

Grant County sheriff applies for ATV grant

By STEVEN MITCHELL
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CANYON CITY — The county approved a request from the Grant County Sheriff's Office to apply for a \$50,000 ATV grant from the state on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Sheriff Todd McKinley told Grant County Court members that a representative from the Oregon ATV grant program contacted him and encouraged him to apply.

The grant, which the county has never applied for before, would be for \$50,000 from June of 2022 to June of 2024 to help offset the cost of ATV patrols.

McKinley said the money would be used for enforcement in egregious cases such as driving under the influence on trails and county roads. He said the ATV patrol would primarily educate people and assist people in accidents.

McKinley said the best way to use the grant would be to apply to offset costs for an existing patrol position. In the second year, he said, representatives with the program suggest applying to

fund a full-time patrol person.

He said the county's match would be 20%. Essentially, he said, the county's patrol person would bill hours to the program and offset costs for the vehicle, which the county already owns.

John Day Police

As of Wednesday, Oct. 27, the John Day Police Department was still on track to shut-ter by Nov. 1. According to McKinley, while city patrol officers stopped taking calls in mid-October, the department continued to have a uniformed resource officer at Grant Union High School.

McKinley said the county was in talks with Grant School District No. 3 about entering an agreement to provide a uniformed resource officer at Grant Union at a cost of \$45,000 per year.

He said the Sheriff's Office could potentially approach other schools about additional positions.

However, McKinley also said his patrol deputies are spread thin without John Day police officers patrolling the city.



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Grant County resident Becky Kennedy, left, with her children Gracie Dryden, 7, and Bobby Dryden, 3, stopped off at the John Day Elks Lodge on Friday, Oct. 29, for the lodge's annual Halloween party. The event was back to normal this year after pandemic restrictions prompted organizers to scale back the festivities last year.

County reports 14th COVID death

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Another Grant County resident has died from COVID-19.

The latest fatality was a 66-year-old man with underlying health conditions who died on Sunday, Oct. 31, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, the Grant County Health Department announced in a news release Monday.

Public health officials in Oregon do not release the names of people who die from COVID-19, citing privacy concerns. The man was the 14th Grant County resident to die from COVID-related causes since the start of the pandemic. As of Monday, the county has had a cumulative total of 1,014 cases of the disease, according to Oregon Health Authority data.

"We encourage everyone to be respectful as a family in our community grieves," the Health Department said in its news release.

The department also urged these precautions:

- Wear a mask indoors and wear a mask outdoors if 6 feet of distancing cannot be maintained.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you feel ill.

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should call 211 or call the Grant County Health Department at 541-575-0429.

John Day resident joins Angus Association

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Wyatt Suchorski of John Day is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, the organization announced.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs con-

ducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

Headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri, the American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members.

CLARIFICATION

Title omitted: An article in our Oct. 27 edition titled "Seeding the future: Forestry partners look to extend funding for Malheur restoration" did not clearly identify Mark Webb as the executive director of the Blue Mountains Forest Partners.

The family of Charissa (Rissy) Palmer would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness it was deeply appreciated. Thank you is easy to say but doesn't express how grateful we are to live in a community with so many loving people.

Thank you

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COVID-19 booster shots available

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JOHN DAY — With the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's authorization of booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Grant County Health Department announced it would begin administering the jabs on Monday, Nov. 1.

The department has organized a series of clinics in the Trowbridge Pavilion at the Grant County Fairgrounds. Health care providers will administer booster doses of Moderna vaccine to eligible people who had their initial shots at least six months ago, regardless of whether their initial vaccination was with the Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson formula.

No appointment is necessary. On Monday, Nov. 1, first responders and health care workers can get the booster dose from 10 to noon, and those 80 and over can drop by the fairgrounds for the jab from noon to 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, those aged 75 to 79 can come by the fairgrounds between 10 a.m. and noon, while people between 70 and 74 can get the shot

between noon and 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, those between 65 and 69 can get the booster from noon to 1:30 p.m., while people 60 and older with underlying medical conditions can get shots from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 5, people who work in high-risk settings, including corrections, agricultural, grocery and postal workers, can get shots from 9 to 10:30 a.m. From 10:30 to noon, people with underlying health conditions aged 55 to 59 can get the boosters.

The Grant County Health Department will hold additional booster shot clinics in the future to accommodate those who are not able to attend the first round of clinics.

No appointment is necessary to get a booster shot, but the department said people need to bring an Oregon driver's license or state-issued ID card in addition to a vaccine card. Those who have insurance are asked to bring their insurance cards.

The department said that people don't need to show up to the fairgrounds before their scheduled time as there are enough doses to go around.

OBITUARIES

Glenn Gary Pryse

April 13, 1935 — Oct. 8, 2021

Glenn Gary Pryse, 86, was born April 13, 1935, in Prairie City and passed away Oct. 8 in Boise at the VA Medical Center. A service will be held in June.

He graduated from Prairie City High School and attended college in Pasadena, California, before transferring to Eastern Oregon University then enlisting in the Army. Gary served during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in December 1956. After his military service, he pursued his life's passion as a timber faller for nearly 50 years. He was a successful businessman, owning multiple businesses throughout his life with his logging company being the most notable.

Above all else, Gary was a family man. He was a loving husband, brother, father, grandpa, uncle, cousin, and friend. Gary was passionate about the outdoors and loved the mountains and big timber. He was an avid hunter, gun enthusiast, and enjoyed fishing. There are not many areas in Grant County Gary had not traversed, whether hunting or logging. Gary also enjoyed sports, basketball being his favorite. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and belonged to the American Legion Post No. 106.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, John Jenkins "Jenks" Pryse; his mother, Mona Arlene Pryse; and brother, Robert (Ronna) Pryse.

He is survived by spouse LaRue Pryse; brother Larry (Gaye) Pryse; brother Jim (Linda) Pryse; daughter Deneice Anderson; son Shaun (Tina) Pryse; son Dan (Shonelle) Pryse; daughter Amy (Robert) Allee; daughter Laura (Tim) Brown; stepson Frank Primozic; stepson John (Debbie) Primozic; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and beloved family friends.

Gary is sorely missed by his loved ones. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion Post No. 106 through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Donald Tuter

Dec. 28, 1934 — Oct. 27, 2021

Service on Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at Eastside Foursquare Church in Prineville. Arrangements are through Prineville Funeral Home Heritage Chapel.

Dominique Karpenska

Dominique Karpenska, 40, died on Oct. 30 at St. Charles Regional Medical Center in Bend. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Jack E. Howard

November 18, 1931 ~ October 22, 2021



Jack E. Howard, 89, a longtime resident of the Forest Grove community, died Friday evening, October 22, 2021 at Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville.

Private Cremation Rites were held at the Hoyt Crematory in Forest Grove.

JACK EARL HOWARD was born November 18, 1931 in Sacramento, California, the son of the late Edgar J. Howard and Jessie Marie (Stokes) Howard. He was raised and received his early education in Bates, Oregon, graduating from Prairie City High School Class of 1950. He then attended College of Idaho. After that Jack enlisted in the US Army.

He was a Veteran of the Korean conflict; he joined the United States Army on February 16, 1951 in Portland, Oregon. Jack served for three years, until receiving his honorable discharge on January 28, 1954 at the rank of Sergeant. He had received the National Defense Service Medal; the United Nations Service Medal; the Korean Service Medal; the Bronze Service Star; the Combat Badge and the Parachute Badge. He was a medic in the 187th Airborne division. Following his Military discharge, Jack attended the University of Oregon and graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science-Education.

Jack was united in marriage to Patricia Jean Galbraith on June 13, 1954 at the United Methodist Church in Prairie City, Oregon. After completing their college educations they moved to the Forest Grove community, where they have loved life since 1958. They moved to the Jennings McCall Retirement Community, in 2018. They celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary this past June.

Jack taught chemistry and a variety of sciences at Forest Grove High School for thirty-two years, until he retired at the age of fifty-eight years old. He coached many sports including Track, Football, Basketball and he started the Forest Grove high School Cross country program. Jack also served as a ski club advisor. He had a motto he shared often with his daughters. "I never give up on a student"

Jack was a member of Habitat for Humanity; Fish Food Pantry having been one of the co-founders, the Day Break Rotary Club; as well as participating in community theatre. He performed in Music Man and My Fair lady. He also served as 4H leader for his daughter's horse interests.

Jack and Pat enjoyed travel of all sorts. They rafted the Colorado River, Backpacked and hiked many a trail and mountain. They traveled to many countries, Canada, Mexico, Austria, Germany, Ireland, England, Kenya, and Tanzania. They enjoyed Peru, Ecuador, and the Galapagos islands. China, Tibet and Bali were highlights on their list of places visited. They spoke with strangers everywhere they traveled and 9 times out of 10 there was a significant human connection to people or places they knew and loved.

They traveled by motorhome and pulled their pop up trailer on many adventures. Some of those favorite times were spent at Death Valley, California and Borrego Springs, California. Jack also enjoyed gardening, going to the gym, bicycling and sharing time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Jessie Marie Howard; his two sisters, Donna Edmonson and Marva Coombs and his son, Dwight Jay Howard.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Howard, of Forest Grove, Oregon; his two daughters and sons-in-law, Gail and Michael Clary, of Sunriver, Oregon and Marilyn and Joe Rodriguez, of Gaston, Oregon and his sister, Sandra Burns, of Prairie City, Oregon. Also surviving are his three grand-daughters and spouses, Alisha and Justin Carey, of Forest Grove, Oregon; Meghan and Michael Whitlock, of Hood River, Oregon and Allison Rodriguez and her partner, Colton Underhill, of Forest Grove, Oregon; his three great-grandsons, Howard and Bradley Carey and Alden Whitlock and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to Doernbecher Children's Hospital, 700 S.W. Campus Drive, Portland, Oregon 97239, in his memory.

A Celebration of Life is being discussed for the Spring of 2022. Paid for by the family of Jack Howard.

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	56/48
Wednesday	69/46
Thursday.....	61/41
Friday.....	59/39
Saturday	58/36
Sunday.....	56/38
Monday.....	54/39

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 3-9

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cloudy	Showers	PM showers	PM showers	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Showers
62	56	54	50	49	45	44
49	38	41	37	37	38	34