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Oregon State Police troopers and emergency personnel responded to the crash near milepost 2 on Highway 402 at about 4 p.m. Saturday, according to an OSP press release.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, operated by Robert Julian of Kennewick, was traveling northbound

when it left the road, traveled down an embankment and into the John Day River, according to OSP.

Julian was pulled from the river by his riding companions. John Day and Monument ambulance personnel attempted lifesaving efforts, but Julian sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Oregon State Police was assisted by the Grant County Sheriff's Office and Oregon Department of Transportation.

Two men charged for multiple poaching violations in Grant County

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Two Grant County men have been charged with multiple poaching violations.

Auston Catron, 18, of John Day was charged with unlawful taking of an antelope and waste of a game mammal, and Jonas Waite, 19, of Grant County was charged with aiding in the unlawful take of an antelope and aiding in the waste of a big game animal, according to an Oregon State Police press release.

On April 16, OSP troopers from the John Day Worksite assisted John Day Police Department with the execution of a search warrant at a local residence regarding an ongoing theft investigation involving Catron. Catron was booked into the Grant County Jail April 16 on theft and other charges, according to the jail roster, but no public charges have been filed against him yet in Grant County Circuit Court.

During the warrant service, a pronghorn buck skull was observed near an outbuilding of the residence, and that information was forwarded to OSP Fish & Wildlife troopers, according to OSP.

Troopers executed a search warrant at Catron's residence on April 28. During the service, they located the pronghorn buck skull, six buck deer skulls and a bull elk skull, all of which were seized as evidence, and Waite was identified as another suspect, according to OSP.



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Two Grant County men were arrested in connection to unlawful taking of wildlife in Grant County.

Troopers learned that, during the fall of 2019, Catron unlawfully shot the antelope buck from a motor vehicle while Waite assisted in the Murderers Creek Management Unit, and after shooting and killing the antelope, Catron and Waite removed the head and skull and left the rest of the animal to waste, according to OSP.

Additionally, neither Catron nor Waite possessed a 2019 antelope tag, which is required in order to hunt for or take antelope. Further information revealed that Catron and Waite were also involved in the unlawful killing of

multiple deer over the past two years as well as Waite's unlawful killing of a golden eagle, according to OSP.

Waite's rifle, a .22-250, was identified as the weapon used in the taking and was subsequently seized as evidence, according to OSP. Additional charges will be forwarded for consideration.

According to Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division Sgt. Erich Timko, only 54 antelope tags are available in the Murderers Creek unit for the 2020 big game season, and typically, it takes an Oregon resident approximately 10 years to successfully draw the tag.

Solutions for people who lost health insurance

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Job loss due to COVID-19 has also caused many Oregonians to lose their health insurance. The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace can help them find new coverage, often with financial help.

"Losing your job or having your hours reduced doesn't mean you need to go without health insurance," said Chiqui Flowers, administrator of the Marketplace, a state-level partner to HealthCare.gov that helps that helps people who don't have health insurance through work or other programs purchase insurance.

More than 300,000 Oregonians have filed for unemployment insurance since the COVID-19 pandemic struck Oregon. For those who have lost insurance through their job, the path to coverage is available through several programs: Marketplace coverage, Oregon Health Plan, COBRA, state continuation and Medicare. Navigating the process can be confusing, but the Marketplace has a

network of community partners and insurance agents who are trained to help Oregonians figure out which resources they qualify for and how to apply.

Those who have recently lost a job or insurance through their employer, have experienced a change in income or had other major life changes are eligible to sign up for health insurance plans through the Marketplace for a 60-day special enrollment period after a qualifying event such as job loss.

Community partners and insurance agents can help via phone and virtually so Oregonians don't have to navigate the process alone. There are also tools at OregonHealthCare.gov that allow people to shop for plans using their information to look at the cost of plans and see if they qualify for subsidies.

In many cases, Marketplace plans may be more cost effective than COBRA coverage, but if someone opts to enroll in COBRA, they are not eligible for a special enrollment period for Marketplace coverage.

OTEC to hold 2020 annual membership meeting virtually

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Due to concern for the health and well-being of its member-owners during the COVID-19 pandemic and following federal and state guidelines barring gatherings of large groups, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative's 2020 annual meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 30, will be held virtually at 10:30 a.m.

The OTEC board president will preside at the meeting and conduct business as necessary.

Three positions on the OTEC board of directors are up for election. Candidates for position 1, Union County, are incumbent George Galloway and Cory Miller. Candidates for position 2, Baker County, are incumbent Aletha Bonebrake and Tamrya Keller. Candidates for position 3, Harney County, are incumbent Robert Cargill and Laurie Draper. All candidates are running to serve a

three-year term. Watch for election ballots in the mail and return using the prepaid colored envelope by May 22. As instructed on your ballot, place your ballot inside the inner envelope marked Ballot Secrecy Envelope. Place that envelope inside the prepaid colored envelope and make sure the colored envelope is signed and sealed. Ballots can also be dropped off at the secure drop boxes located at the local OTEC office no later than May 29 or at OTEC headquarters in Baker City on May 30 before 10 a.m.

Members voting by mail will be entered to win a \$500 energy credit.

Details on how to view the annual meeting virtually will be announced in the coming weeks. Visit otec.coop/annual-meeting-board-elections for updates and more information, or call OTEC's communications office at 541-524-2858 or email communications@otec.com.

COPS AND COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of May 6:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 5
- Average inmates: 9
- Bookings: 2
- Releases: 3
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 0

- Fingerprints: 0
- Civil papers: 2
- Warrants processed: 0
- Assistance/Welfare check: 0
- Search and Rescue: 1

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 103 calls during the week of May 4-10, including:

- **John Day Police Department**
 - May 5: Benjamin K. Yocum, 20, of Crooked River Ranch was cited for driving uninsured.
 - May 7: Received a report of a noninjury crash on West Main Street.

May 9: Received a report of harassment on Southwest Brent Drive.

May 9: Received a report of theft on Southwest Brent Drive.

• **Oregon State Police**
 May 6: Received a livestock complaint of calves on the roadway on Highway 26 in Dayville.

May 7: Along with Long Creek ambulance, responded to a semi-truck crash on Highway 395.

May 7: Received a report of a black and white cow on the road on Highway 26

May 10: Along with JDPD, Seneca ambulance

and John Day ambulance, responded to a single-vehicle crash near Silvies Resort.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

May 4: Received a report of fraud in Long Creek.

May 4: Received a report of shots fired on Carpenter Pond Road.

May 4: Received a report of a domestic dispute on Second Street.

May 4: Received a report of burglary on Red Boy Road.

May 5: Received a report of a noninjury crash on Adams Road.

May 5: Received a report

of criminal mischief on Ingle Street.

May 7: Received a report of criminal mischief on North Humbolt Street.

May 9: Received a report of theft on Wilson Street.

• **John Day ambulance**
 May 4: Responded to a 77-year-old man who had lost consciousness on Southwest First Avenue.

May 5: Responded to an 80-year-old man on Eastside Lane.

May 5: Dispatched for an unresponsive elderly woman on Northwest Charolais Heights.

May 7: Along with Seneca

ambulance, dispatched to a man that fell on Spring Road.

May 7: Dispatched for a woman with chest pain and difficulty breathing on North Johnson Avenue.

May 10: Responded to an 81-year-old woman on East Main Street.

• **John Day fire**
 May 10: Responded to a report of a possible brush fire on Marysville Lane. It was an unreported, controlled burn.

• **Long Creek ambulance**
 May 8: Along with John Day ambulance, dispatched for a man with a nose bleed that would not stop on Second Street.

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