

# June temps near normal in John Day

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Temperatures at John Day averaged near normal during the month of June, according to preliminary data received by the National Weather Service in Pendleton.

The average temperature was 61.8 degrees, 0.3 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 79.1 degrees, 1.5 degrees above normal. The highest was 93 degrees on the June 6. Low temperatures averaged 44.6 de-

grees, 0.8 degrees below normal. The lowest was 35 degrees, on the June 11. On seven days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.85 inches during June, 0.58 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on eight days with the heaviest, 0.28 inches, reported on the June 18.

Precipitation this year has reached 5.77 inches, 1.95 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 8.28 inches,

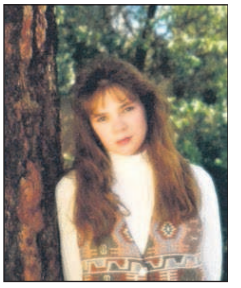
3.02 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 38 mph, which occurred on the June 8.

The outlook for July from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center calls for near- to above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day during July are 88.2 degrees, and normal lows are 49.6 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.60 inches.

## OBITUARIES

### Christina Lynn Long Oct. 18, 1976 - June 20, 2016



Christina Lynn Long, 39, of Haines passed away June 20 near Haines. A funeral service was held Thursday, June 30, at Driskill Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at St. Andrews Cemetery in Canyon City.

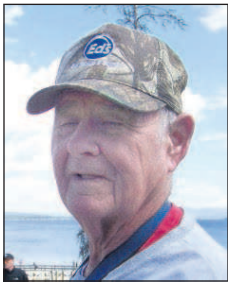
Christina was born on Oct. 18, 1976, to Ivan Henry Lattymer and Doris Edith Osterhout in Albany, New York. She graduated from Grant Union High School, and then later attended Oregon Health & Science University, graduating in 2008 with a nursing degree. On Oct. 18, 1995, she married Mitchel Dawain Long at Clyde Holliday State Park.

She is survived by her daughters Tomika Long of John Day, Matika Long of Haines and Johna Long of Haines and foster father John Rowell of John Day.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christina Long Memorial Fund at U.S. Bank. Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

### Ronald Dennis Smith Dec. 1, 1935 - June 3, 2016



Ronald Dennis "Axelrod" Smith Sr., 80, passed away June 3, 2016, in Palmdale, California.

No services will be held at this time. Smith was born December 1, 1935, in Palmdale to Sam and Evelyn Smith. He attended school in Palmdale.

On May 31, 1975, he married the love of his life, Yvonne Smith, in Las Vegas. They lived in Tujunga, California. He worked as a welder and machinist and drove truck for the road department. He also did other various jobs.

Then they moved to Prairie City, where he worked at Dixie Creek Mine. Then after it shut down he started working at Prairie Wood Products. He helped build parts of the mill. His main job was working in the log yard, running the log loader. He worked there for 30 years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, riding his street bike and four-wheeler, spending time with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family and friends.

He was a loving and caring husband, father and grandpa. He was the kind of person that would give you his shirt off his back.

Smith is survived by his daughter Joanna and her husband Jerry Butler of Prairie City; sons Scott Smith and wife, Shelly Smith of Palmdale, and Ronald Smith II and wife, Christy Smith of Sandpoint, Idaho; one brother and one sister of Palmdale; two brothers of Lake Isabella, California; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne Smith; son Asa Smith; parents, Sam and Evelyn Smith; and sister Dodie Hale.

### Melvin 'Joe' Duncan

Melvin "Joe" Duncan, 75, of Monument passed away Wednesday, June 29, at his home. A funeral service is planned at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in John Day. Interment will follow at the Monument cemetery. A luncheon will then follow at the Monument Senior Center.

Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. For condolences, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

### Jim 'J.D.' Majors

A celebration of life for Jim "J.D." Majors, who died March 6, 2013, in Canyon City, will take place at 1 p.m. July 23 at Washington Park in Burns.

The Majors family invites family and friends to the potluck lunch. Attendees can bring a side dish. Hamburgers, hot dogs and water will be provided.

### Robert 'Bob' Skiens

Robert "Bob" Skiens, 75, died June 4 at his John Day home. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 9, at the Prairie City Senior Center, 204 N. McHaley Ave., followed by a potluck at noon. For more information, contact Beverly Skiens Curtis, 541-820-4775.

## STUDENTS OF THE YEAR GRANT UNION JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Contributed photo  
Hailey, left, and Jessica Carter have been named high school co-students of the year at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

## Tri-county wool pool delivery set for July 12

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Tri-county wool pool deliveries will be accepted 8-11 a.m. July 12 at the Union County Fairgrounds.

People who have not yet signed up but are interested in selling wool through the pool can contact John Williams, OSU Extension Service in Enterprise, 541-426-3143.

Wool from Romney, Leicester, Montedale, East Friesion, some Polypay, some Dorset and/or similar types will be classed as black face.

Wool from Churros, Romanoff, Barbado or Dorper have no value and will not be accepted.

The presence of black fibers found in any bag will make entire bag to be paid as black face.

Do not use poly twine to tie any part of the bags, fleece or anything else to do with wool. There will be a 10-percent deduction if any is found.

Short and six-month wool will be half price of white face or black face wool.

If tags are too heavy, they will not be accepted. If manure is more than 50 percent of weight, it will be rejected.

Bellies only need to be kept separate on white face.

Lamb wool is wool at least 1.5 inches.

If you have questions feel free to contact your local Extension Office.

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## Library rewarding young readers in July

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The grand prize will be announced Aug. 2.

Grant County Library is rewarding young, active readers this summer.

During the month of July, each child 12 and younger who reads at least five books each week, Mondays through Saturdays, will earn a new prize.

Starting July 5, readers can earn a book bag and a bookmark. New prizes will be awarded each week.

For more information, contact the library, 541-575-1992, [grant047@ortelco.net](mailto:grant047@ortelco.net).

The library is open from 1-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-7 p.m. Tuesdays, 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays at 507 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day. The library is closed Friday and Sundays.

**LAST WEEK'S TEMPS**

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	94/59
WEDNESDAY	94/61
THURSDAY	89/58
FRIDAY	90/53
SATURDAY	88/57
SUNDAY	87/57
MONDAY	80/50

**24/7 FORECAST**  
AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122

ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM  
[WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO](http://WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO)

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY  
162.500 MHZ

**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6 - JULY 12**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny	Cooler with a few showers	Possible showers	Mostly cloudy and cool	Warmer with some clouds	Partly sunny
<b>79</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>