

John Day was slightly colder than normal in April. Above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation expected in May.

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

The average temperature was 44.9 degrees, which was 1.7 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 60.4 degrees, which was normal. The highest was 80 degrees on April 30. Low temperatures averaged 29.5 degrees, which was 3.4 degrees below normal.

The lowest was 19 degrees on April 13.

There were 20 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.26 inches during April, which was 0.13 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation was received on seven days with the heaviest, 0.28 inches, reported on April 23.

Precipitation this year has reached 4.16 inches, which is 0.23 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at John Day has been 4.90 inches, which is 3.07 inches below normal.

Snowfall totaled 0.2 inches. The heaviest snowfall was 0.2 inches reported on April 2. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was 1 inch on April 2.

The outlook for May from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day rise from 65 degrees at the start of May to 73 degrees at the end of May. Normal lows rise from 36 degrees to 43 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.90 inches.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program available

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The Oregon Employment Department is providing unemployment benefits through the CARES Act Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. In preparation, the agency has recruited and trained staff to process PUA claims.

Eligibility

Oregonians who are eligible for this program include individuals who do not qualify for or cannot collect benefits on a regular unemployment insurance claim. This includes Oregonians who:

- are self-employed and not subject to unemployment insurance tax;
- perform work as an independent contractor;
- perform work not subject to unemployment insurance tax, such as agricultural workers;
- did not earn enough in wages or work enough hours to qualify for regular unemployment benefits;
- exhausted regular unemployment benefits, and are not eligible for another extension.

In addition, to be eligible, a person must be unemployed, partially unemployed or unable

and unavailable for work due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Covered situations include individuals who:

- are directly caring for a member of the household diagnosed with COVID-19;
- have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or are seeking a medical diagnosis for COVID-19;
- are unable to reach the place of employment because of a quarantine imposed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- are primary caregivers for a child or person in the household who is unable to attend school or another facility closed due to COVID-19, and that attendance is required for their work;
- were scheduled to start a new job and were unable to because the business closed as a direct result of COVID-19 public health emergency;
- owned or worked for a business that closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Federal law provides that PUA benefits are retroactive to the first week a worker was impacted by a qualifying COVID-19 reason, potentially from the week starting Feb. 2 through the week ending Dec.

26, 2020. The PUA process can take as little as one week or several weeks, depending on the claim complexity.

How to Apply

Access the PUA application and certification forms on the CARES Act section of the Employment Department's COVID-19 web page. There are three ways to start a new application for PUA benefits.

E-mail: Email OED_PUA_INFO@oregon.gov to request a secure email link, then attach the PUA application and weekly claim reports to the secure email. Only use the secure e-mail link to provide personal identifying information relevant to a claim.

Mail: Mail your PUA application and weekly claim reports to Oregon Employment Department at P.O. Box 14165, Salem, OR 97311.

Fax: Fax to 503-371-2893 the PUA application and weekly claim reports.

The CARES Act page also provides information for self-employed, contract, gig, and other PUA-eligible workers who filed regular claims for unemployment benefits prior to the start of the program.



Contributed photo/Oregon State Police
A 56-year-old Sheridan man died in a collision on Highway 26 Saturday near Mt. Vernon.

Man dies Saturday in crash near Mt. Vernon

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A 56-year-old man died in a crash Saturday afternoon near Mt. Vernon.

At about 4:26 p.m., Oregon State Police troopers and emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle reported fatal crash near milepost 150 on Highway 26, according to information from OSP.

Lawrence L. Goings, 56, of Sheridan was ejected from his vehicle and suffered fatal injuries. OSP logs list his city of residence as Mt. Vernon.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a 1967 Jeep, operated by Goings, was traveling eastbound at a high rate of speed in a right hand curve when it traveled into the westbound lane and collided with a Peterbilt semi-truck pulling an empty travel trailer operated by Mike Brown, 65, of Powell Butte, according to OSP.

Brown was not injured. OSP logs state alcohol impairment by Goings may have been a contributing factor.

OSP was assisted by EMTs from Blue Mountain Hospital, Mt. Vernon Fire Department, Oregon Department of Transportation and the John Day Police Department.

Lightning in the air



Contributed photo/Will Blood
Lightning over John Day and Canyon Mountain April 29.

Figaros offers H.E.L.P. for teachers



Contributed photo
Marci Judd, left, and Shanna Northway recently received \$500 Figaros H.E.L.P. grants for their classrooms. Northway's grant will support the positive incentive program for the student body at Humbolt Elementary. Judd's grant will go toward new technology for the special education department. Not pictured is owner Pete Teague who made the funding possible.

OBITUARIES

Lawrence 'Larry' Goings

Lawrence 'Larry' Goings, 56, of Mt. Vernon, Oregon, died on Saturday, May 2, on Highway 26 near Mt. Vernon. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Louise H. (Karpenska) Hobbs

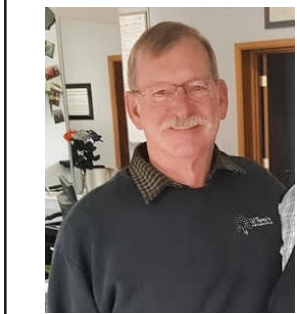
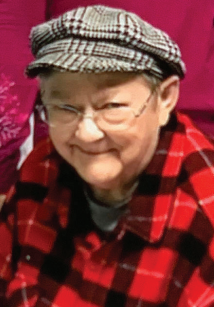
Louise H. (Karpenska) Hobbs, 73, of John Day passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2020, at Valley View Assisted Living Facility.

Louise was born on Aug. 22, 1946, in Argenteuil, France, to Theodore Karpenski and Jeanne Karpenska. She moved to Fort Rucker, Alabama, in 1962 with her mother and brother. In 1965, she and her mother moved to Miami, Florida, where she later met and married Jerry Hobbs. The two were married for nine years and share a daughter. Louise worked for Publix Supermarket for 30 years and was also a pharmacy tech for Eckerd and then CVS when it was bought out, for 40 years in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Louise moved to John Day in 2009 with her daughter to be near her sister. Louise loved all animals, especially deer and horses. She enjoyed road trips to visit family in Nevada, Northeast Oregon and also going to the beach and Magone Lake. She was an active parishioner at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in John Day, Oregon.

She is survived by her daughter Dominique Karpenska of John Day; sister Annie Smith of Canyon City; brother Tony Karpenski of Dothan, Alabama; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and her dog Precious.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the immediate family attended a graveside service at St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery on Friday, May 1, 2020. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Louise, the family suggests Blue Mountain Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



Steve Parsons
November 28, 1951 ~ April 26, 2020

Paid for by the family of Steve Parsons

Steve Parsons, 68, of Mt. Vernon, OR died on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at home, surrounded by his family. A family gathering will be held at a later date. Steve was born November 28, 1951 in Portland, OR to parents Jackie and Gilbert Parsons. He grew up in the Portland area with his 5 siblings and graduated from David Douglas High School in 1969.

Steve met his wife Dotty Horton at Mt. Hood Community College. He swept her off her feet and they were married June 22, 1974. They continued to live in the Portland area until 1993 when they moved their family to Mt. Vernon, OR.

After High School, Steve was taken under the wing of a friend and began his career as an Electrician. He thrived in this work and was proud to become a Supervising Journeyman Electrician in the IBEW Local 48. This passion led him to begin own businesses, the most recent being S&C Electric which he operated until his retirement in 2008.

Steve was very humble and confident when it came to his work. Some proud accomplishments of his work included doing the renovations for the Chamber of Commerce, and wiring the new Blue Mountain Hospital with his kids.

Steve reveled in everything outdoors. This included hunting, target shooting, camping, horseback and razor riding. He also loved playing poker, building classic cars, going on vacations and traveling. Fond memories included a pack hunting trip in Idaho and his first Caribbean cruise to the Bahama's.

Steve was a very giving and courageous man. He will be remembered for spending quality time with family and friends and for his faith in God. Steve was preceded in death by his parents Jackie and Gilbert Parsons; brother Chris Parsons; sisters Sandy, Linda, and Karen. He is survived by his wife of 45 years Dotty Parsons; sons Toby, Shawn, and Tye Parsons; daughter Tammy Goozee; sister Patty Silva; and 10 wonderful grandchildren. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Steve the family suggests Younglife Ministries through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

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Thursday	59/41
Friday	67/35
Saturday	71/40
Sunday	56/36
Monday	68/32

24/7 FORECAST

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
57 33	69 39	77 43	83 49	85 50	79 40	70 39