

BROTHERS: Unknown if wearing life preservers

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He would have celebrated his eighth birthday this Sunday.

Though the brothers lived more than 100 miles apart, they formed an inseparable bond during the excursions their dad took them on, Frazier said.

The three hunted and fished together around Mt. Emily, Red's Horse Ranch and the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Frazier said. Clinton taught his boys how to build campfires in forests and how to change ATV tires in driveways.

The two siblings also loved to tinker with the many lawnmowers and weed eaters Clinton Troyer owned as part

of his landscaping business in La Grande, their sister said.

"My dad's goal was to raise them to be active young men," Frazier said.

Cash grew obsessed with airplanes, an interest he cultivated during the hours he spent on the tarmac of Ontario's municipal airport, where his maternal grandfather worked.

Grady's soccer game flourished on the fields at Eastern Oregon University, where he played midfielder on the Grande Ronde Valley Timbers community club.

But their energies and interests converged on weekends and summers with their dad. Rafting was one of the activities the three Troyers most enjoyed.

"Once the weather got warm that's what they loved to do," Frazier said.

Clinton and his sons were on a stretch of the Grande Ronde River near Troy on Sunday when their raft hit a rock at Martins Misery Rapids and sent Cash and Grady into the frigid water.

Clinton Troyer leapt in after them, but they were swept away by the swift current before he could grab them, police said. A different rafting group later found the children, but they could not be revived.

Others pulled Clinton Troyer from the water screaming and suffering from hypothermia, Frazier said.

Police did not say whether the boys had been wear-

ing life preservers. The incident remains under investigation, an Oregon State Police spokesman said.

Their families in Oregon and Idaho remain in shock, even as the rural communities they come from rally behind them. There will be a candlelight vigil Tuesday night in La Grande for Cash and Grady.

Frazier has also launched a GoFundMe campaign for her father, mother and stepmother to help offset costs and expenses in the coming months. It had raised more than \$12,000 by Tuesday afternoon.

"They were such sweet, good little people" Frazier said. "I'm going to miss them."

BRIEFLY

First lady returns after 'little rough patch'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Melania Trump has reappeared.

The first lady showed herself in public Wednesday for the first time in nearly a month, seated alongside her husband, President Donald Trump, for a briefing on the federal government's preparedness for the hurricane season that began June 1.

Before Wednesday, she had not been seen off the White House grounds since May 10, days before she was hospitalized to treat a benign kidney condition.

It was her first appearance away from the White House since she and the president traveled to Joint Base Andrews to welcome home three Americans who had been released from detention in North Korea.

That broke the record by 2 degrees, which "is unheard of" at this time of year, he said.

Trump commutes term of Kardashian-championed drug offender

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flexing his clemency powers once again, President Donald Trump on Wednesday commuted the life sentence of a woman whose cause was championed by reality TV star Kim Kardashian West.

"BEST NEWS EVER!!!!" was the exuberant Twitter response from Kardashian West, who visited the White House last week to press the case.

Alice Marie Johnson, 63, had spent more than two decades behind bars, serving life without parole for drug offenses.

May smashes U.S. temperature records

WASHINGTON (AP) — Record heat returned to the United States with a vengeance in May.

May warmed to a record average 65.4 degrees in the Lower 48 states, breaking the high of 64.7 set in 1934, according to federal weather figures released Wednesday. May was 5.2 degrees above the 20th century's average for the month.

Weather stations in the nation broke or tied nearly 8,600 daily heat records in May, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported. It hit 100 in Minneapolis on May 28, the earliest the city has seen triple digits.

It was especially warm at night in the U.S. during May. The overnight low temperature averaged 52.5 degrees nationwide.

EPA head laughs off Chick-fil-A questions; senior aide quits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt laughed off questions Wednesday about whether he used his office to try to help his wife get a "business opportunity" with Chick-fil-A, while a close aide abruptly resigned amid new ethics allegations against her boss.

Pruitt said in a statement that his scheduling director, Millan Hupp, 26, had resigned. It came two days after Democratic lawmakers made public her testimony to a House oversight panel that Pruitt had her do personal errands for him, including inquiring about buying a used mattress from the Trump International Hotel.

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ing into Umatilla County to take our guns," Bonifer said.

The ballot initiative — gathering signatures under the official title "Umatilla County Second Amendment Preservation Ordinance" — is a response to statewide initiatives that would restrict firearm ownership, Bonifer said. He referenced current efforts to gather signatures for IP 43, which aims to ban certain guns defined by the measure as "assault weapons" and magazines holding more than 10 rounds, and said people in rural Oregon were tired of people in Portland or Salem trying to take away their constitutional rights.

"We should be able to pack anything, any time or own any type of weapon," he said.

The language of the ordinance cites several parts of the U.S. Constitution, including the well-known Second Amendment and the Ninth Amendment, which states that certain rights in the Con-

stitution should not be used to deny other rights not specifically listed. It then states that the "Umatilla County Government shall not authorize or appropriate governmental funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the purpose of enforcing any element of such acts, laws, orders, mandates, rules or regulations that infringe on the right of the people to keep and bear arms" and that it is the duty of the Umatilla County Sheriff to determine whether any laws relating to firearms, ammunition or accessories were enforceable in their jurisdiction.

The Umatilla County initiative is matched by identical initiatives for other counties, part of a movement coordinated by Rob Taylor of Coos County. Since the gun rights/gun control battle has reached a fever pitch in recent months, Taylor said he has received a flood of calls from people in many counties asking for help in passing their own Second Amend-

ment Preservation Ordinance. He said so far this year people in 18 counties have submitted paperwork to their county elections office. They have been cleared to start gathering signatures in 12, including Umatilla County, with legal help from the Committee to Preserve the Second Amendment, of which Taylor is chair.

"I didn't realize how far it would go," he said.

Opponents of such initiatives question the legality of a county ordinance to supersede state and federal law, but Taylor said it doesn't overrule that law so much as defunds it and de-prioritizes enforcement. Sheriffs make decisions all the time about what to prioritize, he said.

"This really isn't giving them any authority, it's just using the discretionary authority they already have," he said.

In fact, Taylor said language in the initiative mirrors language in Oregon's "sanctuary state" law directing that state and local law enforcement resources and personnel

should not be used to enforce federal immigration laws.

"They're already doing it," he said. "Why not do it for guns, if they can do it for illegal immigrants?"

He also pointed to legalization of marijuana, which law enforcement is not arresting people for using, despite it still being illegal on a federal level.

In Umatilla County, Bonifer said people are collecting signatures at various local gun shops, including Garner's Sporting Goods and Blagg Rifles in Pendleton and Columbia Outdoors and Smitty's Outpost in Hermiston, and at Advanced Tarps and Covers in Athena. He said they need 1,200 registered Umatilla County voters' signatures and hope to receive them by June 29 to get everything in time for the November ballot.

"The people of Oregon are finally standing up and speaking," he said.

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