

OBITUARIES

Robert Kenneth Warren

Sept. 23, 1951 – May 7, 2021

Robert Kenneth Warren passed away peacefully on May 7, 2021, at the age of 69.

No services are planned at this time. Bob was born on Sept. 23, 1951, in Lebanon, Oregon, to Cecil and Mildred Warren and was raised in Sweet Home, Oregon, where he graduated from Sweet Home High School.

He started driving his dad's log truck at age 15, bought his own log truck at 18 and was in the logging business for 30-plus years. He moved to John Day in 1972, where he met his wife and raised three children.

Bob was preceded in death by his mom and dad.

Bob is survived by his wife, Joni, who was the love of his life. They were married for 46 years.

He also leaves behind Charles (Pam) Warren of Roseburg, Oregon; Angela Burgett (James) of Moro, Oregon; Christopher Warren of Roseburg, Oregon; five grandkids (Cohen, Faith, Hayden, Joni and Eli); and three siblings (Gary, Pauline and Dennis).

Memorial contributions can be made to the Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.



Teresa Ann Sallee

Feb. 8, 1956 – May 3, 2021

Teresa Ann Sallee, age 65, of John Day passed away May 3, 2021, with her family by her side. A celebration of life will be held May 15, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Sunflower Flat outside of Monument, Oregon, with a potluck picnic to follow.

Teresa was born on Feb. 8, 1956, to Frances Parr-Nichols in Vancouver, Washington, and attended Monument High School.

Teresa worked for Valley View Assisted Living for five years, retiring in 2020.

She enjoyed reading and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her mom, Frances Nichols, of John Day, Oregon; daughter, Sara Williams, of John Day, Oregon; son Justus and daughter-in-law Lisa Watson of John Day, Oregon; and another son Matthew Sallee; and seven grandchildren, Skylar Watson Vogel, Keilon Watson, Kayana McClean, Jaykeb Williams, Nisha Sallee, Parker Sallee and Preston Sallee.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Thelma Louise Kite

July 23, 1923 – May 1, 2021

Thelma Louise Kite, age 97, of John Day passed away May 1, 2021, in Mt. Vernon, Oregon. A graveside service was held May 7, 2021, at the Canyon City Cemetery with Pastor Al Altnow as the officiant.

Thelma was born July 23, 1923, to Steve and Clara (Jones) Miller on Pine Creek in John Day, Oregon. She married Melvin Kite in Nevada in 1966 and was a devoted housewife. She enjoyed oil painting, flower arrangements, fishing and gardening. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Clara Miller; husband, Melvin Kite; sisters, Erma Narem and Irene Johnson; brother, Steve Miller; sons, Steve and Terry Gentis; and grandson, Mike Gentis.

Survivors include her son, Walt (Donna) Gentis of John Day, Oregon; grandsons, Sperm Gentis of John Day, Oregon, and John Gentis of Athena, Oregon; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in her honor can be made to the Cinnabar Adult Foster Care Home through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.



Oregon COVID-19 trends slowing, but Eastern Oregon remains hot spot

By Gary A. Warner
Oregon Capital Bureau

The latest rise in COVID-19 infections in Oregon has peaked and is heading down, though Eastern Oregon continues to have some of the top case numbers and infection rates in the state.

The Oregon Health Authority released the weekly COVID-19 risk level numbers late Monday morning and the official announcement on changes in risk levels — and restrictions in each county — Tuesday. Although most counties remained in the same risk level, Grant, Lincoln and Wasco counties will move from high to moderate risk Friday, May 14.

Overall, the numbers show a slight decline in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks, compared to last week's report.

The state reported 10,755 new cases over the two-week period, which equals 252 cases per 100,000 residents. Both are slight declines over the previous period.

The rate of positive cases remains at 6.4% — state officials say anything above 5% has the potential to lead to a rebound of cases.

Several counties had case rates that would in the past have pushed them into the extreme risk category. For large counties, an infection rate of more than 200 per 100,000 people would place them in the most restrictive of the state's four risk level tiers.

But Brown introduced a new metric last month that keeps counties from the harshest limits, including a ban on indoor dining.

Counties will not be put in the extreme risk level regardless of their own COVID-19 numbers if the state overall has under



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A Grant County Health Department staff member reviews a COVID-19 rapid test.

300 hospitalizations for COVID-19. After that threshold is crossed, an increase of 15% has to be met to hit the extreme risk level.

As of Monday, the Oregon Health Authority reported 324 confirmed COVID-19 cases hospitalized in the state, a slight reduction over the last period.

Under the rules, those numbers mean no counties will be put in extreme risk level.

Eastern Oregon showed a mixed set of results under the latest numbers.

Grant County, a hot spot in recent weeks, showed an overall decline in cases, but reported positive cases were up to 10%, twice the level that OHA says is needed to keep cases from rebounding sharply.

Umatilla County dropped nearly 10 points to 136.2 cases per 100,000, a rate that would rank it as moderate risk. The only downside was an uptick in percent of positive cases to 5.5% in the new reporting period, up from 5% reported last week.

Case named fire instructor of the year

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Long Creek Assistant Fire Chief Peter Case has been chosen by the Grant-Harney Training Association as their Instructor of the Year for 2020. Each year a firefighter from one of the 10 fire departments that make up the Grant-Harney Training Association is selected to receive the honor of being chosen as Instructor of the Year.

"As assistant fire chief, Case is instrumental in creating the annual Long Creek training calendar," association secretary and treasurer Sandra Sutton said in a statement. "He is a great leader during hands on exercises on drill night practices. He is currently training the department's cadets. He is a great instructor at teaching ropes and knots. He is also eager, involved and patient in teaching fire prevention and safety to the local Long Creek kids."

In addition to serving as assistant chief on the Long Creek Fire Department, Case is also a Long Creek ambulance EMT.



Peter Case

Colahan sworn in as newest CASA

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Circuit Court Judge Rob Raschio swore in a new Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer, former Harney County District Attorney Tim Colahan, as the newest CASA for the 24th Judicial District for Grant and Harney counties.

"CASA volunteers are critical in ensuring every child's right to grow up with dignity in a safe environment that meets the child's best interest," Raschio said in a statement. "Every volunteer makes our children safer. I appreciate Mr. Colahan's support of this court's mission of protecting children."

"Hannah Hinman and Melissa Mesa of the CASA program provided excellent train-

ing," Colahan said. "They did a great job in helping me prepare for this new role."

People interested in volunteering for the CASA program should contact Melissa Mesa at 541-620-8824 or mmesa@grantharneycasa.org or Hannah Hinman at 541-575-5574 or hhinman@grantharneycasa.org.

"We need more volunteers from all walks of life who wish to ensure children are safe and families are receiving the necessary services from the Department of Human Service to be reunified whenever possible in our community," Raschio said. "All you need is a commitment to family and to children! CASA will provide all the training and continued support necessary for you to see your commitment through."

Project Turnkey organizers to hold public meetings to discuss grant process

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Grant County officials working on a grant to acquire hotels to turn into housing facilities for people impacted by wildfires, COVID-19, and those released from incarceration as they enter back into society will hold public sessions on Zoom Friday at noon and 6 p.m.

The goal of a transitional living arrangement is to provide a safe, stable living environment away from negative influences where new, healthy living habits can be nurtured and developed, organizer Rhianon Bauman said.

"Such residences can also provide the

onsite support and tools needed to cultivate new relationships, find work and gradually reintegrate with families, friends and community," she said.

The login information for the noon session is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83879560118?pwd=TzZieGZDMEpDeFpIT3BXOWs2S2RlZz09> Meeting ID: 838 7956 0118 Passcode: 605095
And the login information for the 6 p.m. session is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87687552477?pwd=UzE1NTM5cU03Y0FHs2dPnYtTejdDQ0T09> Meeting ID: 876 8755 2477 Passcode: 531537

CORRECTION

In a May 5 article, the Eagle misstated that a one-day-per-month furlough for non-union Grant County employees would cause them to lose their health insurance. A furlough day would not affect insurance. The Eagle regrets the error.

Elvin Bernell Webb

December 4, 1931 – May 5, 2021



Elvin Bernell Webb, 89, died May 5 at his son's home in Mt. Vernon. Elvin was born December 4, 1931, in Copperton, Utah, the son of Delores (Nichols) and Hermann DeSouza. He was raised in Mt. Vernon, graduating in 1949. After graduating high school, he attended Eastern Oregon State College. While there, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1950. While serving in the Navy, he met his wife Jane Swartzentruber who also was serving in the Navy. On April 18, 1954 they were married in John Day. Elvin served over 25 years in the Navy retiring in 1974 as a Chief Warrent Officer 3 in Woodbridge, Virginia. After retirement, he worked as a civilian for the Navy until he and his family moved to John Day in 1979, eventually settling in Mt. Vernon in 1980. Elvin traveled far and wide while serving in the Navy. He was stationed in Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Manassas Park, Virginia; Taipai, Taiwan; Wilmington, California; Omaha, Nebraska; Sasebo, Japan; and Woodbridge, Virginia. He also served on several different ships during his service. Elvin also worked at the Pentagon and Navy yard in Washington, D.C. After settling in Mt. Vernon, Elvin worked with his stepfather's painting business, taking it over after his stepfather's passing in 1994. Elvin was also Mayor of Mt. Vernon for two terms. Elvin loved sports and enjoyed watching his son and grandson play as much as he could. He was a kind person to all. He had a great love for His Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and for serving in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was waiting upon the Lord to take him to be with family, especially his beloved wife, Jane, and daughter Cindy.

Survivors include children Tami (Ed) Lowry of Corvallis; Jerry (Kathy) Webb of Mt. Vernon; sister Darlene (Wally) Muzzy of Richland, Washington; grandchildren, Lindsey Webb of Los Angeles and James Webb of Mt. Vernon; great-grandson, Braeden Webb; step-grandsons, Robert Lowry of Sweet Home and Corey Lowry of Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jane; daughter Cindy; sister Hermalynn (Babe) White; parents Delores and Hermann DeSouza. Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day. For condolences, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com

Paid for by the family of Elvin Webb.

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Notice
Grant County Taxpayers
The third installment of the 2020-21 property tax is due Monday, May 17th, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

Payments may be made at the Tax Collector's Office at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and **postmarked** no later than **May 17th, 2021**. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year. If you have any questions, please call the tax office at 575-0107 or 575-0189.

PO Box 185
Canyon City, OR 97820

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	64/44
Wednesday	75/38
Thursday	84/49
Friday	57/38
Saturday	57/35
Sunday	54/38
Monday	65/34

24/7 FORECAST

AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122

ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12 - 18

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
78	79	76	76	82	77	73
48	49	46	45	47	44	38