

Teen airlifted after incident at lake in Black Butte Ranch

An 18-year-old man was airlifted to the hospital in the wake of an incident at Black Butte Ranch on Sunday, June 2.

Black Butte Ranch Fire Department, Black Butte Police Department, and Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded at about 2:19 p.m. to a report of a drowning at Phalarope Lake located on Black Butte Ranch. When medics and officers arrived, it was found that three witnesses to the event had gone into the lake and brought the victim to shore.

Medics immediately began CPR, and when stabilized the victim was flown to St. Charles Medical Center by air ambulance where he remained in medical care as of Monday afternoon.

According to BBR police, the victim was on a 10.5-foot paddle board at the time of the incident and it is unknown if he was in possession of a personal floatation device at the time of the incident.

The name of the victim is currently being withheld until proper notification of his family is completed.

Phalarope Lake is a popular location for swimming, kayaking, and paddle boarding for residents and visitors to Black Butte Ranch.

The investigation into this incident is continuing.



Fit For Sisters

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Americans' life expectancy is falling again

Statisticians who extrapolate data across our entire country regarding health and wellbeing discovered that the trend of a decreased average lifespan for Americans is in its third year. What is the driver behind these statistics?

First, look at the total mortality of our countrymen. The stats include everything — not just how old someone gets before their body dies of natural causes. It includes accidents, poisoning, and other causes. More and more people are suffering from preventable deaths, which is causing the statistics to skew.

Look at prescription drug overdoses. In the past decade they've become a huge problem. From 1999 to 2017 there was an increase in prescription drug overdosing from 8 per 100k to 29. This obviously should not be happening because the prescription drugs were supposed to be medicinal for people who were dealing with pain. Reform in prescription drug policy and administration will hopefully turn this around.

Next is a sad situation that has touched many of us

closely, and this is suicide. In 2001 there were 30,000 deaths from suicide and in 2016 there were 45,000. This increase is a shadow of darkness which is creeping into the lives of many. Feeling helpless and hopeless with no way out is more and more common and it's time to bring light back. Remember, people wear the cloak of being cheerful and spry, but everyone hides something underneath. Help people feel appreciated and that they matter.

The last point is health inequality. The difference in some areas of our country adds up to 20 years of life expectancy. It doesn't matter how plush a society is on one end if the bottom is in a very dire situation. Something should be done to raise the standard of care in rural and impoverished areas. Someone in Mississippi should expect to be treated in the same way as someone in New York.

Stats paint a picture, but what is driving the numbers is more important. Diet, exercise, and wellness determine much when it comes to lifespan, but there are other ways in which our society has been affected. Hopefully our healthcare continues to improve, while working to help the people affected by the issues described — all just part of the giant puzzle of which everyone is a piece.

Obituaries

Michael Wayne Henderson-Hunter

August 31, 1946 – May 21, 2019

"Mick" (Michael Wayne Henderson-Hunter) of Sisters passed away May 21, 2019.

Mick deeply loved his family and friends, which will forever be his legacy.

Mick was dedicated to enriching his community through heartfelt care and concern for each person he served. His capacity for compassion was innate and endless; he dedicated his life to bringing joy to others through his infectious laugh, warm smile and loving embrace — best hugs ever!

If there ever was an individual who could bring out the best in people, it was Mick.

Mick loved teaching; he was a living example of integrity. He adored horses and relished life on the farm. He was passionate about classic cars and enjoyed any opportunity to bring people together to share in his enthusiasm for hot rods.

Mick is survived by the love of his life, Susie; buddy and father-in-law Dick; grateful children Tracy, Michael and Matthew; beautiful granddaughters Brittany, Katlyn, Madison and Emma; distinguished grandsons Andrew, Lucas, Dyllan, Skyler and Thomas; remarkable great-grandchildren Tristan, Waylon,



and Paisley; 11 cherished brothers and sisters, Sandy, Deloris, Dennis, Barb, Judy, Ken, Don, Barry, Barb, Tom and Mary; treasured daughter-in-law Shelly; and respected grandson-in-law Casey.

Born on August 31, 1946 in Dallas, Oregon, Mick was raised in Fairview and eventually settled in Sisters. He honorably served his country in Vietnam and spent most of his career as a leader and manager in the steel industry in Washington and Oregon.

Mick was preceded in death by his step-father, Robert Hunter; mother, Loraine Hunter; father, Keith Henderson; sister, Glenda Hunter; and infant brothers, Timothy and Stanley Henderson.

He will forever be remembered as the rock in the lives of his family and friends.

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