

# Permit allows demolition of Gleason Pool

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**Gleason Pool on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. The pool is scheduled to be demolished sometime between May 16 and May 27.**

JOHN DAY — The final hurdle to the demolition of Gleason Pool is now behind project planners.

At the April 26 John Day City Council meeting, City Manager Nick Green announced that the city had been awarded an archaeological permit for demolition of the pool.

The permit guarantees the demolition of Gleason Pool will proceed no matter what the result of the pool bond election is. The pool, which opened in 1958, has been closed for the past two seasons.

“No going back,” Green said. “We sold Gleason Park and pool to build a new interpretive center, and part of the sale agreement was that we’d demo the pool.”

Under the terms of the permit from the State Historic Preservation Office, a host of pre-

cautions must be taken with the demolition.

Because of a high possibility of finding historic artifacts, the demolition will be monitored by the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History as well as representatives from the Burns Paiute Tribe. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will have its own archaeologists on site also. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Burns Paiute Tribe and the Commission on Indian Services will all receive final excavation reports related to the project.

Any artifacts or cultural resources that are uncovered

will be handled according to the project’s inadvertent discovery plan. Under that plan, the inadvertent discovery of possible archaeological materials leads to all work stopping in the vicinity of the discovery and the area being secured and protected. Notification of the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the find is also a possibility. The demolition of the pool is scheduled to occur between May 16 and May 27 depending on numerous factors, including availability of contract staff and archaeologists and the final approval of the memorandum of agreement between the project sponsors.

Green says the job of demolishing the pool will fall to Tidewater Contractors, but the John Day Fire Department will get some useful training out of the old pool building first.

“The Fire Department will do what’s called a burn to learn for the building itself, and once

that’s done we’ll come in and start the ground excavation.”

Green says the decision to demolish Gleason Pool was John Day’s to make, even though many people view the pool as a resource for all of Grant County.

“There are seven other incorporated cities and a county, all of whom could’ve done some work to build a pool and none of them did,” Green said.

“We don’t have an obligation to build a pool for the county. We’re doing it because we value it and we think the community wants it. I’m not trying to sound harsh, but there is this interesting perception that Gleason belongs to everyone when it was paid for by John Day voters alone.”

The demolition of Gleason Pool will allow the Kam Wah Chung Heritage Site expansion to move forward and means the upcoming vote on whether or not to finance a new public pool with a bond is the only way for John Day to have a swimming facility in the near future.

Measure 12-80, the \$4 million bond measure to finance construction of the new swimming facility, is on the ballot for the May 17 election.

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Farm Bureau offers Driscoll scholarships

MT. VERNON — The Grant County Farm Bureau will award up to two college scholarships for students pursuing degrees in an agriculture-related field or the technical arts.

The Daniel Driscoll Memorial Scholarships honor former Farm Bureau board member and agricultural producer Daniel Driscoll, who passed away in 2019.

This year’s high school graduates and students already enrolled in college may apply. The amount of the scholarships is yet to be determined but is not expected to exceed \$2,000 total.

Application forms are available by contacting Grant County Farm Bureau president Shaun Robertson at GrantFarmBureau@gmail.com. Applications can also be downloaded from the bureau’s Facebook page. The deadline to apply is May 31.

### Local woman makes dean’s list

BEND — Grant Union High School graduate Andrea Comer has been named to the dean’s list at Central Oregon Community College for the fall and winter terms. The list recognizes full-time students who maintain a grade-point average of 3.6 or higher. Comer is the daughter of Russ and Sheila Comer of Canyon City.

### New exchange student coordinator

JOHN DAY — International Cultural Exchange Services has named Jessica Freniere a local coordinator for the John Day area.

In her new position, Freniere is looking for local families who want to host international exchange students. Exchange students in the ICES program live as members of their host families, participating in family activities, helping with chores and following family rules. They carry their own health insurance and cover personal expenses except for room and board.

Freniere can be contacted by email at jfreniere@icesusa.org.

### USFS mushroom permits available

JOHN DAY — Permits are available for commercial mushroom harvesting on the Malheur National Forest.

No permit is required for collecting up to one gallon for personal use, but anyone who intends to collect more than that amount or who plans to harvest mushrooms for commercial purposes must have a permit. Commercial pickers who plan to camp on the forest will also need an industrial camping permit.

Commercial permits cost \$2 per day, with a 10-day minimum. Annual permits cost \$100. More information about permits is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ew2h6>.

To purchase a permit, call your local ranger station to make an appointment. Call the John Day office at 541-575-3000, the Prairie City office at 541-820-3800 or the Hines office at 541-573-4300.

### Help available for event presenters

JOHN DAY — The Grant County Economic Development Office is offering assistance for area business owners who want to apply for a state-managed COVID relief program.

The Live Event Venue Operators and Producers/Presenters Program, administered by Business Oregon, will distribute up to \$35 million in grants for venue operators and event producers who suffered financially because of public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grant applications will be accepted until May 16.

For more information, call the Grant County Economic Development Office at 541-575-1555 or email Tory Stinnett at [tstinnett@grantcountyoregon.net](mailto:tstinnett@grantcountyoregon.net) or Misty Palmer at [mpalmer@grantcountyoregon.net](mailto:mpalmer@grantcountyoregon.net).

### BEO Bancorp reports Q1 earnings

HEPPNER — BEO Bancorp, the parent company of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, had consolidated net income for the first quarter of \$808,000 or 67 cents per share, down from \$1.3 million or \$1.11 per share in the first quarter of 2021, the company announced.

Total assets were \$831.8 million, up 17.4% year over year. Net loans were \$470.4 million, down 7.5% from the same period in 2021. Deposits were \$766.1 million, up 17.7%.

BEO Bancorp has 20 branches and four loan offices in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, including a Bank of Eastern Oregon branch in John Day.

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### Lucille Lena Walker Lenhardt

September 16, 1929 ~ March 28, 2022



Lucille Lena Walker Lenhardt was born on September 16, 1929 in Hilo, Hawaii. She passed away and went to be with Jesus on March 28, 2022 in Bend, Oregon. Lucille had a diverse childhood and lived in several cities in Central Oregon, including Bend. She was married at age 20 to Charles Alfred Walker, and lived in Portland, Oregon. She worked at several stores creating their window displays, and also made costumes for the Rose Festival Parade. She had (3) children, Gary, Sandra, and Lisa. In 1960, she and her family moved to Madras. In 1966 she moved to Bend with her family to open Hatfield’s Dept. Store.

She was very involved in music ministry at her church as choir director. She composed music as well. She also enjoyed sketching old buildings with chalk and creating oil paintings.

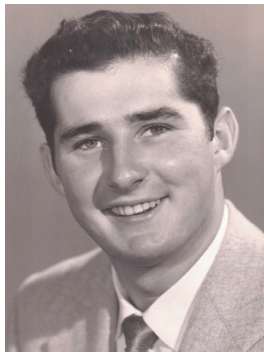
When she was older, she was divorced and later re-married Charles Lenhardt. They had their own sign painting business for several years and moved to Prairie City. They lived there for 25 years or so and her husband passed away. Lucille then moved to Bend to be near Sandra and Gary. She lived at The Arbor at Bend until she passed away.

Lucille is survived by her son Gary (wife Janet) Walker, grandson David (wife Jennifer) and three children, daughter Sandra Ringer, granddaughter Melissa and three children, granddaughter Tonya (husband Shawn) and one child, daughter Lisa Gering (husband Paul), stepson Jeff (wife Cheri) and one adult child, and stepdaughter Valerie and husband.

Paid for by the family of Lucille Lenhardt.

### Anthony B. Tirico

April 16th, 2022



On April 16th, 2022, our father, grandfather and beloved great-grandfather, Anthony B. Tirico, was called home to be with our Lord in Heaven. He is now pain free, worry free, and has no anxiety from earthly concerns. He has been joined together with his childhood sweetheart, Diane, who preceded him just four months ago.

What a joyous occasion it must be for two people who met as freshmen at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, CA. They continued to have eyes for each other only, then married in 1960. Diane had finished nursing school and worked while Tony finished his degree in Agronomy at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

From the time he finished school he wanted to buy a ranch, so Tony worked for Coldwell Banker in Santa Ana, giving him the opportunity to learn all about that type of investment. Soon he found the perfect match, but it was in Oregon. Their parents weren’t too happy to see the grandchildren leave, but soon after Diane, Tony and all three small children moved to Mt. Vernon, Oregon.

What an amazing life change for two people from a busy city. In 1966 Eastern Oregon was still very rural, but they remained in town or on the ranch their entire lives.

Tony was in his element, the joy of being in the outdoors, always watching the herd. He would tell anyone who would ask that he was always on vacation. Diane liked the company of others and went back to nursing when they moved to town while the kids were in school.

Tony was a great storyteller with a sharp sense of humor; he could strike up a conversation with anyone.

Tony has been reunited in heaven with his loving wife, Diane; grandsons, Eric and Tony, and daughter-in-law, Luann. What a celebration of eternal life that will be!

Tony is survived by his sons, Anthony Jr., Joseph, and Richard. He also leaves behind his daughter, Lisa, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, May 2nd, 2022, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with an interment that followed at St. Andrew’s Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in his honor can be made to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, Oregon, 97845.

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## Thank You!

from the “Jimmy Cole” Family

The family of Jimmy Cole would like to “Thank All of You” from the bottom of our hearts.

Losing Jimmy was very hard for all of his family & friends, the love and support that came our way was unbelievable.

Thank You for the cards and flowers that were sent to Jimmy when he was in the hospital, he knew you sent them and got a smile on his face when they were read to him. He was very thankful to all his friends & family and wanted us to pass that along.

We want to thank all who attended the funeral and those who brought and sent food, cards and flowers. He would have loved the party, especially all of the good food and the stories that were told.

A special thanks to the kitchen helpers! We appreciate all the hard work that you did feeding and cleaning up after a crew of that size, you made it look easy and were still all smiles. It was perfect.

Thanks to the Monument School District, for the use of the gym and the custodians for the setting everything up and putting it back up.

I’m sure we are missing someone or something, so “Thanks to all of Jimmy’s friends and family, near and far” for showing up for his send off.

You made it a great day of memories. Jimmy loved living in Monument and he loved you all!

**The Family of Jimmy Cole.**

## CORRECTION

**Urban Renewal Agency:** The 2022-23 budget approved for the John Day Urban Renewal Agency is \$112,143. A story in the April 27 edition misstated the amount.

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### Last Week’s Temps

<b>John Day</b>	<b>HI/LO</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	<b>54/34</b>
<b>Thursday</b> .....	<b>44/33</b>
<b>Friday</b> .....	<b>53/34</b>
<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>56/36</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>59/39</b>
<b>Monday</b> .....	<b>44/37</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	<b>56/35</b>

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### WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF HHHHHH

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Showers	Rain/thunder	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
<b>72</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>