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The store is kind of a community hub, according to Boyer, with most area residents stopping by at some point. Boyer has also seen multiple generations of Monument children grow up during his time as the owner and operator of Boyer's Cash Store.

"I've gotten to watch the generations grow up," he said. "I go to the high school and watch the kids play sports and then I can tell them, 'You know, your dad used to do this,' so that's been kinda fun."

Boyer said he would tell a prospective buyer that his time running Boyer's Cash Store has been fun for him.

"It's been a blast," he said. "I've been doing it for, like, 42 years. Just treat people with kindness and respect and you'll have fun, you'll enjoy it and you'll make money."

Boyer said he is willing to work with whoever takes the store over to help it thrive.

"We want it to continue as well," he said. "It's got my family's name on it. We definitely want to see it keep going."

Of course, there's no guarantee that a new owner would want to keep the Boyer's Cash Store name.

"I'll leave that up to them," Boyer said. "If they want to, that would be fine. If they don't want to, that's fine



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The interior of Boyer's Cash Store on Friday, Oct. 8, 2022.

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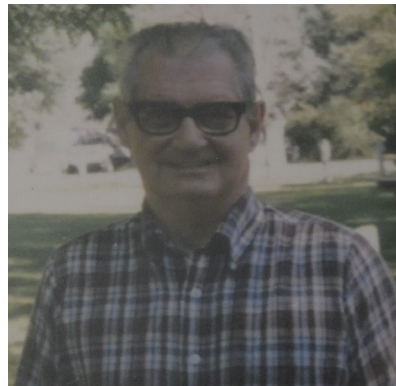
One thing he is looking forward to is seeing what the new owners will change.

"You can put a bakery in, you can put a deli in. One person said if they get it they want to make pizzas. Great idea! I don't have the energy anymore," Boyer said.

After so many years on the job, Boyer says that he will miss running the store — but he's ready for retirement.

"I will, I think I will (miss it)," he said. "But I'll be OK."

Boyer's Cash Store is listed on LandWatch.com at an asking price of \$649,000. Interested parties can contact Wendy Hull of Country Preferred Realtors at 541-575-2710.



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A photo of John Stanley Boyer, who acquired Boyer's Cash Store from his father and later passed it on to his son, current owner Jerry Boyer.



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A sword at the entrance to the liquor aisle at Boyer's Cash Store acts as a memorial to a former customer who has passed on. Jerry Boyer said the customer "liked his whiskey."

Climate

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has visible consequences, and ask what that means to you, your life, your health, your ability to make a living, the things you like to do, etc. What do these physical changes mean for you?" Shirley said.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development is looking to create a regional system model because "one size does not fit all in Oregon," Shirley said.

Local experts see climate change effects now

Experts in Eastern Oregon have cited two climate change-related factors that are impacting daily life for residents: steady warming and a reduction

in snowpack volume and durability, leading to disruptions in traditional water supply.

Don Wysocki, an Oregon State University Extension Service soil scientist and member of the local Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition, said drought, extreme heat and unpredictable frosts are three of his main concerns for Eastern Oregon communities when it comes to climate change.

"What people are facing is higher risk, due to shortage of water from drought, or reduced snowpack so irrigation water supply isn't what it normally would be," he said. "To me there are policies you could do to mitigate those expected changes, but when it gets to the bottom line, everybody is at a higher risk. It's not just agriculture, it's rural communities' water supplies, health risks, likely smokey envi-

ronments due to increased forest fire risks."

Cliff Mass, professor of atmospheric science at the University of Washington and a climate expert for the Pacific Northwest, said while the long-term effects of climate change certainly are real, the large-scale tangible effects are in the future.

"The region is going to stay pretty similar. Eastern Oregon may get a bit wetter due to climate change," he said. "They would get more moisture from the southwest monsoon. The warming causes things to dry out more during the summer time, and precipitation not changing very much. Not much will change much in the next five to 10 years. Climate change is slow."

Mass said Eastern Oregonians could expect to feel more drastic effects towards the end

of the century, but that doesn't mean there isn't wisdom in the DLCD's forethought on the subject.

"We're talking about a 30-40% loss of snowpack by the end of the century," Mass said. "It's not trivial, so the question is, what will we do about it? We'll get the same amount of water, just less snowpack. We might have to take steps to increase reservoir storage."

Ed Townsend, science and operations officer for National Weather Service in Pendleton said a climate attribution study found climate change probably played a role of 3 to 4 degrees in the huge heat wave of 2021 and "it was virtually impossible that would have occurred otherwise without human made anthropogenic climate change."

He said climate change is shifting the bell curve on higher

temperatures.

"What that means is not only hotter temperatures are possible, but general extremes are more possible," Townsend said. "That's how we're seeing climate change, is a greater likelihood for extreme events occurring and lasting longer."

Assessing vulnerability

The Department of Land Conservation and Development in a press release explained it is using the workshops to help build the "Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment," a cumulative report to help understand how climate change may affect existing and future social vulnerabilities across Oregon. "The assessment is not intended to propose or develop specific adaptation measures," according to the press release, but would be a tool agencies and policymakers can use to choose adaptation measures that will support community needs.

As formal as that sounds, Shirley said the workshops are to be interactive and conversational.

"We want to hear from people," she said. "We're building these workshops to talk about what climate change will look like in their specific region, and work with people to help them anticipate changes."

Hours

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As previously reported in the Eagle, County Judge Myers had said he expected to convene the Grant County Budget Committee to disburse these funds. Treasurer Julie Ellison, however, explained that she'd since consulted with the Oregon Department of the Treasury and found this decision could be taken at a regular public meeting because the money to cover restoring the reduced employee hours fell well below the threshold of 10% of the total year's budget, above which budget committee approval would have been required. Ellison estimated the additional hours would cost in the neighborhood of \$220,000, leaving the lion's share of the federal money to be considered as part of the next round of planning by the budget committee.

Hamsher went on to propose a motion to explore ways the court could provide what he called an "economic impact bonus," in the form of a prorated pay increase to reflect both the impact of the hours reduction and the fact that it happened at a time when the cost of living outpaced the employees' previous cost-of-living pay increase. The motion passed, and the resulting proposal is to be brought before the next county court meeting for adoption. It was clarified that the proposal will be specifically targeted for employees whose hours were reduced by Resolution 22-19, but not to other county employees whose hours might have previously been reduced by other means.

In other business, the court:

- Approved structural engineering contracts to develop current projects at the fairgrounds, including work on Keerins Hall and a picnic structure. Projects involving grandstands and the RV park are still under review by attorneys.
- Approved a new public records policy for the sheriff's office. That policy is separate from the county's public records policy.
- Approved a resolution to repay a domestic violence loan.
- Postponed a discussion on whether to suspend committee meetings for the Natural Resources Advisory Committee until the next meeting, when all three court members could be present.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Towards the mouth or oral region
 - A way to season
 - North-central Indian city
 - Emaciation
 - Actress de Armas
 - A way to score in basketball
 - Odd
 - Scripting languages on IBM machines
 - A right of local jurisdiction
 - Hard, colorless compound
 - Diving seabird
 - Wild goat of the mountains
 - Not shortened
 - Someone who learns from a teacher
 - Is inclined
 - Still asleep
 - Antidepressants (abbr.)
 - Town in Surrey, England
 - Indian music patterns
 - Birth control means
 - People tend to be on one
 - A way to keep meat moist
 - Home of the Crimson Tide
 - Pasta type
 - Late 1990s rapper
 - One circuit of a track
 - Surrounded by water
 - Late "Growing Pains" actor Thicke
 - Married couples say it
 - Drool
 - Sicilian city
 - Airline worker perk (abbr.)
 - Grayish-black mixture
 - Systems, doctrines, theories
 - Midway between east and southeast
 - Athletes who get paid
- CLUES DOWN**
- Genus of owls
 - Hindu queen
 - Cain and ___
 - Hindu female deity
 - Islamic calendar month
 - Changes posture
 - More stubborn
 - Give work to
 - Round maps of the Earth
 - Gathered fallen leaves
 - Popular credit card
 - Separation of church and state
 - Founder of Sikhism
 - They
 - Where you find the milk
 - Institute legal proceedings against
 - The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
 - Expresses surprise
 - Have a debt to
 - Businessman
 - State on India's western coast
 - Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
 - Patty Hearst's captors
 - Put into service
 - 10-year periods
 - Crony
 - Surgical clamp
 - Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
 - Where rockers work
 - Valleys
 - Ancient lyric poem
 - Wise men
 - It lights a room
 - Assert
 - Fifth Roman Emperor
 - Ancient Greek city in Thrace

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the body.

NJIOT

Guess Who?

I am an athlete born in Mississippi on October 10, 1969. A car accident in 1990 nearly claimed by life, but I had a comeback that jump-started my football career. I am the first quarterback to throw for more than 70,000 yards.

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to physical therapy. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = E)

A. 16 17 9 6 1 17 16 12
 Clue: Get well after injury/illness

B. 21 22 18 20 16 12
 Clue: Ailment

C. 3 6 1 17 3 17 22 11
 Clue: Changing of position

D. 2 6 19 12
 Clue: Physical structure of an organism

Puzzle solutions can be found in today's classifieds

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

PHYSICAL THERAPY WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

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| ABDUCTION | EXTENSION | LUMBAR | PROXIMAL |
| ADDUCTION | FLEXION | MIDLINE | RANGE |
| BILATERAL | GROSS MOTOR | MOTION | REFLEX |
| CORE | HAMSTRINGS | MUSCLE | ROTATION |
| DISTAL | HYPOTONIC | PLANNING | VERTEBRAE |
| DYNAMIC | INSTABILITY | PRONE | |