



# Warm February follows cold January

JOHN DAY — According to preliminary data received by the National Weather Service, temperatures at John Day averaged warmer than normal during the month of February.

The average temperature was 39.3 degrees, which was 3.2 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 52.7 de-

grees, which was 5.3 degrees above normal. The highest was 66 degrees on Feb. 10. Low temperatures averaged 25.9 degrees, which was 1.1 degrees above normal. The lowest was 1 degree, on Feb. 2.

There were 22 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. Precipitation totaled 0.52

inches during February, which was 0.23 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — was received on five days with the heaviest, 0.34 inches reported on Feb. 14.

The highest wind gust was 38 mph which occurred on Feb. 17. The outlook for March

from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day rise from 51 degrees at the start of March to 57 degrees at the end of March. Normal lows rise from 27 degrees to 31 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.27 inches.

# Snowpack much closer to normal than last month

John Day Basin still highest in state

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Snowpack in the John Day Basin is the highest in the state, but the amount dropped significantly since last month.

As of March 4, basin snowpack was 108 percent of normal, compared to 141 percent last month. Snowpack at the Starr Ridge SNOTEL site, elevation 5,250 feet, was 12 inches March 1 — 87 percent of the median snow water equivalent.

February precipitation in the basin was 70 percent of average, compared to 106 per-

cent from Oct. 1 to March 1.

Summer streamflow forecasts in the basin range from 91 percent to 114 percent of average. These forecasts also decreased significantly from last month.

Statewide, snowpack is at 92 percent of normal. The Mt. Hood and Willamette Basins, at 77 percent and 76 percent, are the lowest in the state. Most basins in the state are within 90 percent to 109 percent of normal.

As of March 7, Canyon Creek at Thissels Ranch was at 5.31 feet, with flood stage at 6 feet. Canyon Creek near Canyon City was at 5.05 feet, with flood stage at 6 feet. John Day River near John Day was at 4.88 feet, with flood stage at 8 feet.

## SERVICES

Faye Louise Elmer  
March 5, 2016

Faye Louise Elmer, 85, of John Day, died March 5 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 11, at John Day United Methodist Church, 126 N.W. Canton St. Refreshments will follow at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to John Day United Methodist Church through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Alfred Cotham  
Sept. 23, 1935 — Feb. 5, 2016

A celebration of life for Al Cotham will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the John Day Golf Club, 27631 Golf Club Drive, John Day.

Cotham died Feb. 5 at his John Day home. He graduated from Dayville High School in 1953 and, as a young man, worked at his parents' restaurant in Dayville.

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## DEQ seeks input on Ochoco permit

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The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public written comments on the conditions of Ochoco Lumber Company's

proposed air quality permit renewal, known officially as a Standard Air Contaminant Discharge Permit. The deadline for written comments is 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 16. They may be submitted by mail: Nancy Swofford, Permit Coordinator; DEQ Eastern Region — Bend Office; 475 NE Bellevue Dr., Suite 110; Bend, OR 97701; by fax: 541-388-8283; or by email: nancy@deq.state.or.us.

**Cowboy Chapel Hour**  
KJDY, Sunday, 7 a.m.  
"CAUTION  
Sunday's program may be hazardous to your health."

## Congratulations

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## OBITUARIES

Milo Pope

July 18, 1936 — Feb. 24, 2016

BAKER CITY — Milo Pope, 79, died Feb. 24 at his Baker City home. Per his request, no funeral services will be held. A private family memorial will be observed this month.



Pope was born July 18, 1936, the fourth of five children to Milo and Grace Pope in Hoquiam, Washington.

He was raised in Sutherlin and John Day. He graduated from Grant Union High School in 1955. It was in high school that he met his future bride Gayl Kilpatrick.

On Nov. 20, 1958, they married in John Day and together had three children, Marcia, Kevin and Milo.

In 1961, he began his law career in Idaho. He practiced in Twin Falls, Idaho, Milton-Freewater and John Day. In 1988, he was elected circuit court judge of Grant and Baker counties and subsequently moved to Baker City.

He enjoyed his time on the bench. He brought his empathetic and no-nonsense sentiments, which have left a lasting impression on friends and colleagues alike.

After retiring, he continued to practice law, a profession that he enjoyed greatly, and acted as a mentor to many. He had great respect for the law, gave of his talents in many great ways and was dedicated to providing the best possible counsel to all those he served.

He was an avid reader and a lover of language, often correcting his children's and grandchildren's grammar, or asking how to spell novel words. He was always curious about the world. He loved people and his community, serving on city council and writing many letters to the editor. He enjoyed woodworking, a skill he admired in his father, and often spent time with friends in his shop.

Survivors include his siblings, Beverly Nordquist, Bruce Pope and Nila Palmer; children, Marcia (Bill) Winter, Kevin Pope and Milo Dion Pope; and grandchildren Genevieve Ehart, Rebecca Adair, Melissa Winter, Thomas Ehart, Bill Winter and Mike Ehart.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gayl Kilpatrick Pope.

Memorial donations may be made to the Open Door breakfast program in Baker City or New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834.

For online condolences, visit [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

Margaret Lorraine Bergstrom-Bailen-Smith

Oct. 28, 1925 — Feb. 27, 2016

Margaret Lorraine Bergstrom-Bailen-Smith, 90, formerly of John Day, died Feb. 27. A memorial service was held Friday, March 4, at the Bratley Funeral Home in Washburn, Wisconsin, with Pastor Keith Vik officiating.



Smith was born Oct. 28, 1925, the eldest of nine children, to Carl and Gertrude (Soderberg) Bergstrom of Mellen, Wisconsin. She was known as Lorraine most of her life.

At age 13, she was one of the first children to contract polio in the Mellen area. She met that challenge everyday of her life with a can-do attitude and always in victory.

During World War II, she worked in the U.S. Naval Department. After the war, she returned to the Mellen area, where she met and married Joseph Bailen of Benoit, Wisconsin, with whom she had three children.

They spent the early years of their marriage in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Upon moving back to the Benoit area, they purchased a small dairy farm which they ran until he died in 1967.

After his death, she moved to John Day, where she met and married her second husband, Willard Smith. They enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting and spending time with family. After 15 years of marriage, he died in 1986. She returned to Washburn, where she lived until her death.

She loved country and gospel music, journaling and her family.

Survivors include her son, James (Rose) Bailen of Washburn; daughter Mary (Jerome) Piff of Ashland; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her eight siblings, Lawrence, Kenneth, Richard, Dennis Bergstrom, Arlene Fleury, Betty Butler, Shirley Buchanan and June Bergstrom; her husband, Joseph; and an infant daughter, Margaret Inez.

Arrangements are under the care of Bratley Funeral Home, 10 East Bayfield St., Washburn, WI 54891.

For condolences, visit [www.bratleyfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bratleyfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

## Thank You

To the community of Monument and the friends and relatives who traveled to be with us, we would like to express our thanks for the wonderful meal and sharing of your memories. Your thoughts and kindness are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
The family of Cora Stubblefield

## LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	HI/LO
TUESDAY	62/37
WEDNESDAY	56/36
THURSDAY	55/38
FRIDAY	59/37
SATURDAY	58/50
SUNDAY	53/37
MONDAY	47/33

## RIVER FLOWS

DISCHARGE	LAST YEAR	AVG.	% OF AVG.
JOHN DAY (MAINSTEM)	473	173	293
RITTER (MF)	1260	258	337
MONUMENT (NF)	5640	1020	294
SERVICE CREEK (MAINSTEM)	8600	1660	293
MCDONALD FERRY (MAINSTEM)	4930	1990	3160

## WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9-15

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Chance of A.M. rain, snow	Rain likely	Rain likely	Chance of rain	Chance of Showers	Chance of showers	A.M. snow possible
<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>

SKI REPORT: Anthony Lakes: Base 67 inches; no new snow.

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