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WINTER WEATHER

Snow, ice create gorgeous scenery, but affect drivers across state



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter
A young deer roams a Canyon City neighborhood. TOP PHOTO: The winter scene in downtown John Day after recent snowfall.



An ice-covered Canyon Creek provided a beautiful winter scene on Saturday from the covered footbridge in Canyon City.

Idaho driver rolls into river Sunday

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

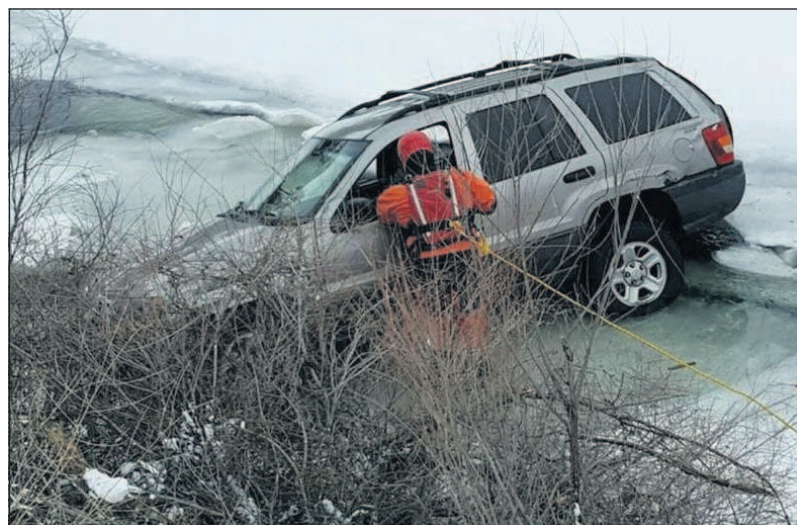
A vehicle slid off County Road 20 and into the Middle Fork of the John Day River Sunday morning.

George Drossel, 57, of Nampa, Idaho, failed to negotiate a right-hand turn while headed east on County Road 20 and rolled his 2001 Jeep Wagoneer into the river. The vehicle came to rest on its wheels atop a submerged rock.

"He was high and dry. The motor was running. He was staying warm. It was perfect conditions for being in the river, but he couldn't get out because he was on crutches," Grant County Roadmaster Alan Hickerson said.

Drossel was able to keep the engine running and stayed in the vehicle with his two dogs until Grant

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Contributed photo/Grant County Sheriff's Office

A Grant County Search and Rescue member approaches a vehicle that slid off County Road 20 into the Middle Fork of the John Day River Sunday. The driver, George Drossel, Nampa, Idaho, was transported to Blue Mountain Hospital where he was treated and released.

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Long Creek family starts new year with new baby

Baby Hannah welcomed Jan. 2 at local hospital

By Angel Carpenter
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Danielle Courchesne and Lee Kramer of Long Creek started the new year welcoming their newborn

baby girl, Hannah Lynn Kramer. Hannah, born at 8:27 a.m. on Jan. 2, was the first baby of 2017 to be born at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day.

The baby was delivered by Dr. Emily Lieuallen, D.O., weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

Courchesne said she's recovering well and is glad Hannah is healthy.

"I'm glad everything is OK with her," she said.

She said Hannah's due date was Dec. 30, but she's happy her baby was born Jan. 2.

"I can't think of a better way to start the new year than to have the cutest baby ever," she said. "I think I have the cutest kids, of course."

Hannah joins her big sister, 2-year-old Rylie.



Hannah Kramer, born Jan. 2, is Blue Mountain Hospital's first baby of 2017. Her parents are Danielle Courchesne and Lee Kramer of Long Creek.

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Snowmobile racers compete in Seneca

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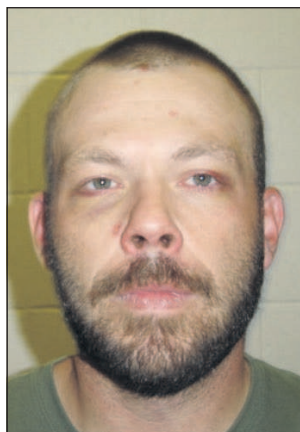
Jacob DeRosier takes plea deal

Attempted murder charges reduced to assault

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

Jacob DeRosier, 29, was sentenced Tuesday, Jan. 10, after accepting a plea deal for shooting two men in John Day in April.

Grant County Circuit Court Judge William D. Cramer Jr. ordered DeRosier to serve a probationary sentence of 360 days in jail



Jacob DeRosier

with credit for time served, five years probation and 300 hours of community

service, as well as restitution of \$15,000 to the two victims.

He pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree attempted assault Thursday, Jan. 5.

As terms of his probation, DeRosier must obtain a psychological evaluation and follow any recommended treatment, obtain an alcohol and drug evaluation, obtain moral reevaluation therapy, obtain any other treatments or therapies recommended by his probation officer and must enroll in school or remain employed.

If he violates probation,

he will face 97 months in prison without being eligible for early release and three years parole. If his probation is revoked, he cannot argue his case in court.

DeRosier shot 32-year-old Christopher Woodell and 35-year-old Eric Towers, both of John Day, who survived the shooting.

DeRosier originally pleaded not guilty but entered the guilty plea as part of an Alford plea, a plea that maintains innocence while admitting the prosecution has enough evidence

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