarth said Pixelott cameras have been set up at Prairie City School and home sports game will be live streamed through the NFHS Network. He said information will be sent to parents to guide them through the subscription process and how to view games.

ergarten age as each family unit is asked to maintain 6 feet of distance from each other.

The guidance on spectators from Dayville/Monument said all spectators are welcome to

OTEC to resume normal collection activity March 17

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative will resume normal collection activity, including disconnections and late fees for unpaid utilities, on March 17.

OTEC temporarily suspended disconnections and late fees on March 17, 2020, due to financial hardships placed on members due to COVID-19.

"We feel that it's time to begin normal collection activities in order to be good stewards of our members' financial resources and keep the cooperative operationally and financially resilient," said Eric Wirfs, OTEC's director of member services. "It was a difficult decision for us, but we continue to see the number of unpaid accounts climb. The amount owed from these accounts would be enough to possibly necessitate a rate increase if we do not shift measures to help members bring their accounts up to date.

"Our responsibility is to our entire membership because we are member owned. That is why we are

resuming normal collection activities, to avoid any potential negative monetary impact on all our members."

Over the last year, OTEC's member service representatives have continued to contact members to help them stay current with their bills by offering guidance for financial assistance, local resources and flexible payment options. In the lead-up to the resumption of normal collection activity, OTEC has contacted or has attempted to contact every member with a delinquent account via phone, email and mail.

There is still time to make arrangements, set up a payment plan or seek financial assistance to help with an account.

"We know many of our members are still impacted by the pandemic," said Wirfs. "We urge those who are struggling to pay their bills to call us and we will work with you on many different payment plan options to avoid disconnecting power."

For more information, call 541-523-3616 or visit otec.coop.

Paycheck Protection Program loans open up for businesses with fewer than 20 employees

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From Feb. 22 to March 10, businesses with fewer than 20 employees can apply for the Paycheck Protection Program loans before larger firms.

According to the Small Business Administration, the change in rules is to ensure that smaller businesses get the lion's share of this round of funding, which is open until March 31.

"The SBA is a frontline agency

working to create an inclusive economy, focused on reaching women-owned, minority-owned, low- and moderate-income, rural, and other underserved communities in meaningful ways. While reported data illustrates we have made real strides in ensuring these funds are reaching underserved communities, we believe we can still do better," said SBA Senior Advisor Michael Roth in a statement.

Borrowers can contact the SBA's website at sba.gov/article/2021/feb/22/

[sba-prioritizes-smallest-small-businesses-paycheck-protection-program](http://sba.gov/prioritizes-smallest-small-businesses-paycheck-protection-program). Or the state's Small Business Development Center at oregonsbdc.org, or can get in touch with an SBA lender bank at sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/lender-match.

Bob Quinton, a vice president at the Bank of Eastern Oregon and a commercial loan officer, said they are still doing the PPP loans. However, he said, the bank is not doing any other kind of SBA loans at this time.

Mt. Vernon Scholarship Fund accepting applications

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The Mt. Vernon Scholarship Fund is accepting applications from Mt. Vernon area students who will complete their high school education in 2021 and will be attending an accredited vocational/technical school, college or university.

Applicants must presently live within the area of the former Mt. Vernon School District 6. The boundaries are commonly known as Laycock Creek and Fields Creek on the east and west; Malheur National Forest on the north; Harper Creek on the southwest; and Ingall Creek on the southeast.

The scholarship was established in 2003 by Mt. Vernon High School Classes of 1955-1959. Information and application forms are available from Grant Union High School counselors or from Rick Hehn, 7827 Mountain Aire Lp SE, Olympia, WA 98503. The application deadline is May 1.



Staff Sgt. Neil Goodwin

Goodwin moves from Air Force to Space Force

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Staff Sgt. Neil Goodwin, son of Bud Goodwin of Mt. Vernon and Dr. Karin and Steve Pappadakis of Colorado Springs, separated from the U.S. Air Force after 17 years and signed with the U.S. Space Force on Feb. 19 at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Sgt. Goodwin has been a space systems analyst for his Air Force career. He will remain in Colorado Springs.

Local students named to EOU dean's list

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Eastern Oregon University named 564 students to the dean's list for the 2020

fall term.

Local students include Heather Mosley of Canyon City, Payton Miller of Ione, Fallon Weaver of John Day, James Hercher of Long Creek, Andrew Lusco of Mt. Vernon and Brianna

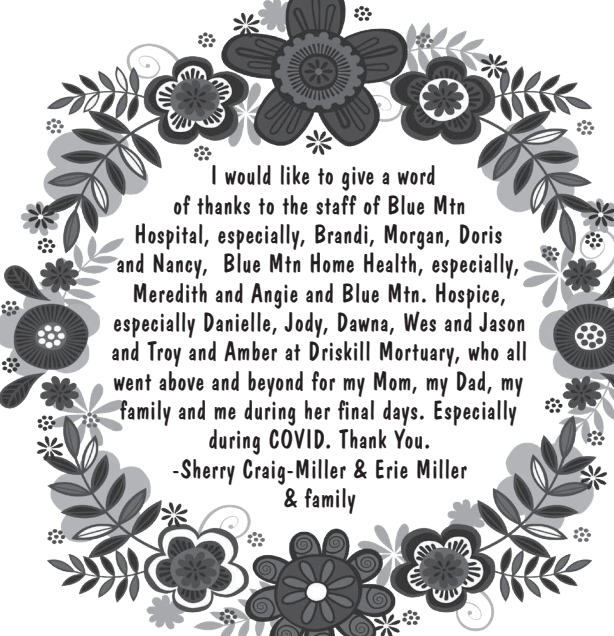
Zweygardt of Prairie City.

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.

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-Sherry Craig-Miller & Eric Miller & family

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CORRECTION

In the Feb. 17 article "County to amend planning within John Day's urban growth boundary," the Eagle incorrectly reported each city in the county has an urban growth boundary outside their city limits. Monument, Long Creek and Dayville's UGBs are identical to their city limits. Prairie City's UGB is outside its city limits, but the city has responsibility for its land use decisions. The Eagle regrets the error.

Last Week's Temps

Day	HI/LO
John Day Tuesday	41/30
Wednesday	39/22
Thursday	45/20
Friday	38/29
Saturday	38/23
Sunday	41/20
Monday	50/28

24/7 FORECAST








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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3 - 9

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
						
Sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Slight chance of showers	Chance of rain/snow	Chance of snow	Cloudy
54	57	59	53	48	45	47
28	34	35	32	29	20	26