

BRIEFLY

Local students earn degrees from EOU

Eastern Oregon University awarded 389 degrees during the 2020-2021 academic year, including five students from Grant County.

Heather Mosley of Canyon City earned a Bachelor of Science in multidisciplinary studies.

Avery Lenz of John Day earned a Bachelor of Science in physical activity and health.

Shawna Oates of John Day earned a Master of Arts in teaching in elementary education.

Breanna Wilson of John Day earned a Master of Arts in teaching in secondary education.

Tina McCormick of Seneca earned a Master of Arts in teaching in elementary education.

ley, education and multidisciplinary studies, Jocelynn Smith, arts, humanities and social science, anthropology/sociology, science, technology, math and health science and health and human performance, of Canyon City; Avery Lenz, science, technology, math and health science, physical activity and health, Fallon Weaver, arts, humanities and social science, interdisciplinary studies, of John Day; James Hercher, arts, humanities and social science, anthropology/sociology, of Long Creek; Rachel Henry, science, technology, math and health science, general studies, Andrew Lusco, arts humanities and social science, history, of Mt. Vernon; and Brianna Zwegardt, agriculture, chemistry-biochemistry, of Prairie City.

EOU announces spring dean's list

Eastern Oregon University named 556 students to the dean's list for the 2021 spring term. 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.

Students from Grant County named to the list include Heather Mos-

Fundraising workshop for nonprofits planned Sept. 21

Grant County Economic Development along with Kim Ryals from Cause Oregon will hosting a fundraising workshop for nonprofit organizations from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 21.

This is a free event for Grant County residents.

To register, visit causeoregon.com or call 541-575-1555.



The Eagle/Steven Mitchell

Vaux swifts make a pit stop at the John Day Elks Lodge on Aug. 21 as they begin their fall migration from the Yukon Territory to Central America.

FOR THE BIRDS

Elks Lodge chimney serves as major roosting site for Vaux's swifts

By Steven Mitchell
Blue Mountain Eagle

Thousands of Vaux's swifts decided the chimney of the John Day Elks Lodge would make a nice pit stop on their annual migration south to Guatemala as they have done for years.

Larry Schwitters, a project coordinator with the Audubon

Society's "Vaux's Happening" study group, said the John Day Elks Lodge is one of 30 roosting sites in North America for the neotropical Vaux swift.

Schwitters said the reason why the swifts roost together in chimneys like the John Day Elks Lodge is to keep warm during their fall migration.

He said the more birds they can get together, the warmer it will be in the morning as they continue their journey to Guatemala. Schwitters said they begin the migration almost from the Yukon Territory.

Grant County resident

Tom Winters, a member of the John Day Elks Lodge and the Grant County Bird Club, said the swifts have been coming through John Day for as far back as he can remember.

He said the primary roosting site was the old hotel on Dayton Street behind what used to be a Ford garage, but he said that was closed off, and the Elks Lodge became a secondary site for the swifts.

He said that the swifts started to make the Elks Lodge their leading site over the years.

Winters said now the chimney at the Elks Lodge is one of the most critical roosting sites

in Eastern Oregon and one of the top 10 in Oregon and possibly the Northwest.

Winters said the Grant County Bird Club, which has existed since 1985, pays for the cleaning of the Elks Lodge's chimney to maintain it as a roosting site for the Vaux swifts.

He said the chimney has dual use as both a heating source for the lodge and a roosting site in the fall months for the birds.

Winters said the Elks Lodge chimney gives another "little bit of significance" for Grant County.

Editor's note

This edition was built Friday before the weekend's sports contests. Look for sports results in next week's edition.

**ANNIVERSARY
Mary and Ted Ferrioli**

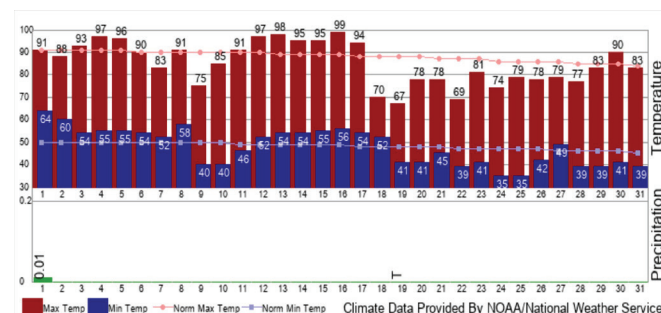
Mary and Ted Ferrioli celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a weekend trip to Pacific City attended by their children and grandchildren. The couple were married Sept. 4, 1971, at St. Edmunds Chapel near the Tualatin river, Fr. John R. Laidlaw officiating.

The Salem couple is retired, he from 31 years of public service including seven years on the Creswell City Council, 21 years in the Oregon State Senate and three years on the Northwest Power Planning Council, and she from 28 years as a legal secretary in Eugene and as



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Mary and Ted Ferrioli

County Court Secretary for Grant County, Oregon.



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August was slightly colder than normal in John Day.

August slightly colder than normal

Blue Mountain Eagle

Temperatures in John Day averaged slightly colder than normal during the month of August, according to preliminary data received by the National Weather Service.

The average temperature was 66.5 degrees, which was 1.7 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 85.3 degrees, which was 2.9 degrees below normal. The highest was 99 degrees on Aug. 16. Low temperatures averaged 47.8 degrees, which was 0.5 degrees below normal. The lowest was 35 degrees on Aug. 24.

On 12 days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.01

inches during August, which was 0.63 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on one day.

Precipitation this year has reached 3.17 inches, which is 5.79 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 4.54 inches, which is 8 inches below normal.

The outlook for September calls for above normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day fall from 84 degrees at the start of September to 73 degrees at the end of September. Normal lows fall from 45 degrees to 37 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.63 inches.

Robert Burl McCumber

August 21, 2021

Robert Burl McCumber, age 74, left this world on August 31, 2021, at his home in Mt. Vernon Oregon surrounded by family. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, September 5th at the Moon Creek Cemetery, west of Mount Vernon. Full military honors will be provided in respect and appreciation for his 34 years of service to our country. Friends will be invited to join the family for a reception following the ceremony.

Robert was born the youngest of 5 children in La Grande, Oregon to Frank (Dick) and Hilda McCumber. The family moved from the Baker valley to the town of Mt. Vernon, Oregon in 1950. Robert grew up in Mt. Vernon making lifelong friends and connections.

Robert served in the US Army for 34 years. His service included being in Korea during the Vietnam War, stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, was a Drill Instructor at Fort Gordan, Georgia, stationed with the US Army in Berlin, Germany and stationed with the US Army in Anchorage, Alaska. Robert finished out his military career in the US Army Reserve. Robert was always very proud of his time in the military and had a very strong love for his country and community.

After leaving the active-duty military Robert and family moved back to the town of Mt. Vernon in Oregon. Robert had various jobs throughout his post military life including, log truck driver, car salesman, propane truck driver, and Highway Maintenance Specialist for the Oregon Department of Transportation. Robert retired from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Robert was always there to serve and help others. Throughout his life he helped many, many people with their journey to sobriety. Robert spent many years as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and working with his wife Charlotte training countless people life saving CPR/First Aid.

Robert never knew a stranger; his larger-than-life energy and amazing sense of humor touched hundreds of lives and will be truly missed every day.

Robert was preceded in death by his father, mother, older brother Neil McCumber and older sister Millie McCumber (Hickerson) (Butler).

He is survived by his brothers Roger and Lyle McCumber, wife Charlotte McCumber, children, James McCumber, Ryan McCumber (wife), Charissa (Rissy) Palmer, Larry Palmer (husband) and Shawna Clark, Jamey Clark (husband). Grand children, Travis Palmer, James Robert McCumber, Audra Shaffer, Arron Palmer, Dereke Clark and Angie Leigh McCumber. Two great grandchildren, Mabel Clark and Amellia (Millie) Palmer.

The family would like those who wish to donate, to please send a donation in Robert's name to the Wounded Warrior Project through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To offer online condolences to his family, or to light a candle in his memory, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com



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Last Week's Temps

Day	HI/LO
John Day	76/40
Tuesday	76/40
Wednesday	77/40
Thursday	82/42
Friday	88/47
Saturday	89/52
Sunday	91/55
Monday	

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 8-14

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Hazy	94	59
Thursday	Hazy	92	53
Friday	Chance of thunderstorms	84	51
Saturday	Mostly sunny	86	51
Sunday	Sunny	82	46
Monday	Sunny	80	38
Tuesday	Sunny	86	39