

Randleas to fill Haberly seat

By JUSTIN DAVIS
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Katrina Randleas has been tapped to fill the void on the John Day City Council following the resignation of Gregg Haberly in late April.

Randleas was appointed to the council following a vote at the May 24 meeting and assumed her responsibilities immediately.

Christopher Stauty also was under consideration for the appointment, with Randleas winning out due to her three years of experience on the John Day Budget Committee.

"I applied for City Council three years ago when there was an open position and when I wasn't appointed they asked if I would go on the Budget Committee, so I went on to the Budget Committee."

Those three years, she said, gave her a greater understanding of all the things the council is working on and this felt like the "right time" for her to step onto the council.

The biggest issue Randleas sees in the community right now is division, and it is something she hopes she and the wider community can correct.

"I want to leave a community that is a little more united than it is," she said.



Katrina Randleas is the newest member of the John Day City Council.

"When I think about the ways we interact with each other, there are a lot of pre-assumptions about people. I think it's important for us to come together and understand where each other are coming from. We need to look for what unites us and how can we make that happen for everybody's benefit."

Randleas also stated that another one of her goals is to make sure the large amount of people on a fixed income are understood when the council is considering financial issues such as bond measures.

"I want to make sure they are heard and understood and

felt when these types of contentious issues come up," she said.

Stressing that she is registered as an unaffiliated voter, Randleas says she refuses to pick a side and wants to evaluate issues based on their pros and cons.

"I want to be thinking critically about each thing and chasing what is best and what upholds my value system," she said. "I want so see what's going to be best to leave a legacy that we can be proud of."

The appointment of Randleas to the City Council now leaves an empty seat on the Budget Committee.

State confirms another wolf attack on calves near Richland

Baker City Herald

RICHLAND — State wildlife biologists have confirmed another wolf attack on cattle north of Richland.

The most recent in a series of investigations in that area, about 40 miles east of Baker City, happened on May 19, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

According to an ODFW report, a rancher found two injured calves while checking a herd on the afternoon of May 17 in a 600-acre private land parcel in the Immigrant Gulch area north of Eagle Valley.

ODFW biologists investigated on Thursday, May 19, examining those two calves as well as four other calves that had wounds.

Biologists concluded that wolves from the Cornucopia Pack had attacked the two calves whose injuries prompted the rancher to report the incident. The attack happened about two to three weeks earlier, according to an ODFW report.

Both calves had bite scrapes up to 1/8th inch wide on the outside of their hindquarters above the hocks, with corresponding tissue trauma, according to the report.

One calf had an open wound measuring about 3.5 by 2.5 inches, as well as multiple tooth punctures about 1/8th of an inch in diameter.

The other calf had a 1-inch by 1-inch open

wound on the outside of its left hind leg above the hock, and a pair of tooth puncture marks 1/8th of an inch in diameter.

According to the report, "The bite marks and location, size, and depth of the injuries on the first two calves are consistent with wolf attacks on live calves."

Biologists surmised that the calves were attacked around the same time.

Of the four other calves that biologists examined, one had a 1-inch long by 1/8th-inch-long bite scrape with a healed puncture wound on its right rear leg near the hip. Six healed scrapes were on the same area of the leg.

Biologists determined this was a "probable" wolf attack based on the size and location of the injuries, which probably happened about the same time as the confirmed attacks on the two other calves.

The three other calves also had scrape wounds, but "lacked sufficient evidence to be able to determine the cause," according to an ODFW report.

Those three cases were deemed "possible/unknown."

Earlier this spring, ODFW biologists concluded that wolves from the Cornucopia Pack had killed one calf and injured at least three others in the same area north of Richland.

Wolves from the Keating Pack also injured a calf in the Keating Valley in early May.

Missing motorist turns up safe

By STEVEN MITCHELL
Blue Mountain Eagle

OLIVE LAKE — A Prineville man reported missing near Olive Lake on Thursday, May 26, turned up safe after passers-by helped him dig his truck out of a heavy snowpack.

Grant County Sheriff Todd McKinley told the Eagle that the 70-year-old man had a satellite-based personal locator that he activated when he got stuck. However, McKinley said, the traveler did not contact authorities to let them know that he was safe until he returned to Prineville later that day.

According to McKinley, because the traveler did not have his phone, he shut the satellite tracker off while returning to Prineville, thinking that search and rescue crews would not try and locate him.

"It does not work that way," McKinley said. "Once you set that thing (satellite locator) off, we're going to track you down until we find you."

McKinley said that air and ground search crews tried to locate the stuck vehicle and found another car stuck east of Olive Lake on the 10 Road.

According to McKinley, heavy snowpack in the area

has made the lake inaccessible to vehicles and the lake is nearly completely frozen over, which is unheard-of for this time of year.

In addition to an unseasonably heavy snowpack, McKinley said many roads had fallen timber from heavy winds during the winter, so those heading up into the area should bring a chainsaw.

McKinley also said people heading into the forest should bring their cellphones or other communication devices.

"Even if there isn't (good) cell service," McKinley said, "usually you can find a spot where there is some sort of service."

County logs 22nd COVID death

By STEVEN MITCHELL
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — COVID-19 has claimed another Grant County life.

A 69-year-old male with underlying health conditions died at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend on April 8, the Grant County Health Department announced on

Tuesday, May 31.

The Health Department said in a news release it had just been notified of the death.

The department said it encourages everyone to be respectful as a family in the community grieves.

The press release said it is the 22nd COVID-related death for Grant County since

the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020.

As of May 27, according to the Oregon Health Authority, there have 7,611 Oregonians who have died from the virus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there have been over 1.1 million COVID-related deaths nationwide as of May 31.

Community garden to hold planting day

By STEVEN MITCHELL
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The John Day Community Garden, located on Northeast Third Street Extended in John Day, will hold its annual pumpkin patch and

food bank planting on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jesse Schaefer, the community garden's board chair, told the newspaper that the planting day would also serve as an open house for those interested in

becoming members.

Schaefer said the cost for an annual membership is between \$25 and \$35, depending on the size of the garden plot.

The community garden is in its 12th year.

DEATH NOTICE

Romayne 'Mike' Raymond Emmel

Romayne "Mike" Raymond Emmel, 86, died on May 24 at his home with his family by his side. A graveside service will be held on June 11 at 11 a.m. at the Prairie City Cemetery with Pastor Dave Hoeffner officiating. A reception will follow at the Prairie City Teen

Center. Mike's family would like memorial contributions made to the Prairie City Teen Center or to Merck Kmiek through the Prairie Baptist Church. To light a candle in honor of Mike or to offer online condolences to his family, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 Grant County Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting

• 11 a.m., Prairie City Senior Center, 204 N. McHaley St.

Eric Bush, Grant County emergency management coordinator, will speak. The public is invited.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 Emergency communications meeting

• 6 p.m., John Day Fire Hall, 316 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day

The Grant County Emergency Communication Agency Intergovernmental Council will meet to discuss the fiscal 2021 independent accounting review, the dispatch staffing shortage and other matters. The meeting is open to the public. To join the meeting via teleconference, call 605-313-5406 and use access code 889135.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

• 62 Days planning meeting

• 7 p.m., Sel's Brewery, 113 Washington St., Canyon City

Regular weekly meeting of the Whiskey Gulch Gang to plan this year's '62 Days festivities. Anyone who wants to help is welcome.

For more information, call Colby Farrell at 541-620-0874.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Free fishing in Long Creek

• 9 a.m.-noon, Social Security Pond, Long Creek

Free fishing, no license



required, as well as free food, activities and prizes. The pond will be stocked by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department before the event. Sponsored by the North Fork John Day Watershed Council, South Fork John Day Watershed Council, Monument Soil and Water Conservation District, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Malheur National Forest and John Day Basin Partnership.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 "Uncovering the History of Chinese Mining in Eastern Oregon"

• 7 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall, 129 S. Washington St.

Free presentation by Donn Hann, William F. Willingham and Katee Withee on the history of Chinese mining companies in Eastern Oregon. Sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Wheeler family benefit

• 5 p.m., Trowbridge Pavilion, Grant County Fairgrounds, 411 NW Bridge St., John Day

A pulled pork dinner, live and silent auction, and dessert auction to benefit the

family of Adrian Wheeler, who has a rare form of colon cancer. The event will also feature live music and an open bar. Auction donations will be accepted through June 25. Contact Winnie Browning at 541-620-0748 about donating items for the live or silent auction, and contact Teri Bowden at 541-575-2112 about making a donation for the dessert auction.

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