

Trump pardons two, raising concerns for public land

SALEM, ORE. (AP) — Two imprisoned ranchers who were convicted in 2012 of intentionally setting fires on public land in Oregon will be freed after President Donald Trump pardoned them on Tuesday.

The move by Trump raised concerns that others would be encouraged to actively oppose federal control of public land.

The imprisonment of Dwight and Steven Hammond prompted the armed occupation of Malheur National Wildlife

Refuge in Oregon in 2016, led by two sons of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy.

Jamie Rappaport Clark, president of the group Defenders of Wildlife, noted that the Hammonds were convicted of arson, a serious crime.

"Whatever prompted President Trump to pardon them, we hope that it is not seen as an encourage-



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ment to those who might use violence to seize federal property and threaten federal employees in the West," Clark said.

The dozens of armed people who occupied the refuge near the Hammond ranch for 41 days said the Hammonds were victims of federal overreach.

They changed the refuge's name to the Harney County Resource Center, reflecting their belief that the federal government has only a limited right to own property within a state.

Bundy and his sons Ammon and Ryan faced trial themselves after an armed standoff at their Nevada ranch in 2014 that was sparked by land-grazing fees. A federal judge in January dismissed the charges against them.

Cliven Bundy said he was glad Trump pardoned the Hammonds.

"Finally, an elected official did something," Bundy said. "He can't give them back their life. They're going to go back to ranching and put their lives together the best they can."

The Hammonds were being held at a federal detention center south of Los Angeles.

It wasn't immediately clear when they'd be released.



Beach Party time



Lisa Hobbs photo

It's beach party time in the Main Street Live summer concert series lineup this Friday, July 13. Back by popular demand is the band Four on the Floor. Concerts are offered on the West Lawn of Security Federal at 7 p.m. Vendors open at 6 p.m. Produced by Main Street McMinnville, the events are free thanks to generous sponsorship.

Flashing lights project still in development

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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

It could be a few more months before installation of flashing lights at the intersection of Highway 70S and Rock Island Road.

According to TDOT spokesperson Jennifer Flynn, two sets of flashing lights are making their way through the process.

"There are two separate projects currently in development on U.S. 70 S (SR-1) to install flashers at intersections," she said. "One project

is at the intersection of SR-136 (Rock Island Road) and the other project is at the intersection of SR-288 (Old Rock Island Road). Neither of the projects requires acquisition of right of way, but right-of-way plans will have to be done.

Both projects are currently in the utility coordination phase.

"After the final right-of-way/ utility plans are completed, our designers will work on construction plans, which should be completed this fall. Because these proj-

ects are basically on the same path, schedule wise, we will likely combine both projects into one contract when it is let to bid. We are hoping the projects will be let to contract by the end of this year."

An initial construction let date offered in November of last year was for June 22, 2018, if the measure passed an environmental review by that time. That information came from TDOT executive administrative assistant Doug Gunnels and was given to state Sen. Janice

Bowling and state Rep. Paul Sherrell.

In early 2017, TDOT installed additional signage and pavement markings at the intersection at Rock Island Road due to the number of motor vehicle accidents there, and announced that flashing lights would also be placed.

The projects are funded by federal safety funds, says Flynn, and in order to use federal funds, all federal requirements must be adhered to in the development of the projects.

OBITUARIES

James Arthur Cope, 86

Mr. James Arthur Cope, 86, of McMinnville died Thursday, July 5, at Raintree Manor Nursing Center in McMinnville.

He was born June 2, 1932, in Smithville, was a retired truck driver with McMinnville Block & Concrete Company, attended New Union The Baptist Church, and was a devout Christian. Mr. Cope was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Dillard and Retha Ann Jones Cope, his first wife Melba Geraldene Romans Cope, second wife Molly Ann Copenhagen Cope, and sister Wilmoth Ellen Cope.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law Merrill and Jennifer Cope, grandson Samuel Cope, brother Clarence (Irene) Cope, niece Judy (Bob) Ebert, and nephew George (Cheryl) Cope. Other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral service was Tuesday, July 10, at New Union The Baptist Church. Elder Darrell Cantrell officiated. Interment followed at New Union Cemetery in DeKalb County. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

McMinnville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements, 473-6606.

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Jay Alan Webster Jr., 21

Jay Alan Webster Jr., 21, a Morrison resident and Warren County native, was born March 6, 1997 and passed away suddenly July 7.

He attended the Church of Jesus Christ Mt. Leo Non-Denominational and was the son of Sharolyn Anderson and Jay Webster, both of Morrison. He was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Kenneth Baldwin; paternal grandfather, Alan Julius Webster Sr.; and stepbrother Matthew James Baker.

In addition to his mother and father, he is survived by stepfather, Chuck Anderson of Morrison; stepmother Marianne Webster of Morrison; sister Brittany Webster of McMinnville; two stepbrothers, Michael Baker of Cookeville and Charles Anderson Jr. of McMinnville; three stepsisters, Treasure King of McMinnville, Charity Jones and husband Michael, and Tiffany Mullican, all of Rock Island; paternal grandmother, Alice Jane Webster of Deal Island, Md.; paternal grandfather, Johnny Crowe and wife Cindy of Estill Springs; maternal grandparents, Richard and Faye McClain of Morrison; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral service will be 12 p.m. Friday, July 13, at The Redemption Center with Steve Madison to officiate. Interment will follow at Morrison Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. Friday until the time of service at the church. There will be no service or visitation at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Frances Boyd, 81

Frances Boyd, 81, a Warren County resident and native, was born July 28, 1936 and died July 7 at NHC Healthcare of McMinnville following an extended illness.

She was a homemaker, member of Armstrong Church of Christ, and daughter of the late Jonah and Annie Fults Smartt. Mrs. Boyd was married Sept. 18, 1957 to Aubrey "Friday" Houston Boyd, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include two children, Jimmy Boyd and Sue and Porfirio Terrazas, all of McMinnville; four grandchildren, Angelica Terrazas and Daniel Parsley, Christi and Josh Mullins, Lola Terrazas and Aaron Miller and Rosa Terrazas, all of McMinnville; brother and sister-in-law William and Mary Smartt of McMinnville; sister-in-law Bobbie Boyd of McMinnville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Tuesday at High's Chapel with Mike Anderson officiating. Interment followed at Smyrna Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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School Board

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"I do not, like my opponent, have a personal vendetta to remove the director of schools, and that's from people in his own campaign," said Bennett. "I do not, I am not like my opponent here, who has people in his campaign that have made threats to harm the director of schools. If we're getting down to the nitty-gritty, we might as well get it all out in the open. I am not that way."

As a self-employed tool and die maker, Link said he and his family are not associated with the school system in a way which might influence his vote on policy issues.

"Our incomes are not derived from any tax dollars," said Link. "Our jobs do not conflict with any

position I may hold as a School Board member. My priorities include safety, budget allocations, teacher and employee pay, and transparency. I am hopeful I will bring a fresh set of eyes which will provide a new vision to our School Board."

With Warren County High School enrollment at 1,800 to 1,900 students in recent years, the question was asked about the long-range possibility of building another high school.

Bennett said talks of freeing up space at WCHS have included talks of a Ninth Grade Academy.

"It's really overcrowded," said Bennett of WCHS. "There has been talk of building another elementary school and making Hickory Creek Elementary a possible Ninth Grade Academy,

which would take anywhere from 450 to 500 students out of Warren County High School which would open up some more space. The cost of it would be the biggest thing right now."

Link said the cost of another high school is likely too much to overcome at this point.

"As far as a second high school, I'm not sure if we have the money for that right now," said Link. "I think it would be a good idea to go back to city and county. The only problem you would have with that is your communities like Irving College, Centertown, Dibrell, all of them having their students have to come in like they are now. But at this point, I don't think we have the funding or the resources to do that."

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