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Christie Winegar interacts with her first grade class on the first day of school in Prairie City. School resumed for most students in Grant County on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022.

School

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school year. Grant School District also has a new student services director in Shannon Northway.

Other personnel changes in the Grant School District include Andy Lusco, who is now the assistant principal and athletic director at Grant Union High School.

Dayville made one new administrative hire for the 2022-23 school year with new superintendent Davida Irving.

Prairie City also has a single

new administrative hire as Rhonda McCumber left the Grant School District to take over as the elementary principal in Prairie City.

While all Grant County schools are holding in-person classes, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic brings questions of what schools have planned in the event cases and hospitalizations spike again as they did in the beginning and intermediary portions of the pandemic. Cases are up, but hospitalizations and severe sickness from the disease remain relatively low.

Prairie City Superintendent Casey Hallgarth said COVID con-

tingency plans can be viewed on the school's website at www.pcsd4.com.

Dayville Superintendent Davida Irving said the school would be looking to the Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority for COVID guidelines during the 2022-23 academic year.

Grant School District Superintendent Louis Dix said the district didn't have plans in place at the start of the week but that COVID contingency plans would be discussed at a meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Along with the administra-

tive hires, schools throughout the county hired a number of new teachers for the 2022-23 academic year.

Grant School District has the largest number of students enrolled in the county at 465. Prairie City has the second-largest enrollment with 252 students enrolled.

Both Monument and Dayville have just under 60 students apiece, with Monument having 57 enrolled students and Dayville having 59. Efforts to reach Long Creek schools for enrollment numbers before press time were unsuccessful.

Rookstool

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"We checked to make sure there was no noxious weeds because bulldogs have sensitive skin," Rookstool said. "We checked off every box we could think of. A weed, a sunburn, even a car accident. ... People keep coming at me with all these different ideas and I'm like, 'You're not helping, we've already done that.' Unfortunately, nobody wants to think about it, but it's looking like something was put on her skin."

The incident has left Rookstool wondering if she needs to look over her shoulder now and possibly carry Mace everywhere she goes. If it was a deliberate attack, Rookstool said, it won't deter her from continuing to be the lone "no" vote in city council meetings if her convictions tell her she needs to be. If anything, she said, the incident has inspired her to continue doing what she is doing and has given her an added drive.

Despite that added drive, Rookstool said she never thought her position and votes at city council would lead to her family being put in danger. "I never thought being on city council would make me fear for my safety in my own community," she added.

Rookstool said if the individual who attacked her dog is reading this article, she wants to tell them that the way they're going about things isn't going to bring change.

"You're not going to make any changes hiding behind this, so confront it face to face but don't be a coward. It's hard to put into words that are respectful because there are so many things I would love to say to this person and I hope I get to say to this to them," Rookstool said.

There is a \$550 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the individual or individuals responsible for the suspected chemical attack on Rookstool's dog.

Recall

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was required in the normal course and means."

Orchard added that this is especially true if a quorum of board members was involved in the email communications that occurred in drafting the ballot measure's language.

Also alleged are violations of ORS 192.314 to ORS 192.335, which cover access to public records and the timely dissemination of public records.

Morris also claims that Weigum prepared an additional notice of ballot title that was published in the Blue Mountain Eagle in violation of ORS

260.532 and ORS ORS 260.537. Morris said Weigum called herself the "elections authority" and that these actions were done to mislead voters and cause confusion.

Morris also accused Weigum of violating ORS 294.414, which covers the appointment of a budget committee, pointing to Weigum's role as the JDCC Parks and Recreation District's budget officer. Morris said she felt she had to file the recall petition because she and others have been ignored when voicing concerns to both the John Day City Council and the JDCC Parks and Recreation District board.

"They ignore us — not just the parks and rec district, but the city council," she said.

Morris added that she and her husband, John, have been ostracized for expressing dissenting views about the pool proposal, but she said that won't keep her from speaking out.

"Yeah, we've already had an anonymous letter telling us we're the most hated people in Grant County," Morris said. "So this community just isn't like it used to be and that creates some anxiety in speaking, standing up and speaking out, but I have learned I can do that."

Weigum responded to Morris's allegations in a written statement.

"I can't say I'm that surprised considering the harassment from Mrs. Morris over the last year. We were told they filed complaints with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, she's

showed up at my place of employment, filed complaints with the district attorney, we went to Circuit Court, and this is actually the second recall petition she's filed for me. Those complaints, which are basically the same complaints in this recall petition, were all dismissed," Weigum said.

"We're a volunteer board with only two full-time staff and none of us are public policy experts. It takes us a little longer to go through some of these processes. Sometimes we stumble along the way, and of course there are things we could do better, but we've never knowingly or intentionally been out of compliance with an ORS. It's disappointing that Mrs. Morris has decided to make this so personal. I'm not sure why

she's singled me out, but if she thinks she can do a better job as a board member, then I encourage her to run for a position on the board as opposed to continuing to waste taxpayer dollars with all of her unsuccessful complaints."

In order for the recall effort to make the ballot, Morris must collect at least 289 valid signatures from registered voters within the parks and rec district by Nov. 8. Brenda Percy, the county clerk, would have 10 days after that to validate the signatures. If enough valid signatures are collected, Percy would then have 35 days to conduct a special election in which voters would weigh in on the recall question.

Weigum's seat on the board will come up for election in 2025.



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- CLUES ACROSS**
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 - Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
 - Popular California/Nevada lake
 - Go quickly
 - Fatty acid in soaps
 - Brand of fuel stations
 - State of fuss
 - Romance novelist
 - Members of a household
 - Asserts to be the case
 - Type of infection
 - With metal inlays
 - Chinese philosophical principle
 - Early multimedia
 - Employee stock ownership plan
 - He investigated Clinton administration
 - Shells
 - Six
 - Snake-like fish
 - Capital of Kenya
 - Influential group (abbr.)
 - Used to chop
 - It comes as a case
 - Challenges
 - Small amounts
 - The Golden State
 - For walking in Alaska
 - Buddhist honorific titles
 - Lively ballroom dance
 - Capital of Albania

- Late night host
- Draw from
- A way to utilize
- One who is not native Hawaiian
- A power to perceive
- Bulky
- Horse mackerels
- Proclaim out loud
- Hits
- Bathroom accessory
- Young
- Beef cattle
- It's often in soap
- For each
- Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
- A way to leave
- Emaciation
- Punish with a fine
- Steeds
- Having eight
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Mature reproductive cells
- Armadillo species
- Ancient country in what is now Romania
- Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- Poems
- Places to sit
- One from the Lone Star State
- Small rails
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Where coaches work
- Indicates position
- Mammals
- Resembling a wing
- Beliefs
- Hindu male religious teachers
- Mischievously
- Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Horned squash bug genus
- Excessively sentimental
- Shared verbally
- You can put it on toast
- Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to water quality.

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Level: Intermediate

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on August 26, 1980. I have six siblings and began acting at the age of 4. I have been in many successful movies, including a franchise about a kid being left at home.

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to traffic. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = A)

A. 11 10 22 21
Clue: Automobiles

B. 13 19 8 19 21 15 22 9 10 5 21
Clue: Persons walking

C. 21 10 7 19 15 12
Clue: Condition of being protected

D. 22 3 10 8 17 10 12 21
Clue: Places to drive

WATER QUALITY WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS BASIN
BERN
BORDER
CHEMIGATION
CONFINEMENT
CROPS
DISTRIBUTION
DRIPPER
EFFICIENCY
EMITTER
FIELD
FLOOD
FLOW
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MANAGEMENT
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