

Two teens rescued from snow near Magone Lake

By STEVEN MITCHELL
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PRAIRIE CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team located two teenage boys from Mt. Vernon whose lifted pickup truck got stuck in the snow near Magone Lake and returned them safely to their families.

The teens, ages 16 and 17, decided to take a spur-of-the-moment drive to Magone Lake in the mountains north of Prairie City on the evening of Sunday, Jan. 16, via the less-traveled Beech Creek Road route and got stuck in deep snow, according to information from the Sheriff's Office.

Family members attempted to reach the teens but turned back to avoid getting stuck themselves and called the Grant County Emergency Communications Center at around 2:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

The search team used cell phone pings to find the general area of the teenagers' last known location.

Using a Sno-Cat recently

acquired by the Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Dan Komning and Deputy Savannah Wyllie reached the missing youth shortly before 6 a.m. Monday.

The teenagers were OK when the search team reached them, but their truck had become stuck and mechanically disabled.

"Neither youth was prepared to spend a night out in the cold," the Sheriff's Office said in a press release.

The agency reminds the traveling and adventuring public that preparation is key to survival in the beautiful vastness of Grant County.

"We hope you explore safely and responsibly," the press release said, noting that short-notice, spur-of-the-moment trips usually cause the most problems.

"Always let someone know where you are going, and don't deviate from that plan," Sheriff Todd McKinley said in the press release. "Should you become stuck or stranded, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 541-575-1131 or call 911, and we will assist in getting you help."

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER



Seventh grade
Cameron DeRosier
Parent: Kellyn Joslin



Eighth grade
Jordyn Schlarbaum
Parents: Brandon & Rori Schlarbaum



Ninth grade
Morgan Walker
Parents: Kevin & Haley Walker



10th grade
Rolando Moreno
Parent: Kayle Rodriguez



11th grade
Raney Anderson
Parents: M.T. & Cori Anderson



12th grade
Grace Taylor
Parents: Mandy Taylor & Jake Taylor

DEATH NOTICES

Steve McKern

Steve McKern, 69, formerly of John Day, died at his home in Sumpter on Jan. 6. There will be a graveside service at Canyon City Cemetery followed by a celebration of life/potluck to be held in the spring, date, time and place to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Jeanne Officer

Barbara Jeanne Officer, 85, of Prairie City passed away Jan. 9 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day, with her family by her side. A public viewing will be held Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Driskill Memorial Chapel. A funeral service will take place Friday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. at the John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824, with a reception to follow. To offer an online condolence to her family, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Hey dude, is this your meth?

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JOHN DAY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office recovered a significant quantity of "high quality" crystal methamphetamine near the 800 block of East Main Street in John Day.

Todd McKinley, the county's sheriff, said in a Thursday, Jan. 13, press release that his office is seeking information on the owner of the methamphetamine.

"If you or someone you know lost it," McKinley said, "please contact the Sheriff's Office at 541-575-1131 as we would like to talk to you."

About Obituaries

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LOCAL BRIEFING

County offers COVID tests, shots

JOHN DAY — As health officials continue to identify COVID-19 cases in Grant County, the county's health department will partner with the Oregon Health Authority and the Central Oregon Disability Network to offer free flu shots, COVID-19 testing and COVID-19 immunizations.

Those interested in the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson immunizations must be over 18, while Pfizer shots are available to anyone over the age of 5.

The services will be available on the following dates at the following locations:

- Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Dayville Community Church, 204 South Fork Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Long Creek Community Center, 269 Hardisty St., from 10 to 2 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 21, at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 2 to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Grant County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lawmakers plan virtual town hall

CRANE — Three Eastern Oregon legislators will host a virtual town hall meeting for constituents.

Reps. Mark Owens, R-Crane, and Vikki Breese-Iverson, R-Prineville, will team up with Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale, to hold the online event, scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24.

The lawmakers will discuss the upcoming legislative session and other issues around the state and will take questions from participants. Questions can be submitted in advance, using the Q&A feature during the event or asked live.

To sign up for the virtual town hall, go to <https://tinyurl.com/57wppmcb>.

Governor taps Cronin for EOU seat

JOHN DAY — A John Day resident has been appointed to the University of Eastern Oregon Board of Trustees by Gov. Kate Brown.

Former Grant School Board Chair Chris Cronin's name was among a list of six nominees the Oregon Senate will consider for confirmation in February when the Legislature begins its short session, according to a Tuesday, Jan. 11, press release from Brown's office.

If confirmed, Cronin would begin a four-year term in July. Cronin was among the three trustees the governor appointed to a first term.

Senate hopeful Taher to visit

JOHN DAY — Ibra Taher, one of six candidates seeking the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, will make a campaign stop in John Day this month.

Taher will be at the John Day Fire Hall, 316 S. Canyon Blvd., from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 27 to meet with residents and discuss his campaign.

A self-employed philosophy teacher from Eugene, Taher ran for Oregon's other U.S. Senate seat in 2022 as the nominee of the Pacific Green and Progressive parties. He finished last in the four-way race, which was won by incumbent Democrat Jeff Merkley.

Delbert "Larry" Osborne

July 24, 1938 - January 7, 2022

Delbert "Larry" Osborne, age 83, of Mt. Vernon passed away January 7th, 2022, in Bend, Oregon. A public viewing will be held Friday, January 21st, 2022, at Driskill Memorial Chapel. A graveside service will take place Saturday, January 29th, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Moon Creek Cemetery just West of Mt. Vernon. A celebration of his life will take place immediately following the graveside service at the Mt. Vernon Grange Hall with food and music provided.



Larry was born in Heppner, Oregon on July 24th, 1938, to Delbert Clayton Osborne and Hanna Gertrude (Mahon) Osborne. He went to Mitchell High School and studied to be a Lineman at Lebanon Electric. He married Sherrie Ruth Williams in 1958 in Dayville, Oregon and together they had four children.

Along with being a Lineman, he was a rancher and managed several ranches in Fort Rock, Mitchell, Dayville and John Day. He was also a self-employed Logger. But the highlight of his life was gathering wild horses.

Larry enjoyed horse racing, playing three card poker, visiting with his family and his many friends, and he loved to tell stories and jokes. His greatest accomplishment was raising his three daughters to become successful women, he was very proud of them. He was also a very proud grandfather.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Delbert Clayton Osborne; mother, Hannah Gertrude Mahon Oip; stepfather, Gilbert Oip; brother, Richard (Jackie) Clayton Osborne; son, Larry Clayton Osborne.

Survivors include daughters, Lynn Osborne; Jackie Osborne and husband Todd Donohue; Brenda (Leonard) Coley all of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Andie Hickerson (Nick) Gerbish of Gresham; Tiffany Hickerson (Nick) Nickelson of Redmond; Laydon Moser of Anaconda, MO; Christopher Gibson of John Day; Logan Titus of Caldwell, ID; Dwight (Candice) Osborne of Hermiston; Mikeala Donohue (Colby) Bradford and Colby (Beth) Stringfield all of Staford Springs, CT; Jonathan (Amberly) Coley of New Plymouth, ID; great-grandchildren, Sam, Brooklin, Liberty, Karli, Ryann, Maddie, Avery, Aydan, Sutton, Daylon, Broncstin, Cooper, Kaden, Kixsten, Asher, Charlotte, Rhett and Jayce. 5278377-1

Paid for by the family of Larry Osborne.

Barbara Jeanne (Bobbie) Officer

May 29, 1936 - January 9, 2022

Bobbie was born May 29, 1936 to Milburn Howard Wood and Mary Gertrude (Merkle) Wood in Prairie City, OR. The eldest of 4 children, she was raised and attended school in Seneca, OR. Bobbie graduated from Grant Union High School, John Day, OR, in 1954. In school she was active in band, yearbook, and the school newspaper. She worked for the D.A. office her senior year.



After school, Bobbie worked for Morgan Freight Co. for two years.

Bobbie married Eugene (Gene) Sabin Officer on August 25, 1956, moving to Izee and beginning her life as a ranch wife, mother, homemaker and seamstress. She was an excellent mother and grandmother and even better wife. Cooking, cleaning, and maintaining a home for her family as well as the sometimes many hired hands that worked the ranch. Bobbie was quick to "adopt" kids as her own, ones that worked for her as well as friends that the kids brought home to the ranch.

Bobbie was a professional seamstress, sewing nearly all of the clothes for herself, her family and many other people around the county. She was active in the Rosebud Grange in Izee, the County Elections Board, Episcopal Church, Rainbow Girls, Elkettes and Hospital Auxiliary. Bobbie was a 4-H leader for many years as a livestock and sewing club leader and served as sewing superintendent at the fair.

Bobbie was very handy and would tackle anything head on from rewiring the kitchen stove to remodeling a bathroom and taught her children to do the same. She loved fishing and berry picking and would jump on a tractor and work the ranch.

In 1986 Bobbie and Gene moved to John Day and purchased the fabric store here for 10 years; Bobbie lived her dream of owning and operating Bobbie's Fabrics.

In 1997 she sold the store and joined Gene in real estate as an agent and office manager for their business Coldwell Banker Real Estate Firm. Eventually they went independent as Country Preferred Realty in 2010. Bobbie retired one year later in 2011 at the age of 75. Bobbie passed away peacefully on January 9, 2022 in John Day, OR.

She is survived by husband Gene Officer, Prairie City; daughter Amy Denman, Prairie City; son Scott & Teri Officer, Prairie City; son Bob & Callie Officer, Canyon City; sister Verna Pettyjohn, Burns; sister Sandy Meade, Fruitland, ID; stepsister Marlene Woodley, Prairie City; sister-in-law Betty Jane Gray, Grants Pass; daughter-in-law and son-in-law Tammy and Rex Mayer, Libby, MT. She leaves 8 grandchildren and their spouses and 22 great-grandchildren and was Auntie Bobbie to many nieces and nephews.

Bobbie was preceded in death by son Delley Officer; sister Joanne Hilde; stepsister Lila Brooks; son-in-law Al Denman. Paid for by the family of Bobbie Officer. 5278378-1

Nancy Rose Gourley

March 3, 1951 - January 4, 2022

Nancy Rose Gourley, 70, passed away at her home of 30 years in Canyon City. She was born in Vancouver, Washington, and graduated from Camas High School. Nancy's places of employment included Pendleton Woolen Mill, Washougal School District, and Grant County Library, but her most important job was her everyday work as a mom and wife.



Nancy enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and her family and pets. She is remembered as a kind and caring person whose smile and positive spirit touched numerous lives. She was always happy to lend a helping hand, and she was the neighborhood mom to many of her kids' friends through the years.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and Leonard Meyer. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Daniel Gourley; daughter Andrea McClellan; sons Jeff Dole, Jason Dole, and Shawn Gourley; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her family will announce a Celebration of Life at a later date. Paid for by the family of Nancy Gourley 5278249-1

The family of Wilma Bauer would like to thank family and friends that touched our lives with all the love, food, heartfelt words and acts of kindness shown towards Mom and her family.

We are so grateful to Blue Mountain Care Center staff, Blue Mountain Hospice and Driskill's Funeral Home for being there for Mom and to guide us through her latter days.

Mom loved her Grant County and all the caring people that make it home. We know Mom is covering all of us with her love from above and through all the beautiful memories she left with all of us.

Love Sincerely,
The family of Wilma Bauer

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	42/27
Thursday	41/28
Friday	40/26
Saturday	41/26
Sunday	42/26
Monday	42/30
Tuesday	41/32

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 JAN. 19-25

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	PM showers	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

42	46	41	46	48	48	46
35	34	28	28	30	31	31