

LOCAL BRIEFING

Genealogy seminar set for March 31

JOHN DAY — The Grant County Genealogical Society will hold its spring seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, in the conference room of the Oregon State University Grant County Extension Office, 116 NW Bridge St., John Day.

Professional genealogist Kate Eakman will teach three classes over the course of the day.

Participants will learn how to use professional standards of genealogical proof; how to use their family tree and other DNA tools to make the most of their autosomal DNA test results; and how to enrich their family research by putting it in the context of the times.

To get the most out of the class, bring a laptop and your own DNA results.

The cost for the one-day seminar is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. For more information or to preregister, call 541-575-1431 or 541-620-4053.

Fiber Fest offers FFA scholarships

PRAIRIE CITY — The Prairie City Fiber Fest is accepting applications for its annual FFA scholarship.

Applications are due by April 1.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Grant County FFA member who is pursuing higher education.

Application forms and requirements can be found online at www.prairiecityfiberfest.com or can be picked up from guidance counselors at Prairie City, Grant Union, Dayville or Monument High School.

The Prairie City Fiber Fest is a nonprofit organization that benefits Grant County 4-H and FFA groups. Funding is also available to 4-H and FFA clubs that assist with the annual Fiber Fest, which will be held this year on July 29-31. For more information, visit the group's website or email pcf2019@gmail.com.

Applications open for art scholarship

JOHN DAY — Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Grant County Art Association Scholarship.

The association offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior or first-year college student from Grant County.

To be considered, submit a completed application, a 100- to 150-word statement on your immediate and long-term goals in the art field and photos of three original artworks, one black-and-white, one color and one in any medium.

All materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 10 via email to eloiseboren@icloud.com.

Application forms and detailed instructions are available from area high school guidance counselors. For more information, call Eloise Boren at 541-388-4698.



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The OTEC Member Foundation donated \$1,500 to the Dayville Fire Department.

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DAYVILLE — The OTEC Member Foundation has donated \$1,500 to the Dayville Fire Department to help construct a new fire hall and repair fire equipment.

The all-volunteer department has been without a fire hall since 2020 but recently hit its fundraising goal and hopes to start construction on a new building soon.

The foundation is a nonprofit that oversees Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative's charitable giving. The money came from the foundation's Member-to-Member Bill Round Up Program, which lets members round up their monthly bill payments to the nearest dollar.

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SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL
Grant County Fair Grounds
LAKE CREEK
YOUTH CAMP
GALA

\$20 advance purchase
\$25 at the door
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.
Silent, Live and Dessert Auctions
Games and Music
Drinks by Spiffire Cocktails

Plases Join Us for our
Annual Fundraiser Gala
and Tri-Tip Dinner

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Fire tore through this house on Marysville Road in Canyon City on Friday, March 18, 2022. No one was hurt in the blaze, but the house was badly damaged.

Fire guts house in Canyon City

By JUSTIN DAVIS
 Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY — Local fire and law enforcement agencies responded to multiple 911 calls reporting a house fire at 61695 Marysville Road in Canyon City on Friday, March 18.

At the scene, flames could be seen shooting from the roof along with a large plume of smoke also rising from the roof. Multiple firefighters were battling the blaze with water hoses as the flames were coming out of the rooftop.

No one was injured in the blaze, but the house was badly damaged and is now uninhabitable, John Day Fire Chief Don Gabbard told the Eagle.

The fire was first reported at about 2:50 p.m., according to dispatch logs.

Grant County Undersheriff Zach Mobley was first on scene and verified nobody was in the residence and let a dog out of the house.

Gabbard arrived on the scene at 3:03 p.m. and observed heavy smoke coming from the attic. He said the fire appears to have started in the attic near a wood stove, and extensive fire,

smoke and water damage has rendered the home unlivable.

First responders from the Canyon City, Prairie City, Mount Vernon and John Day fire departments responded to the call. The Grant County Sheriff's Department also responded to the 911 calls.

Two firefighters exposed to heat and flames were examined by the ambulance crew and later cleared to return to work, Gabbard said.

The last engine to return from the fire arrived back at the station at 7:35 p.m. There were no injuries to persons residing at the house due to the fire.

Grant County man succumbs to COVID

By BENNETT HALL
 Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Another Grant County resident has been lost to COVID-19.

The latest fatality is an 86-year-old man who died on March 11 in his home, according to information released by the Grant County Health Department on Friday, March 18. The man had underlying health conditions.

The man's name was not released. Public health officials in Oregon do not disclose the identities of people who die from COVID-19, saying it would be a violation of their privacy.

A total of 20 Grant County residents have died from COVID-related causes since the coronavirus pandemic began two years ago.

The Health Department on Friday also announced that three people tested positive for the disease.

Grant County has a cumulative total of 1,644 cases of COVID-19, according to the



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A rapid test for COVID-19 is shown at the Grant County Health Department.

most recent tally from the Oregon Health Authority.

OHA data also shows that Oregon has had a total of 700,960 cases and 6,960 deaths from the disease.

Just under 79.7 million Americans have been infected with COVID-19 and 970,405 have died, according to data compiled by

Johns Hopkins University.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly encourage everyone 5 and older to get vaccinated against COVID and everyone 12 and older to get a booster shot when eligible. According to the CDC, vaccinations are still the most effective way to protect individuals and communities from the disease.

Local residents who want to get vaccinated can make an appointment with any of these providers:

- Grant County Health Department: 541-575-0429.
- Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic: 541-575-0404.
- Len's Pharmacy: 541-575-0629.
- Grant Union SBHC: 541-575-0366.

Thank You

We want to express our appreciation to all of those who sent cards, offered words of condolence, or gave a hug and a smile, at the loss of our lovely granddaughter

Charlette Jamesina Burghard.

Thank you for all your kind, caring thoughts.

Roger and Meridith Ediger

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	48/29
Thursday.....	52/34
Friday	57/38
Saturday	44/27
Sunday.....	42/30
Monday.....	47/41
Tuesday	62/40

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 MARCH 23-29

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy
70	62	68	66	58	52	59
40	39	42	42	47	33	34