

Search continues for missing man near Ukiah

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The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office has activated its search and rescue team to assist the Hermiston Police Department with the search for a missing Hermiston man, according to a press release from the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office.



Daniel Lincoln

Daniel Lincoln, 37, was reported missing on Thursday, Aug. 20, and was last seen driving a 2010 black Jeep with Oregon plates 509GQN with a heart on the back window. He is 6-foot, 1-inches tall, weighs about 230 pounds and has blue eyes and red hair.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office was requested to assist on Aug. 21 when a ping on his cellphone showed a location southwest of Ukiah near Soap Hill Road and Bridge Road.

A fixed-wing aircraft was called in Aug. 23 to assist with the search effort. Members of the search and rescue team along with Umatilla County deputies continue the search on the ground as well.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Lincoln are asked to contact the county's 24-hour dispatch center at 541-966-3651.

Steet Mountain Complex 75% contained

Firefighters rescue calf on Indian Creek Fire

By Steven Mitchell Blue Mountain Eagle

Firefighters continue making progress on local wildfires.

The Steet Mountain Complex comprised of several fires around Monument was 75% contained Tuesday at about 701 acres, according to an update from the Oregon Department of Forestry's incident management team.

The team is also in charge of the Laurel Fire 6 miles south of Spray, which was 1,280 acres and 30% contained Tuesday.

Narrow roads with dusty conditions continue to make access to water difficult for firefighters on the ground. Air resources will provide support to ground crews with water drops.

The fires are staffed by 340 personnel, including 10 hand crews, 16 engines, five bulldozers and three helicopters. Four hunting cabins are threatened on the Laurel Fire.

The estimated cost of the fire is \$1.5 million.

Indian Creek Fire

The Indian Creek Fire near Juntura was 47,657 acres and 28% contained Tuesday, according to the incident management team.

Firefighters are reinforcing fire lines and inspecting lines for heat to ensure no embers are smoldering.



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Fire Operations Trainee Russell Hamilton of Spokane, Washington, escorted a calf outside the fire zone of the Indian Creek Fire back to its mother Sunday.

Resources split into two camps to concentrate on active areas to the west and northeast. Justice Camp outside of Westfall has served as a base for fighters monitoring and maintaining the fire footprint at night. Cave Camp on the western flank is positioned to concentrate on hot spots and protect the Zotto Reservoir.

One helicopter, six bulldozers, nine hand crews and 36 engines were assigned to the fire.

A continued chance of lightning combined with a wind shift Wednesday could test containment lines, followed by a warming and drying trend Thursday through Saturday.

"We had a really good day (Monday)," Operations Chief Brent Meisinger said. "We'll keep on deepening our lines over the next several days."

The fire will not be consid-

ered contained until a 100-foot control line is around every area where reignition could potentially spread into unburned vegetation outside the fire boundary.

Firefighters rescued a lost calf on the fire, according to Larisa Bogardus, a public information officer with the Bureau of Management.

Bogardus said, after a rancher pulled his cattle off the fire zone, he realized one of his cows was missing.

Unable to go back and look for it, he notified fire officials, who spread the word.

After spending two nights alone, a crew found the calf Sunday and delivered it to Incident Fire Operations Trainee Russell Hamilton of Spokane, Washington. Hamilton then escorted the calf outside the fire zone to be reunited with its mother.

Three more COVID-19 cases announced

By Steven Mitchell Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant County Health Department has confirmed three additional individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Grant County, bringing the total to eight.

The health department has initiated contact tracing.

The individuals are working with the health department for proper care and safety, and the health department is contacting other individuals who meet the definition of close contacts (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes). The additional cases are currently residing within the 97856 zip code in the Long Creek area.

The Health Department still encourages all residents to do the following:

- Wear mask indoors and wear a mask outdoors if 6 feet of distancing can not be maintained. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands. Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Stay home when feeling ill. After someone contracts COVID-19, if they develop symptoms, they will usually appear within 14 days. Symptoms include: Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea

Anyone who has these symptoms should call 211 or the health department at 541-575-0429.

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 Aug. 19:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 5
Average inmates: 11
Bookings: 7
Releases: 7
Arrests: 1
Citations: 4
Fingerprints: 0
Civil papers: 9
Warrants processed: 25
Assistance/Welfare check: 0

Search and Rescue: 1
Didner Joseph, 21, of Dayville was cited for violation of the basic rule, 82/55 zone.

William O'Brien, 69, of Beaverton was cited for violation of basic rule, 79/55 zone.

Seton Bunker, 32, of San Francisco, California, was cited for violation of basic rule, 46/30 zone.

Thomas Pfeifer, 51, of Prairie City was cited for driving while suspended violation and no insurance.

Grant County Justice Court

Violation of the basic rule: Matthew E. Sagaser, 36, Mt. Vernon, July 4, 91/55 zone, fined \$500, 30-day license suspension; David Kabat, 79, Portland, Aug. 5, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Jason A. Cody, 50, San Jose, California, July 29, 73/55 zone, fined \$165; Simon M. Graves, 33, Dayville, Aug. 3, 78/55 zone, fined \$225.

Exceeding speed limit: Timothy A. Nugent, 51, Seneca, Feb. 1, 113/65 zone, fined \$1,150, 30-day license suspension; Shadow-Wolf A. Horn,

20, Portland, Aug. 5, 115/65 zone, fined \$1,150, 30-day license suspension; James J. Gillard, 76, Benicia, California, July 29, 75/65 zone, fined \$165; Brian G. Johns, 57, Prairie City, July 30, 75/65 zone, fined \$115; Baylee L. Combs, 18, John Day, July 15, 76/65 zone, fined \$225; Ahmad F. Arwah, 22, Hickory Hills, Illinois, May 7, 37/25 zone, fined \$140; juvenile, 16, Seneca, July 30, 82/65 zone, fined \$225.

Theresa Briney was convicted of dog as a public nuisance and was ordered to pay \$633 in compensatory and restitution fines. A \$265 fine will be waived if restitution is paid in full.

George N. Brown was convicted of three counts of fencing against hogs and was ordered to pay a fine of \$750.

Andria L. Kelley was convicted of four counts of fencing against hogs and was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.

Oregon State Police

Aug. 17: OSP stopped a Subaru car on Highway 26 near milepost 161 in John Day, which had been entered as stolen by the Eugene Police Department in September of 2017. The 24 year-old-driver and father reported they were borrowing the vehicle. The vehicle's VIN number was run through the law enforcement data systems, and returned clear. The driver was issued a citation for switched plates. The registered owner reported she was unaware her license plates had been removed and replaced with the reported stolen license plates. The plates were seized and placed into evidence.

Aug. 17: OSP responded to a noninjury, nonblocking vehicle-versus-cow crash on state road 119, near milepost 119 in Grant County. When

OSP arrived, the vehicle was on the side of the road on the northbound side of the road. The cow was in the ditch on the northbound side of the road. The owner of the vehicle didn't want the vehicle towed. The owner said he would remove the vehicle tomorrow. The vehicle was tagged and left at the scene. The owner of the cow was notified by vehicle owner.

Aug. 19: OSP responded to a nonblocking single motor vehicle crash with injuries, near milepost 100 on Highway 395B. The vehicle had driven off the northbound lane and rolled several times. The driver, Kenny Ramirez, 22, was transported to Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day by ambulance. Air ambulance then flew the Ramirez to St. Charles Medical Center due to the extent of his injuries. When OSP arrived at Blue Mountain Hospital, OSP was advised that the male driver had a blood alcohol concentration over the legal limit. OSP contacted a Bend police officer to read implied consent to Ramirez, but Ramirez wasn't coherent. The vehicle was towed by Frontier Towing.

Aug. 21: OSP responded to a single-occupant, single-vehicle crash near milepost 74 on Highway 395B. The driver drove off the roadway and struck a large pine tree. The vehicle rolled before coming to an uncontrolled rest against another tree. The driver was taken by ambulance to Blue Mountain Hospital with serious injuries and was flown to St. Charles Hospital, Bend. The vehicle was towed from the scene by Frontier Towing to their lot.

Aug. 22: OSP stopped a vehicle near milepost 154 on Highway 26 for a traffic violation. The driver, a juvenile, 15, did not have a license or

permit. There were four passengers, all 15 and 16 years old. None of the occupants had a license. The driver did not have any proof of insurance. The driver's mother had called Grant County dispatch and reported her son had taken the vehicle without her knowledge or permission. OSP issued the driver citations for no operator's license and driving uninsured and released him and the vehicle to his mother. Parents for two of the passengers responded to the stop and took custody of their children. OSP gave the two remaining passengers a courtesy transport, releasing one to her grandmother and the other to her parents.

Aug. 22: OSP stopped a vehicle on Highway 26 near milepost 162 for speeding and turn signal violations. Upon stopping, the driver, Braden M. Breyette, 21, of Prineville, slid out of his seat to the back, and the front passenger slid over to the driver seat. On contact, both admitted OSP he did not have a license. OSP saw Breyette's eyes were watery, glassy and blood-shot. There was a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. Breyette admitted to drinking two beers. Dispatch advised his driving status was misdemeanor suspended. Breyette consented to field sobriety tests where he displayed further indicators of impairment. OSP arrested Breyette for driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving while suspended and was transported to the Grant County Jail. Breyette consented to a breath test, which showed a BAC result of 0.10%. OSP issued Breyette citations for DUIII-Alcohol and DWS-Misdemeanor and lodged him at the jail. The vehicle was

released to the passenger/registered owner.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 185 calls during the week of Aug. 17-23, including:

John Day Police Department

Aug. 17: Assisted OSP with a felony traffic stop on Highway 26 near milepost 140.

Aug. 17: Cited Trenton N. Kidd, 19, of John Day for driving uninsured and no motorcycle endorsement on Highway 26 near milepost 161.

Aug. 18: Responded to a domestic assault on Hillcrest Drive.

Aug. 21: Arrested Darron L. Huskey, 58, of John Day for criminal mischief at a business on West Main Street.

Aug. 22: Responded to a report of an illegal burning and cited Matthew E. Sagaser, 36, of John Day.

Aug. 22: Arrested Jacob Derosier, 33, of John Day for harassment on Ford Road.

Oregon State Police

Aug. 19: Received a report of pigs on the Highway on Highway 26 near milepost 144.

Aug. 19: Along with GCSO, John Day and Long Creek Ambulance, responded for a rollover crash on Highway 395.

Aug. 20: Advised of a cow on the highway on Highway 395C near milepost 27.

Aug. 21: Along with Long Creek and John Day ambulance, responded to a motor vehicle accident on highway 395 near milepost 75B.

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Aug. 17: Along with John Day and Seneca ambulances, responded for a motor vehicle crash on Geary Creek Road.

Aug. 18: Received a report of a hit and run on 11th and

Hall streets.

Aug. 18: Received a report of theft on South Fork Road.

Aug. 20: Received a report of a hit and run on Southeast 11th Street.

Aug. 21: Dispatched for a woman with a broken leg in Mt. Vernon.

John Day ambulance Aug. 17: Received a call for a motor vehicle crash with no injuries on Highway 19.

Aug. 18: Received a report of a 90-year-old woman with heart trouble on North Washington Street.

Aug. 21: Dispatched for a woman with a broken leg on East Beech Creek Road.

Aug. 21: Responded for a 1-year-old male patient having a seizure on North Humbolt.

Aug. 23: Responded for a subject with heart issues on Northeast Front Street.

Aug. 23: Received a report of a 75-year-old woman with trouble breathing on Nugget Street.

Prairie City ambulance Aug. 21: Along with John Day ambulance, paged for a woman who had fallen with possible broken ribs on South Johnson Street.

Seneca ambulance Aug. 18: Along with John Day ambulance, responded for an intoxicated male patient on Rendezvous Lane.

Mt. Vernon Fire Aug. 17: Responded to a forest fire on Birch Creek.

Monument Fire Aug. 19: Along with the Forest Service, responded to a forest fire on Manny Neal Road.

U.S. Forest Service Aug. 17: Advised of a lightning struck tree up the Riley Creek Drainage. Aug. 19: Advised of a small fire on Highway 395 near milepost 86. Aug. 19: Advised of smoke in Aldridge Mountains.

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