

ODF to conduct fire training June 26

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Firefighters from Oregon Department of Forestry's John Day Unit will be engaged in mock fire training starting later this week.

On Friday, June 26, firefighters from John Day will meet in the Starr Ridge area to coordinate and refine skills they will use fighting wildfires during the coming months. The public may see increased vehicle traffic in the area as well as

increased radio traffic as the firefighters work with dispatch and other resources in a "wildland fire" scenario. There will be no live fire during these exercises. Flagging will be used to simulate fire progression and behavior.

Year-to-date ODF's Central Oregon District has had 29 fires, 10 lightning starts and 19 human caused fires, for a total of 18 acres burned. The 10-year average for this time period is five lightning fires and 16 human starts, burn-

ing 916 acres. Recent precipitation has helped to keep fires small. A warm dry weather trend is expected to begin later this week, quickly drying fuels.

ODF's Central Oregon District continues to serve landowners and the public as an essential service for Oregonians. Call or email to talk with staff or schedule an appointment. For additional information on ODF's Central Oregon District, including contact information and unit offices, visit ODFcentraloregon.com.

Stewart Scholarship applications must be postmarked by July 1

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The application deadline for the Wayne Stewart Scholarship is July 1.

Applications for the scholarship for Grant County students is available at granted.k12.or.us.

Applications must be postmarked by July 1, mailed to U.S. Bank Wealth Management, Trust Department, 131 E. Main St., Medford, OR 97501.

Hunter education class planned July 6-16

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A hunter education class is planned July 6-16 in John Day.

The class will be limited to 15-20 people, and walk-in registration will not be allowed. Face masks must be worn in the classroom.

Registration can be completed online at myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-course-or-field-day-registration. Registration can also be completed at any Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife office, but the offices are closed and must be contacted by phone or email. The



Eagle file photo

Jaime Vandehey of Canyon City shoots a pistol at the hunter education field day at the law enforcement gun range in 2019. ODFW instructor Mark Boss is standing nearby supervising.

John Day office number is 541-575-1167.

The two to two-and-a-half hour classes will begin

at 6 p.m. July 6, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16 at the Madden Building, the old junior high school, in John Day. A field day will be announced in class.

ODFW has established a \$10 fee per student that may be waived in some circumstances.

No one under the age of 18 may hunt wildlife, except on their own land, without successfully completing this course. All ages planning to hunt as nonresidents in other states may be required to have a hunter education card.

For more information, contact Deanna Maley at 541-575-1167.

Prairie City graduate receives two art scholarships

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JoLynne Ashley, salutatorian for Prairie City School's class of 2020, has earned two local art scholarships from the Grant County Art Association and the Juniper Arts Council.

The Grant County Art Association 2020 Art Scholarship is for \$1,000. Ashley said she plans to go to Eastern

Oregon University to pursue a degree in fine art with an emphasis on English and writing.

The Juniper Arts Council's 2020 scholarship is for \$500.

The annual Juniper Arts Council scholarship is given to Grant County students interested in majoring or minoring in visual arts, performing arts and literary arts.

The Juniper Arts Council was established in 1991 to promote the arts, arts education and cultural heritage in Grant County.

The Council meets September through May on the second Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome. For further information on the Juniper Arts Council, call 541-932-4892.

Highway construction planned in Grant County

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The Oregon Department of Transportation has announced upcoming highway construction projects for Grant County.

U.S. 26 John Day Highway will be chip sealed from John Day to Prairie City, milepost 162.6-175. Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes are expected. Work starts in July, with about one week

for chip seal. Completion is estimated in October 2020.

U.S.26 John Day Highway will be chip sealed from Jamieson to Vale, milepost 261.5 to milepost 278. Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes are expected. Work starts in July. Completion is estimated in October 2020.

U.S. 395-C John Day-Burns Highway will be chip sealed from Starr Ridge to

the Harney County line, milepost 15.5-47.2. Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway and delays up to 20 minutes are expected. Work starts in mid-July with about two to three weeks of work. Completion is estimated in September 2020.

For up-to-date traffic condition information, visit tripcheck.com. Road condition information is also available by phone by dialing 5-1-1, or 800-977-6368.

Aquatics projects planned in June and July

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Blue Mountain Ranger District aquatic staff will begin three projects mid-June and early July.

Camp Valley Phase II work will be starting at the confluence with Cougar Creek (reach 5) and downstream on Camp Creek, ending above the Lower Camp Creek Campground, according to a press release. Camp Valley Phase II work will bring temporary delays to traffic from mid-June to end of

August 2020 along National Forest System roads 36 and 3640.

Camp Lick Riparian Restoration work will be focused along NFS road 36 at Shoberg Creek and continue along NFS road 36 to the junction with NFS road 3640 and up to the junction of NFS roads 3640 and 3640-733. Camp Lick Riparian Restoration will bring temporary delays to traffic from mid-June to end of August 2020 along National Forest System roads 36 and 3640.

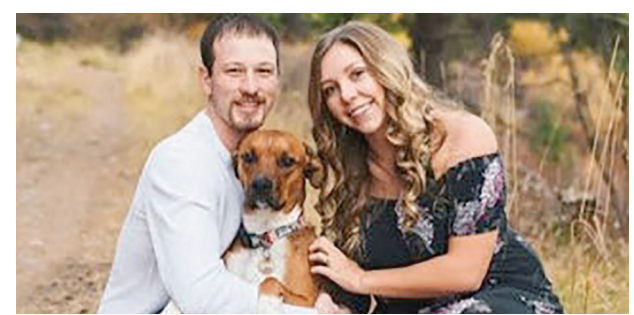
The Butte Creek Road Relocation Project will bring a temporary closure for the month of July to NFS roads 2050 and 2050-072 as the NFS road 2050-072 is being relocated out of the Butte Creek's floodplain to the toeslope.

The purpose of these projects is to improve riparian and aquatic habitat, including critical habitat for Endangered Species Act listed Middle Columbia River Steelhead. The goal of these project is to increase Middle Columbia River Steelhead carrying capacity though increasing productivity for juvenile rear-

ing and riparian plant communities within two tributaries to the Middle Fork John Day River.

Travelers may encounter log trucks hauling trees along NFS roads 36 and 3640 from mid-June to early July. Trees will be tipped from the riparian habitat conservation areas and used for instream restoration work. Instream restoration with heavy equipment will be done in Camp Creek and Butte Creek tributaries to the Middle Fork John Day River from July 15 to Aug. 15. Planting and caging of hardwoods will occur October to November.

JENKINS, POWELL EARN DEGREES FROM OSU



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Corey Jenkins and Skylar Powell both earned Bachelor of Science degrees in agricultural science from Oregon State University June 2020. Jenkins is a graduate of Crane High School. Powell is a graduate of Dayville High School.

Census can be completed online and via phone

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People who have not completed the 2020 Census may do so online or via telephone.

To respond online, visit 2020census.gov and click

"Respond." Complete the online form, ensuring to include everyone who lives in the household.

People without internet access can call 1-844-330-2020 for English or 1-844-468-2020 for Spanish.



Betty Lou Lowary
March 29, 1918 ~ June 12, 2020

Betty Lou Lowary of Walla Walla and formerly of Pendleton and Athena, Oregon, passed away June 12, 2020 in Walla Walla at the age of 102.

Betty was born March 29, 1918 in Pendleton to William and Mabel (Lewellyn) Courter. She grew up and attended school in Pendleton, graduating from Pendleton High School in 1935. After her graduation from high school, she attended the Behnke Walker Business College in Portland, Oregon. She then went to work for Hartman Abstract in Pendleton. On November 23, 1945 she married Lavern M. 'Buck' Lowary in Vancouver, Washington. In 1947 the couple moved to Canyon City, Oregon where she worked for Grant County Abstract, MacGillivrey Insurance Agency, and retired as Deputy County Clerk in 1978. In 1980, the couple moved to Athena, Oregon. Mr. Lowary preceded her in death on May 18, 1999.

Betty is survived by a sister, Peggy Gianelli; Niece Frances Everett of Benicia, Ca.; and Godson Neale Ledgerwood of John Day, OR.

Graveside services were held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the Athena Cemetery in Athena, Oregon.

To leave an online condolence, visit www.munsellerhodes.com

Paid for by the family of Betty Lowary

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	57/43
Wednesday	67/43
Thursday	75/46
Friday	82/50
Saturday	83/59
Sunday	80/57
Monday	85/51

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 JUNE 24 - 30

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Mostly cloudy
86	84	91	81	66	67	76
54	56	57	48	48	45	49