

Dayville to build new fire hall

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Moore

DAYVILLE — The city of Dayville has secured over \$400,000 from various sources to build a new fire hall.

The old building had to be shut down after a fire truck backed into it in 2020, leaving the cement block structure unserviceable.

Dayville City Recorder Ruthie Moore said the accident compromised the building's integrity, which ultimately led to the condemnation of the structure. Efforts to replace the structure began immediately after the condemnation of the old fire station.

"We knew immediately that we had to find the resources to build a new fire hall," Moore said. "Our insurance money was not adequate

to do that, so we began looking for additional funds — going out for grants, we started holding fundraisers and we had some great donations from local businesses and residents, so that started the process."

Part of the funds to replace the fire hall came in the form of a \$32,200 federal grant recently secured by Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden.

Moore said a number of community members contacted Oregon's two U.S. senators to request their help in securing funds for the project.

"It was a joint effort to receive that additional funding," she said. "We are very

fortunate to receive over \$134,000 from the Ford Family Foundation. We received an additional \$79,898 from USDA Rural Development prior to the additional \$32,200 we just received."

The most recent federal grant is in addition to just shy of \$80,000 the city received previously due to Wyden and Merkley's efforts.

"When you add those two together, you're looking at \$110,000 or so that we received from the senators and their programs," Moore said. "Without their assistance, we would not be proceeding at all. We're very fortunate that we had some great federal programs that stepped up."

Moore said the city has also received donations from local businesses in the form of cash or pro bono work.

"We had a local business, North River Electric, donate \$25,000 in electrical work," she said. "We were able to receive \$35,000 in local donations from fundraisers and just some generous residents."

The total cost to rebuild the fire hall is estimated at \$462,000, and Moore said the city now has all the funds needed for the project.

"We already went out to bid," she said. "We're awaiting the final steps of signing the bid; the city just has to sign the bid documents."

High Country Contracting, owned by Wayne Overton, will be the contractor for the project. Overton is a local resident and will be starting the project immediately. Moore said the city expects to have the project completed before the end of the year.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Malheur fire danger at high

JOHN DAY — The Malheur National Forest has raised fire danger levels and has begun imposing public use restrictions in some areas.

Effective Friday, July 22, the agency has raised the fire danger level from moderate to high in the north zone of the forest (the Blue Mountain and Prairie City ranger districts) but has not yet put any public use restrictions into effect.

In the forest's south zone (the Emigrant Creek Ranger District), where the fire danger was already at high, campfires, charcoal fires and stove fires are now banned except in the following campgrounds: Buck Spring, Delintment, Emigrant, Falls, Idlewild, Joaquin Miller, Rock Springs, Tip Top and Yellowjacket.

Other restrictions in the south zone include:

- No smoking except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.
- No chain saw use between 1 and 8 p.m. Operators must have a shovel and a fire extinguisher, and a one-hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease.
- No use of internal or external combustion engines without a spark arrestor.
- No use of a vehicle off Forest Service roads except when parking in a cleared area within 10 feet of the roadway.
- Generators allowed only in cleared areas at least 10 feet in diameter with approved spark arrestor.

Industrial fire precautions are also being put in place.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level II is in force effective Friday, July 22, in the south zone of the forest and Monday, July 25, in the north zone.

Under Level II rules, many activities related to logging and other industrial operations are banned between 1 and 8 p.m.

OSU canning hotline open

CORVALLIS — With canning season in full swing, the Oregon State University Extension Service has opened its food safety and preservation hotline, OSU announced.

The hotline's toll-free number, 800-354-7319, will be answered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday until Oct. 7. The line is staffed by master food preserver volunteers from Lane and Douglas counties.

Last year, volunteers fielded 1,487 calls. The most common calls have to do with preserving salsa, tomatoes and tuna.

Additional information and resources — including a link to a free canning timer and checklist app — is available on OSU Extension's home food preservation website at <https://tinyurl.com/cjwr4kzt>.

BEO reports Q2 earnings

HEPPNER — BEO Bancorp, parent company of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, had consolidated net income of just over \$2.1 million or \$1.76 per share in the second quarter, the company announced.

The company had total assets of \$836 million, net loans of \$493.1 million, deposits of \$770.8 million and shareholder equity of \$45.2 million.

"Second quarter earnings are up 12.4% compared to the same period in 2021; earnings per share increased 12.1%," President and CEO Jeff Bailey said in a news release.

"Total assets have increased 15.7%, with deposits up 16.7%," he added. "Net loans are down 1.2%, but this is attributable to payoffs of (Paycheck Protection Program) loans. Organic growth without PPP loans is 9.0% year over year. With our balance sheet being asset-sensitive, earnings have benefitted from the increased interest rates."

The Bank of Eastern Oregon operates 20 branches and four loan production offices in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, including a branch in John Day.

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Man dies in horse accident at Thomas Creek

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THOMPSON CREEK

— A local man was killed in a horse accident while out moving cattle west of

Magone Lake on Friday, July 22, the Grant County Sheriff's Office announced in a news release.

Kenneth "Kenny" Brooks, 64, of Fox was working in a remote section of Thompson Creek on the Malheur National Forest when the accident occurred, and family members were with him when he died, according to the news release.

Grant County dispatchers were notified of the incident at 1:41 p.m. and alerted emergency responders. Grant County sheriff's deputies and Search and Rescue Team members, Blue Mountain Hospital ambulance crews, Oregon State Police troopers, Life Flight and U.S. Forest Service personnel all responded to the area.

A Life Flight helicopter was unable to land near the scene due to the rugged terrain. With no road access, emergency medical services personnel rode to the site on horseback. Two miles of trail was cleared into the area, but



Grant County Sheriff's Office

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Emergency medical technicians rode horses to get to a man who was seriously injured in a horse accident west of Magone Lake on Friday, July 22, 2022.

the efforts did not come in time to transport Brooks to a hospital before he succumbed to his injuries.

Sheriff Todd McKinley thanked the volunteers and other first responders who worked to save Brooks' life.

"As your sheriff, I am ever humbled by the response of those that try their best to serve and support the citizens of this county, day by day," he said.

Daniel McKrola

May 9, 2022

Daniel McKrola, 80, of Prairie City/John Day, died May 9, 2022 at the Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City after a long and difficult struggle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. A memorial service will be held August 6th-10 AM at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Canyon City, Oregon. Interment will follow at the Prairie City Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to a reception at Holliday Park after the committal service. It will be a potluck picnic. The family will furnish the meat, bread and cold drinks and ask guests to bring side dishes as they are able. Come and visit with the family and share your memories of our "Uncle Dan."



Danny Jo was born in Burns, Oregon to Duce and Kathryn McKrola of Seneca, Oregon. He was their third son and was followed many years later by a sister. Several months after his birth, his name was changed to Daniel Joseph. He was a devoted uncle to his three nephews and two nieces and carried that devotion on to his 8 grandnieces and 6 grandnephews. He loved to give gifts and reveled in shopping for unusual items. His great joy was filling the Christmas stockings and preparing elaborate Easter egg hunts.

The McKrola family moved to John Day around Dan's first birthday. He attended John Day Elementary School and graduated with honors from Grant Union High School in 1960. While he was in high school, he participated in band, football, Varsity Club, class plays, basketball and served as the baseball team manager and as a Senior served as Student Body Treasurer. He was named to the Shrine East West football team as well as the Elks Team. He was also selected as the Elks Outstanding Student.

Daniel graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1965 and served as a professional mariner for a little over 25 years before retiring. He had the opportunity to visit over 40 countries. In the early days of his career, he worked on ships delivering supplies to the military during the Vietnam War. Later he worked on ships delivering supplies in the Middle East. For the last several years of his career he worked on S.S Cornucopia traveling up and down the west coast delivering liquid ammonia from Alaska.

Daniel retired when his request for time off for his nephew's graduation was denied; insuring such conflicts would not arise again. He continued to travel throughout Europe, Russia and visited all 50 states. Daniel returned to college, earning three more degrees, to do genealogical research, shop, follow Grant Union sports and keep up with his nieces and nephews and their children. He said, "I have many wonderful grandnieces and nephews of whom I am very happy with. Most of them are very literate when it comes to computers and if they're too little their parents are."

We are so grateful for the help we received these last 8 years from Bev and Bill Davis of Mother's Creek Ranch, the staff at Settler's Park in Baker City, Dr. David Hall, Dr. Emily Lieuallen and finally the tender care from all the staff at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City and Blue Mountain Hospice. We would not have been able to navigate our way through this journey without you.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Michael Charles and Dale Charles.

He is survived by his sister Beth Spell and her husband Jim of John Day; sister-in-law Mary McKrola and her husband Scott McNeely of Springfield, Oregon; nephews, Jason McKrola of Springfield, Oregon, Shane Spell and his wife Laura Jane of Seaside, Oregon, and Colby Spell of Newberg, Oregon; nieces, Sarah McKrola of Eugene, Oregon and Mikaela Cloyd and her husband Jerry of Ogallala, Nebraska; grandnephews, Matthew, Logan and Gavin Cloyd, Charlie and Olin McKrola-Dey and Beckett Spell and grandnieces, Alcina, Natasha and Abigail Cloyd, Summer and Kara Spell, Ruby Joey McKrola-Dey, and Claire and Lily Spell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to either Shriners Hospital, St. Thomas Episcopal Church Cove Scholarship Fund or to the Grant Union Alumni Scholarship Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

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Timothy Leland Bailey

November 18, 1945 - June 30, 2022

Timothy was born in Hope, Maine on November 18, 1945 to Leland L. and Mildred (Smith) Bailey. He grew up in Maine (Jonesport, Bridgeport, South Hope, Both Bay Harbor), Phoenix, AZ, Portland OR, and Galea California. He received his G.E.D. in 1964 in Keitra, Morocco, and he took coursework at Eastern Oregon University.



Tim joined the US Navy in 1963 and was discharged in 1969 as a Petty Officer, Second Class. He saw postings in San Diego, CA, Morocco, Rhode Island, Antarctica, North Carolina and Vietnam. Over his career, Tim worked for and/or owned various construction, trucking and industrial service companies, including: Peter Kiewit Construction on I-84 improvements; started his own construction firm, Harbor Construction of Kenai Alaska; and worked with Kiewit Pacific on wastewater treatment facilities in Honolulu Hawaii, among others. He retired in 2011.

Tim married Karen K. Suksdorf in 1969 in Baker, OR. Timothy sang and played trumpet in his youth, painted, and etched glass, enjoyed a wide variety of music and movies, relished the opportunity to be outdoors camping, hunting and fishing whether in Maine, California, Alaska, Hawaii or Oregon, and occasionally mined in the Mormon Basin, Eastern Oregon.

Tim is survived by Peggy Brennan of Kenai, AK; Karen K. Bailey (née Suksdorf) - wife; children - Kirk of Sarasota, FL; Mark of Eugene, OR, Erika of Cobb Island, MD; grandchildren - Timothy of Augusta, MT; Richard of Cobb Island, MD; Aven of Sarasota FL. He was preceded in death by Leland L. Bailey - father, Mildred Smith Bailey - mother, Faith Ann - sister.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites those who wish to honor Tim's life to contribute what they can to one or both of these reputable organizations serving the needs of all veterans: Veterans Expeditions (<https://www.vetexpeditions.com>); Wounded Warrior Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>).

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	96/58
Thursday	95/56
Friday	87/53
Saturday	91/55
Sunday	92/58
Monday	95/59
Tuesday	99/61

24/7 FORECAST

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27-AUG. 2

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
100	100	101	101	96	93	90
64	65	66	65	61	59	56