

County considers code enforcement options

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CANYON CITY — As Grant County completes its building program operating plan to hand in to the state in late January, county commissioners are looking to improve code enforcement.

County Judge Scott Myers told the commissioners on Wednesday, Dec. 8, that the building operating plan must show how the county handles code enforcement and violations.

According to Springer, since 2013 the county has been in a partnership agreement with the state.

Under the agreement, the Oregon Building Codes Division provides building plan reviews, building inspection services and building official services for the county, while the county issues permits and carries out administrative functions.

Springer said the state's inspector comes to the county roughly once a year and reviews approximately 20 projects.

Springer told the court that code enforcement is the biggest issue with administering the building program's operating plan.

She said the state's building code official for Grant County does not live in the area and that she does not have the training or the authority to

tell someone they are violating building codes.

Springer noted that some counties have designated inspectors who focus on building code enforcement.

Before submitting the operating plan, she said she wanted to let the commissioners know that the county's code enforcement needs to be addressed.

Springer told the court that she does not actively look for code violations.

If a resident tells her someone is building at an address without a permit, and she can verify it by checking the records, she will always first reach out to the builder.

She said the first thing she does is try to gain voluntary compliance.

However, she said, she does not know where to go if someone does not willingly comply.

"That's where I don't know where to go from there," she said.

Myers said on Friday, Dec. 10, that the county is talking to other county commissioners to see how they enforce building codes.

He said one option might be to create a memorandum of understanding with another county that has a code enforcement employee.

Myers said the county would need to come back in the next couple of weeks to determine what option would work best.

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER



Seventh grade
Colton Lyman
Parents: RC & Jessie Huerta



Eighth grade
Benjamin Finley
Parents: Aaron & Janita Finley



Ninth grade
Karly VanLoo
Parents: Randy & Melissa VanLoo



10th grade
Aliciana Archibald
Parents: David & Camilla Archibald



11th grade
Katelyn Rigby
Parents: Vardan & Megan Rigby



12th grade
Paige Gerry
Parents: Ryan & Sami Gerry

OBITUARIES

Roderick Francis Campbell-Martin

Sept. 23, 1925 — Nov. 21, 2021

Roderick Francis Campbell-Martin was born in Dayville to Sam Martin and Besse Lofton Hennings. He grew up on the family ranch west of Dayville and attended school in Dayville, graduating in 1943. Rod married Betty Salsbery Martin in August 1944. They had seven children together and were later divorced. Rod served in the US Army during World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Rod was later married to Shirley Meliza Martin.

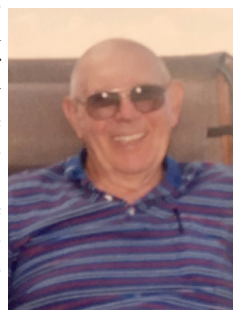
Rod worked most of his life in the timber industry and was known as a top-notch timber faller. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending time hunting, fishing, and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Martin of The Dalles; six children, Daniel (Pam) Martin of Dayville, William (Judy) Martin of John Day, Patti (Brian) Casto of Boise, Idaho, David (Ellie) Martin of Henderson, Nevada, Alan (Ann) Martin of Gig Harbor, Washington, and James (Gina) Martin of Ammon, Idaho; two stepchildren, Jerry Bruneau of The Dalles and Bonnie (Bruneau) Toering of Portland; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his ex-wife Betty Martin, oldest son John Martin and his stepdaughter Jeanne Bruneau.

Rod loved and was proud of all his children, stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Canyon City Cemetery.



Walter James Clark

Sept. 1, 1925 — Dec. 5, 2021

Walter James Clark, age 96, of Prairie City passed away Dec. 5 at Cinnabar Adult Foster Care Home in Mt. Vernon. A private family interment took place on Dec. 10 at the Prairie City Cemetery.

Walter was born on Sept. 1, 1925, to William and Alice (Noble) Clark in Ford, Washington. He attended school in Spokane, Washington, and his best friend growing up was his dog Pete. He married his precious wife, Doris Mae Clark, on Sept. 28, 1944, in Spokane.

He worked as a head sawyer for Ochoco Lumber (Malheur Lumber) up until his retirement.

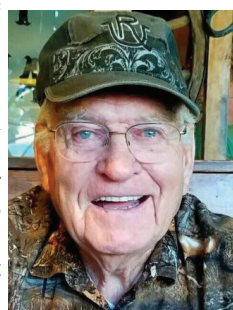
Walter enjoyed hunting with his best friend and hunting buddy, Royce Dotson, and his grandson Darryl Sledge was his fishing partner on the Snake River. His favorite meal was breakfast, and he always loved a great dessert after every meal. Walter enjoyed cutting wood and loved to watch "Gunsmoke."

He enjoyed keeping his cars and boat in the most pristine conditions, always had a beautiful yard along with his neighbors, through his generosity. He was faithful to his Lord, attending church regularly until his health prevented him from doing so.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Doris Clark; his son Darryl W. Clark, who passed away at the tender age of 16, and his son Gary J. Clark in 2014.

Survivors include his daughter Judy (Rob) Beatty of Moses Lake, Washington; daughter Jinny (Forrest) Sledge of Lewiston, Idaho; daughter Cindy (Sonny) Pittman of Cheney, Washington; daughter Janet Hill of John Day; son Curtis (Julie) Clark of Pendleton; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Samaritan's Purse or the Billy Graham Foundation through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.



OBITUARIES

Janet Marie Lowry

Dec. 27, 1942 — Dec. 6, 2021

Janet Marie Lowry, age 78, passed away Dec. 6 in Bend. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17, at the Moon Creek Cemetery, west of Mt. Vernon, with Pastor Randy Johnson as the officiant.

Janet was born Dec. 27, 1942, in Winnemucca, Nevada, to Howard and Edna (Ray) Barkdull. She married Richard Lowry on March 21, 1974, also in Winnemucca.

She worked as an office clerk for the city of Mt. Vernon for many years and was on the City Council.

During her younger years she liked to go mushrooming and hunting. She enjoyed sewing and making blankets for her grandchildren, spending quality time with her friends and family and reading books with her best friend, Linda.

Janet was preceded in death by her son, Jerry Dimmitt, and daughter Cindy Dimmitt.

Survivors include her loving husband, Richard Lowry of Mt. Vernon; daughter Lori Kerr of Mt. Vernon; daughter Kathy Gill of John Day; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in her honor can be made to the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Terri Ann Brownlee

Terri was employed at the John Day Eye Clinic, as an Optician before moving to Gunnison Colorado and taking a job with Gunnison Valley Health as Financial Counselor. She took great pride and joy working at both places. She had the best time and made the greatest friends one could ever have. Terri loved spending time with her daughter and enjoying every precious moment with the grandkids. She enjoyed hiking, fishing, riding on the Harley motorcycle with her husband and watching Seward County Saints basketball with Grandma. Visiting with friends and colleagues, making special tied fleece blankets, and watching Christmas shows on Hallmark, was her most favorite hobbies and past times.

Terri is survived by her husband Gregg Brownlee, Montrose Colorado. Daughter Mindee Hutchison and husband Brandon, Mount Vernon, OR. Son Jimmy Stiles and wife Raven, Irrigon OR. Step-Son Loren Brownlee and wife Sara, Grand Junction CO. Step Son Kyle Brownlee and Avery Lenz, John Day OR. Grand Children, Trig and Avereer Hutchison, John Day Oregon. Kamo Stiles, Irrigon OR. Parents Roy and Evelyn Cates, Mount Vernon, Oregon. Stanley Dehiya, John Day OR. Mother in-law Evelyn Brownlee, Liberal KS. Brother Duane Dehiya and wife Wendy, Terrabone OR. Sister Ersela Dehiya, Mount Vernon, OR. Brother in-law Gary Brownlee and wife Susan, Mulvane KS. Brother in-law Glenn Brownlee and wife Kim, Texarkana TX. Nieces and Nephews, Rylie Dehiya, Tyler Dehiya, Hannah Brownlee, Joshua Brownlee and Anna Donnel, Sally Brownlee. And...Harley the best dog ever!

Predeceased by her Grandparents Ersel Zeke and Mary Ann Osborne. Father-in law Charles Brownlee. Her beloved Sister in-law Kelly Dehiya. There will be short and sweet celebrations to honor Terri's life in Montrose CO, Mt Vernon OR, and Liberal KS... dates and places TBD.

Private family memorial in the mountains of Oregon to be with her beloved sister-in law Kelly, date TBD. Burial of ashes will be later with her husband Gregg in Satanta KS. Even though Terri loves flowers she made the request; that instead of flowers please send any donations to either the Seward County Community College Saints Basketball program which she loved to watch, or to the HopeWest Care Center which took such great care of her.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Terri Ann Brownlee, please visit our floral store. Paid for by the family of Terri Brownlee.



Anna Pearson Alegria

December 29, 1923 ~ December 1, 2021

Anna Pearson Alegria was an amazing, strong, loving, bright, witty, and sassy woman with a great sense of humor and a big smile. She passed away just short of her 98th birthday at an assisted living facility in Boise, Idaho.

Anna Lena Svendsen was born at her parents' farm in Ballard near Solvang, California to Jacob and Alma Svendsen (Bedstefar and Gannymor to many grandkids). Jacob and Alma's parents were Danish immigrants and early Danish settlers in the Solvang area. Alma's brother-in-law, Benedict Nordentoft, was one of the founders of Solvang and Jacob helped build Atterdag College. Anna was proud of her Danish heritage but with a twinkle in her eye would say, "You can always tell a Dane but you can't tell them much!" She had fond memories of growing up on the farm in Ballard, including listening to her Bedstefar read A Christmas Story in Danish on Christmas Eve. One of her many gifts was a second language—an ability to speak and read Danish throughout her long life.

Anna graduated from Santa Ynez High School as Valedictorian and attended Business College in Santa Barbara, California. She met Harry "Swede" Pearson at 4H Summer Camp and they were married December 5, 1942. Swede was overseas with the United States Army during WWII, so Anna stayed with her parents in Ballard with her new baby, Linda. After the War, they lived in Corvallis, Oregon where Swede graduated from Oregon State College with a degree in Forestry. They lived in Veneta, Sisters, Prineville, and John Day Oregon where Swede pursued a career with the Oregon State Forestry Department. Anna worked as a dispatcher for the forestry department before pursuing a career in hospitals in both Prineville and John Day as a human resource and payroll administrator. Anna volunteered at the Methodist Church thrift shop in John Day and was a Docent at the Elverhoj Museum of History and Art in Solvang. Swede passed away in a traffic accident in Canyon City, Oregon in October, 1986, just a few months short of their 44th anniversary.

Anna married Joe Alegria, a respected rancher in the Santa Ynez Valley, on October 12, 1996, and moved to his ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley. Joe was a wonderful man who she knew in high school; Anna thought she and Joe were fortunate to have had very special first marriages and then to have a few more years sharing old age with someone they cared for and respected. Joe passed away in October, 2011. Anna spent her later years in Canyon City and Bend, Oregon and Boise, Idaho.

Anna is survived by her four children, Linda Pearson Shaw of Bend, Oregon; Steve Pearson and Mark Pearson, both of Boise, Idaho; and Ron Pearson of Whites Creek, Tennessee. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Michael, Erik, Jeremy, Joshua, and Dustin Pearson, J. J. Shaw, Tiffany Hitesman, Cheyenne House, and Anna Bateman; her great-grandchildren: Demoand and Paris Boddie, Allie Shaw, Jakob and Ginevra Pearson, Atticus Hitesman, and Beau Blumenfeld; and her great-great granddaughter Serena Boddie.

Anna was preceded in death by her sister Victoria, her first husband Swede, and her second husband Joe.

Anna requested no funeral service but hoped everyone would "...remember my sense of humor and my love for my wonderful family." Her family has many precious memories and will greatly miss playing Uno and pinochle for hours, completing puzzles, and looking through her many photo albums. Paid for by the family of Anna Alegria.



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Last Week's Temps

Day	HI/LO
John Day Wednesday	42/25
Thursday	34/27
Friday	34/26
Saturday	40/35
Sunday	40/32
Monday	42/33
Tuesday	40/27

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
33	36	35	39	35	35	35
29	26	27	25	24	23	22