

One injured in plane crash near Monument

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MONUMENT — Two men walked away after their small plane crashed on Saturday, Feb. 26, at a remote dirt landing strip near Monument, although one suffered facial injuries.

Grant County dispatchers alerted first responders at 1:36 p.m. that an emergency locator beacon for a downed aircraft was transmitting from a location outside the town of 115 people in the county's northwest corner.

The crash involved an Alaskan-style bush plane on a practice flight, according to Sheriff Todd McKinley.

"It sounds like they were taking off and struck a juniper tree," he said. "There was significant damage to the aircraft."

The sheriff provided some initial information on Saturday, with a press release on Sunday filling in some addi-



Grant County Sheriff's Office/Contributed Photo

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tional details.

The aircraft was identified as a GM Cub that was being piloted by Greg Miller with Al Saber in the passenger seat. After the single-engine plane clipped a juniper

tree and crashed on takeoff, Saber suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Both men were able to walk away from the damaged aircraft and wait at a nearby cabin for first responders to arrive.

The ages and hometowns of the two men were not available on Sunday.

The incident was first reported by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center in response to the plane's emergency locator beacon being activated, but McKinley said the pilot was later able to call in and help guide rescuers to the remote airstrip in the Wall Creek area.

Monument Fire Department and Monument Ambulance personnel were able to reach the area and transport the two men to a waiting John Day Ambulance crew, which took them the rest of the way to Blue Mountain Hospital.

Grant County Search and Rescue coordinator Dave Dobler responded to the scene along with Grant County deputies. Search and rescue teams were activated but stood down after the volunteer crews from Monument were able to reach the scene.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Elks honor winners of poster contest

JOHN DAY — Three young artists are being recognized for their work by the John Day Elks Lodge.

The youngsters are this year's Southeast District winners in the Elks Children's Eye Injury Prevention Poster Contest, an annual event held by Oregon Elks lodges for kids in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Entries were judged on Feb. 18, with first-place honors going to homeschool student Kathlyne Page, according to an Elks Club news release. Second place went to Adalyne Judd and third place went to Ivy LaFramboise; both are students at Humbolt Elementary in Canyon City.

Their posters will be forwarded to the Elks Children's Eye Clinic in Portland for judging at the state level of the competition. Winners will be honored at the Elks State Convention in April.

Kam Wah Chung sets spring tours

JOHN DAY — The Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site will be open for guided tours during spring break, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department announced.

The museum, at 125 NW Canton St. in John Day, will be open Monday-Friday, March 21-25, for guided tours only.

The free tours last 45 minutes and begin at the top of the hour, with the first starting at 9 a.m. and the last at 3 p.m. There are no tours during the noon hour.

Each tour is limited to eight people inside the museum, but virtual tours are available on request. To make a reservation, call 541-575-2800.

The museum's main season runs from May 1 through Oct. 31.

The Kam Wah Chung building is a National Historic landmark that preserves the home and businesses of two Chinese immigrants, Ing "Doc" Hay and Long On. For more than 60 years the building served as a social, medical and religious center for Oregon's Chinese community.

Boating safety event slated April 2

JOHN DAY — Sherman County Marine Deputy Glenn Palmer, in cooperation with the Grant County Sheriff's Office, will conduct a marine safety event in John Day next month.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at JD Rents Outdoor and Power Equipment, 727 W. Main St.

Area residents can bring their boats in for a courtesy safety inspection. If the boat passes inspection, the owner will be issued a decal that tells marine law enforcement officers the vessel meets all state requirements for safe operation. There will be no fines for boats that don't pass the inspection.

Hull identification number inspections for registration purposes can also be done at the event.

To obtain a boat registration or a boater safety card, contact the Oregon State Marine Board at 503-378-8587. A list of necessary safety equipment can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/5n7ze8kf>.

For more information, contact Palmer at gpalmer@sherman-county.net.

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2022



Seventh grade
Cooper Ross
Parents: Sylvia & Blain Ross



Eighth grade
Gracey Kenyon
Parents: Sheree & Rodney Kenyon



Ninth grade
Ryann Coombs
Parents: Daniel & Casey Komning



10th grade
Abbie Justice
Parents: Ken & Julia Justice



11th grade
Jack Strong
Parents: Michael Strong & Katie Bruzas



12th grade
Lauryn Pettyjohn
Parents: Ryan & Melissa Pettyjohn

Charlette Jamesina Alberta Burghard

February 16, 2022

Charlette Jamesina Alberta Burghard, age 25, of Richland Washington, passed away February 16th, 2022 at 8:26 pm at the Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland. Her death was precipitated by a severe head injury that resulted from a two-strike collision. She was hit head-on and rear-ended, while traveling to work.

Charlette attended Eastern Oregon University. She deeply loved her professors and research in organic chemistry. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Biochemistry and a minor in Psychology on June 15th, 2018. She was President's Scholar and commencement speaker. Charlette was in the process of applying to graduate school and planned to pursue a joint M.D./Ph.D.

She was an unstoppable force of nature, both determined and strong. A one-of-a-kind amalgamation: scientist, musician, artist, comedian, loyal friend, and cat lover in the extreme. Laughter was Charlette's friend and gift. She brought joy to life's dark corners. There are not enough words to describe how she lit up this world or how much she will be missed.

Charlette leaves behind many people who love her. Among those are: her father John Burghard of Phoenix, AZ, her mother Orissa Lozano and step-father Donaciano Lozano of Kennewick, WA, her sister Kaytee Burghard of Eugene, OR, her grandparents Roger and Meredith Ediger of Mt. Vernon, OR; and Ron Burghard of Birkenfield, OR, her fiancé Alex Meyer of Richland, WA, Aunts Vernita Ediger of Bend, OR, and Erica Ediger of Beaverton, OR, Uncle Jon Ediger of Beaverton, OR, and her two cats, Taz and Avery, the joy of her life.

Charlette was preceded in death by her grandmother Sharon L. Burghard, her great-grandparents Vern and Myrtha Fields, and by her cats Inky, Pouncer, and Cider.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday March 5th 10:30 am at the Richland Community Center (500 Amon Park Dr, Richland, WA 99352). A reception will follow directly after at the same location and will last through 3:00 that day.

For more information please contact Orissa Lozano at orissalozano@gmail.com or visit her memorial site at <https://tinyurl.com/CharletteBurghard>. Paid for by the family of Charlette Burghard.

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	26/12
Thursday	29/08
Friday	39/12
Saturday	45/23
Sunday	47/26
Monday	54/44
Tuesday	58/42

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
PM showers	Showers	Cloudy	AM snow showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
56	44	40	39	41	45	39
39	32	32	28	22	26	23