

# February colder than normal

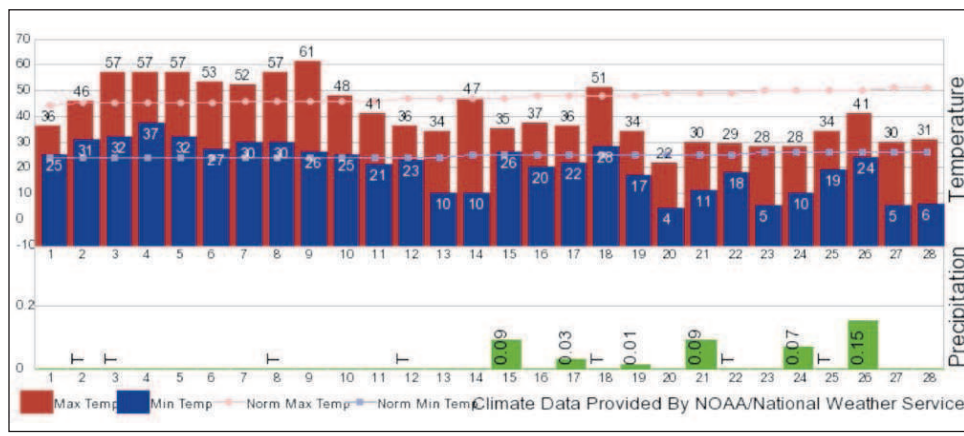
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Temperatures in John Day averaged much colder than normal during the month of February, according to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton.

The average temperature was 30.8 degrees, which was 5.4 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 41 degrees, which was 6.4 degrees below normal. The highest was 61 degrees on Feb. 9. Low temperatures averaged 20.5 degrees, which was 4.3 degrees below normal. The lowest was 4 degrees, on Feb. 20.

There were 25 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were seven days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.44 inches during February, which was 0.31 inches



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below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on six days, with the heaviest, 0.15 inches, reported on Feb. 26. Precipitation this year has reached 0.92 inches, which is 0.81 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation in John Day has been 3.92 inches, which is 1.39 inches below normal.

Snowfall totaled 4.7 inches with at least 1 inch of snow reported on two days. The heaviest snowfall was 2.5 inches reported on Feb. 21. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was 3 inches on Feb. 21.

The highest wind gust was 46 mph, which occurred on Feb. 17.

The outlook for March

from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for below-normal temperatures and above-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.

## HOODENPYL GRADUATES MARINE BOOT CAMP



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Jesse Daniel Hoodenpyl graduated Marine Corps boot camp and became a United States Marine Dec. 21. He is currently attending flight school. He is the son of Dean and Liz Hoodenpyl of Kimberly.

## RUSSELL'S CUSTOM MEATS CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY



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Dennis Flippence, left, and Janel Parker celebrate the 10th anniversary of Russell's Custom Meats & Deli Feb. 23.

## OBITUARIES

Amos Arthur Cardwell  
Feb. 19, 1931 - Feb. 15, 2018



Amos Arthur Cardwell, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 15, in Beaverton. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. April 7 at the Prairie City Cemetery.

Cardwell was born Feb. 19, 1931, in Prairie City, and considered Grant County his hometown. Cardwell's formative years were spent playing team sports, learning how to build cars and furniture and playing the drums in the Grant Union High School band. He married the crowned band sweetheart and best dance partner, Helen Elizabeth VanCleave, from the rival high school (Prairie City) Jan. 1, 1953, in Pendleton.

He attended the University of Oregon before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in which he proudly served in the Korean War as a coxswain.

He and his wife lived in Portland, raised a family, enjoyed family camping trips, endless weekend "honey-do" projects, attending Bethel Congregational Church and together singing in the choir. Cardwell worked for over three decades for Volkswagen Porsche Audi as the Northwest District service manager, Suzuki of America and Damerow Ford before retiring and moving back to where it all began, Prairie City. In 2015, for health care reasons, the couple moved to Beaverton.

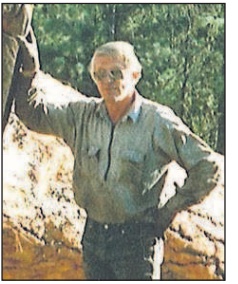
Cardwell was preceded in death by his brother Sidney Franklin Cardwell; sister-in-law Dina (Semon) Cardwell; and sister-in-law Janice (Buhmann) VanCleave.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; children Linda (Darrell), Rodney (Dana) and Kay (Kevin); seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; brother Leonard Cardwell; sister-in-law Anita (Horrell) Cardwell; brother-in-law Frederick VanCleave; and nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends from church, Elks Lodge and American Legion.

Thomas L. Sheets

Aug. 22, 1941 - Feb. 25, 2018

Thomas L. Sheets passed away Feb. 25 with his family by his side at his son Daniel "Boone" Sheets' home in Chehalis, Washington. A celebration of life will be held in John Day at a later date.



He was born Aug. 22, 1941, in Aikin, Minnesota, to Art and Marge (Foster) Sheets. He and his family moved to Oregon in 1942. He graduated from Grant Union High School in 1959. After high school, he began attending Chicago Institute of Fine Arts in Chicago, Illinois. Sheets was a gifted artist with a love for pen and ink drawings. His talent was shared with his family along with stories of his experience, far from home, in a new culture and city. His memories were fond of the time he spent in Chicago, including attending games at Wrigley Field. Due to his father's health and a strong desire to serve his family, he returned after 18 months. Once back in Oregon, he began a lifelong career in the logging industry. In 1968, he met his match in Penny (Cope) Waggoner. They wed in 1969, joining their families. The couple raised their sons, Ronald and Dennis Waggoner and Boone Sheets, at their family home in John Day. He established Sheets' Logging Company in 1977. His work ethic was unparalleled and fueled by his love for the woods. He was happiest surrounded by nature with efficient and productive logging in his purview. His dedication and passion for providing for those he held dear fostered countless hours in the woods with his sons growing their own knowledge of the ins and outs of the timber industry.

Sheets is survived by his brother, Jerry Sheets; wife, Penny Sheets; sons, Ronald (Carol) Waggoner, Dennis (Christy) Waggoner and Boone (Jennifer Goble) Sheets; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two nephews; and one niece.

## CORRECTION

A story published Feb. 28 stated the cost for John Day police services was about \$1 million. The total cost for public safety services, including police, dispatch and fire, was about \$1 million. The Grant County Fire Defense Board was also referred to as the Rural Fire Defense Board. The Eagle regrets the errors.

A story published Feb. 28

about state regulators seeking to beef up marijuana enforcement misstated the purpose of the 13 regulatory specialists the Oregon Liquor Control Commission wants to hire. The specialists will be inspecting medical marijuana licensees who have elected to join the OLCC's Cannabis Tracking System. The EO/Pamplin Capital Bureau regrets the error.



Margaret "Peggy" Bartley  
August 10, 1928 to February 3, 2018

Margaret "Peggy" Ethel Bartley was born August 10, 1928 as the only child to Clifford Howell, born in Prairie City, Oregon in 1888 and Estella (Ford) Howell, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1892. Peggy passed away in her sleep, at her home in Prairie City, Oregon, February 3, 2018. A graveside service will be held on March 10, 2018 at the Prairie City Cemetery, starting at 1:00 PM, with a reception to follow at Prairie Baptist Church, in Prairie City.

Peggy's parents were married in Philadelphia, PA, in 1921, then Clifford brought Estella (a secretary) to Prairie City, his hometown, where he did ranch work on the Kent Ranch and a few others, until Estella became pregnant, at which time they traveled back to Philadelphia, where Peggy was born. She was raised in Philadelphia prior to moving to Prairie City in 1938. Her primary residences since coming to Prairie City as a child have been Prairie City for most of her life as well as Bates, Oregon for 12 years.

Peggy was a mother and a housewife, worked in retail, and spent over 30 years working as a bank clerk in the Prairie City Bank, which was at various times the Grant County Bank, First Interstate Bank, First National Bank, Well's Fargo, and Bank of Eastern Oregon. She, and her husband Chuck, owned and operated Chuck's Service Station and Chuck's Mini Mart in Prairie City until their retirement.

Each of her husbands were veterans, as well as her oldest son: Wilbert, Army Air Corps-WWII; Bill, combat-Army-Korea; Chuck, combat- Navy-WWII; and son, Jim, combat-Army-Vietnam. Peggy loved to visit, work on her genealogy, loved her pets, liked puzzles and taking care of her home. In the earlier years, she loved creek-fishing local streams in the area and she rarely missed the TV show "Blue Bloods" and paid close attention to the news. She was a fiercely independent person.

She cared very much for her family, and her grandson, Brady Sullens, was very special to her. Their special relationship was like Grandmother and best friend...like Morgan Freeman's "Hoke Colburn" in Driving Miss Daisy.

Peggy is survived by daughter Ginger and husband Mike Lassiter of Cottage Grove, Oregon, daughter Cindi and husband Rus Peterson of Corvallis, Oregon and son Jim Sullens and wife Lynette of Prairie City, Oregon; as well as seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one new great-granddaughter since she passed and two more great-grandchildren on the way this summer.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that a contribution be made to Hope4Paws for pet care in and around Grant County, or Prairie City Oregon Cemetery District for maintenance to go towards improvements and a new well. Contributions can be made through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd, John Day, Oregon. To light a candle in Peggy's memory or to offer condolences to her family, please visit [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com).

*Paid for by the family of Peggy Bartley.*

**Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to family members, friends and neighbors for all acts of kindness and sympathy: food, flowers, donations to the Church of the Nazarene Camp Scholarship Fund, cards, visits and kind words spoken to our family regarding the recent passing of a wonderful husband, dad, pappy, brother, cousin, and friend.**

Sincerely,  
**The Family of Greg Bremner**

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## LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

| JOHN DAY  | H/I/O |
|-----------|-------|
| TUESDAY   | 32/8  |
| WEDNESDAY | 41/26 |
| THURSDAY  | 49/32 |
| FRIDAY    | 40/27 |
| SATURDAY  | 39/25 |
| SUNDAY    | 42/26 |
| MONDAY    | 45/24 |

## 24/7 FORECAST

AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122

ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHz

## WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7-13

| Wednesday      | Thursday     | Friday        | Saturday     | Sunday       | Monday              | Tuesday             |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                |              |               |              |              |                     |                     |
| Clouds and sun | Morning snow | Mostly cloudy | Mostly sunny | Partly sunny | Wintry mix possible | Wintry mix possible |
| <b>47</b>      | <b>48</b>    | <b>48</b>     | <b>49</b>    | <b>53</b>    | <b>52</b>           | <b>49</b>           |
| <b>32</b>      | <b>35</b>    | <b>28</b>     | <b>34</b>    | <b>35</b>    | <b>36</b>           | <b>34</b>           |