

The pig behind the pumps

By JUSTIN DAVIS
Blue Mountain Eagle

Every weekend, the Leathers Fuels gas station in John Day goes to the pigs. For the past year, Leathers employee Arthur Cave has been taking his pet pig, Elfie, to work with him, starting when she was just a piglet.

Cave said the reason he started bringing Elfie with him to work was to take people's minds off the ever-rising price at the pump.

"The prices were going up and people were coming in looking straight up at that sign. Now they come in looking straight for the pig," Cave said.

Elfie has quite a few fans, according to Cave and even has her own Instagram page. "She's got regulars that come in here just to see the pig," he said.

"I've also met people that passed through a year ago and they come back and say, 'Good, the pig is still here,'" Cave added.

Elfie has a knack for brightening the mood of upset customers, who are often pleasantly surprised when they meet her and discover she is very people-friendly.

"I just had a gal come through and she was in somewhat of a bad mood," Cave said. "She said, 'I'm having a terrible day,' and I said, 'Let me introduce you to my baby over here, she'll make you smile.' And she left with a big ol' grin on her face."

There was no adjustment period for Elfie in making regular appearances at the gas station, said Cave, noting she has been with him since she was three days old.

GRANT COUNTY NEIGHBORS

NAME: Arthur Cave
AGE: 49
RESIDENCE: Long Creek
OCCUPATION: Fuel attendant and cashier at Leathers gas station in John Day.
HOBBIES: Hanging with his pet pig, Elfie, spending time with his wife of 20 years, and woodworking with the goal of opening his own shop

NAME: Elfie the pig
AGE: One year and two months
RESIDENCE: Long Creek
OCCUPATION: People piggy and emotional booster at Leathers gas station in John Day (works pro bono)
HOBBIES: Roaming around her residence in Long Creek, pigging out and, according to her owner, making gas that Leathers Fuels can't sell

"She thinks I'm Mama," Cave added.

Now Elfie looks forward to her trips with Cave to Leathers Fuels.

"I set her up in the morning, and when I start walking out of the gate with her she runs up in here and she's like, 'Time to go to work, man.' She actually likes coming to work more than she likes going home," Cave said.

Elfie's favorite thing to eat is a mix of walnuts and Cheerios that Cave keeps handy for when he wants her to come out of her enclosure in the back of his truck and meet people. Cave shakes the bottle containing the snack mix, and Elfie exits her enclosure to get a treat.

Despite the fact that Elfie is very



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Arthur Cave with Elfie on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, at Leathers Fuels on Main Street in John Day. Cave has been bringing his pet pig to work with him for a year.

friendly, Cave keeps a tusk cover on hand to prevent accidental injuries to those who choose to pet her.

The bottom line, though, is that people seem to like Elfie, and she seems to like them, and that's why Cave keeps bringing her to work.

"I just thought I'd change things up, make the old gas station a little more fun, I suppose. ... She gets a lot of attention out here — I love it," Cave said.

Cave laughed when asked if he would make it a requirement that the next job he accepts has to take him and Elfie as a package deal. "I might make it that way, but I think my next job I'm going to be doing is setting up my wood-working business," he said.

Clerk's post tops list of uncontested races

By BENNETT HALL
Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY — Brenda Percy has served as Grant County clerk since 2011 and appears poised to serve for at least another four years — she is running unopposed for re-election to a fourth term.

Percy is just one of the candidates running without opposition for various political offices in Grant County this election season, although her position is perhaps the most high-profile of the bunch.

There are uncontested races for mayor in three Grant County municipalities: Dayville, Long Creek and Mt. Vernon.

There are also unopposed races for city council in Canyon City, Dayville, Long Creek, Monument, Mt. Vernon, Prairie City and Seneca. In some of those communities, there are more open seats than candidates: Canyon City has three candidates running for two council seats, Prairie City has one candidate for three open

ings, and in Granite, no one has filed to fill the two open council seats — even though three people are running for mayor.

As Grant County clerk, Percy is the official keeper of all the county's public records. Her office is also responsible for processing all Board of Property Tax Appeal petitions, Commissioner's Journal documents, county orders, plats and real property transactions.

In addition, Percy oversees all elections in the county.

Percy started working in the Grant County Clerk's Office in 1999 and rose to the position of deputy clerk before being elected clerk in 2010. Before that she worked in the real estate industry. She decided to seek another four-year term as county clerk because she finds the work rewarding.

"I enjoy my job," Percy said. "I enjoy working for constituents and making sure elections and all the responsibilities of this office are done correctly. It means a lot."

Percy's current salary is \$67,140 a year.



Percy

DEATH AND SERVICE NOTICES

Clay Gyllenberg

Clay Gyllenberg, 63, of Baker City died at his home Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022. A memorial service will be held at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene Saturday, Oct. 29, at 1 p.m. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception immediately following the service at the Family Life Center adjacent to the church. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Dale McCormick

Dale McCormick, 71, of Seneca passed away at his home on Oct. 17, 2022, surrounded by his family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Robert B. Myers

Robert B. Myers, 78, of John Day passed away Oct. 19, 2022, with his loving wife by his side. Memorial contributions in his honor can be made to the American Red Cross or a charity of one's choice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Troy Leon Thompson Pruitt

A memorial service for Troy Leon Thompson Pruitt from Long Creek will be held at the Long Creek Seventh Day Adventist Friendship Hall on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., with a dinner following the service. He was born Feb. 7, 1935, and passed away Sept. 14, 2022.

Three-way race for Granite mayor

By TONY CHIOTTI
Blue Mountain Eagle

GRANITE — Three out of 30 residents have registered to run the town of Granite this time around, with zero people interested in being on City Council.

In a registered ghost town, campaigning might be intimate affair. But that doesn't mean the stakes are low.

The candidates who responded to the newspaper's questionnaires are looking to shape up the for-



Smith



Jewell

SANDRA SMITH

NAME: Sandra Smith
AGE: 78
OCCUPATION: Retired
CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I was mayor from 2015-2016, also city recorder and treasurer for four

years. I was on city council for seven years.

I have lived in Granite for 20 years. If appointed mayor in Granite, I will not be an absentee mayor. I was known through this time as The Back Bone of the City.

DOROTHY JEWELL

NAME: Dorothy Jewell
AGE: 60
OCCUPATION: Retired
CANDIDATE STATEMENT: Goals are harder to obtain and issues can be challenging to solve due to Granite's smaller size and remote location. I would like to inventory and connect with our local resources more effectively as well as review grants that can accommodate rural communities such as ours.

office in Granite. Therefore, records, bill paying and other inquiries have been challenging to accomplish. I would like to again provide the community with an office in which business can be conducted successfully and in a timely manner.

The community of Granite has had its share of factions and discontent. I would like the residents to again realize the importance of each individual in making Granite a thriving community. By bringing a voice back to its people I feel that, together, this can be accomplished.

Residents have not lately had a city

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Kenneth Robert Moore

March 28, 1941 ~ September 4, 2022

Kenneth Robert Moore, 81 years old, of Mount Vernon went home to be with his Lord on September 4, 2022. He was born at his grandmother's farm to Ira Dale and Leora Mae Moore on March 28, 1941 in McMinnville. Ken was raised in Beaverton where he attended and graduated from Beaverton High School in 1960. He was a member of the All National Guard Rifle Team and Hillsboro Rifle Team. Ken received many accolades for his fine marksmanship.



In 1966, Kenneth accepted a position with ODFW and moved to Grant County. On September 27, 1966, Ken married Diana Olson. They had two children: Victoria and Daniel.

Ken "The Griz" Moore was an avid hunter and trapper. He seasonally guided big game in Alaska for many years, and was known for his convictions for the proper game management. Some of his other interests included: Target shooting with friends, reading, gardening, preserving his harvests, collecting antiques and Indian artifacts, rock hounding, and garage saling. Ken was a simple man. In his heart he was born in yesteryear, and lived his life this way.

On February 13, 1993, Ken married Jane Richert. On that day, he gained three more daughters and another son. Ken and Jane opened the Canyon Mountain Traders Antique Store together.

Ken is survived by his brothers Norm Moore of Chemult and Bill Moore of Paris, Kentucky; wife Jane Moore of 29 years; his daughter Victoria Stacey (Kevin) of Lyons; and his son Daniel Moore (Heather) of Bend; and his grandchildren Ashley, MacKenzie, Sabrina, Dakota and Storm; and great-grandchild Charlie.

In his blended family, he had six children, 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, all who loved him very much.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Blue Mountain Hospice, John Day Church of the Nazarene, or the NRA.

Paid for by the family of Ken Moore.

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	78/41
Thursday	76/42
Friday	66/41
Saturday	45/31
Sunday	47/32
Monday	44/34
Tuesday	50/35

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
AM rain/snow	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Rain/snow showers	Rain/snow showers	Rain/snow showers
43	51	54	53	51	51	48
26	30	32	36	34	35	32