

Golden spots possible UFO

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Friday night Jan. 9 was an extraordinary night for Central School Principal Hank Golden. Driving back from the theatre near N Avenue and Walnut Street near Deal Canyon, Golden and his daughter saw a "gigantic bright light."

"I thought it was an aircraft that had come over the hill on an erroneous landing path," Golden said. "(But) as I watched it, it didn't move."

However, Golden added, the object was moving up and down and back and forth. "It was so bright it was hurting my eyes," he said. "The light flashed on and off six or seven times."

If the object was flying, it may be what is commonly known as an unidentified flying object, Golden said. The next morning Jan. 10, Golden reported, there was a clearing spot, a meadow, where the possible UFO had been.

Golden, who reported another possible UFO sighting when he lived in Illinois, said the object was "too large and too bright

for an aircraft."

He said Jan. 9 another car in front of Golden's vehicle also slowed to have a look.

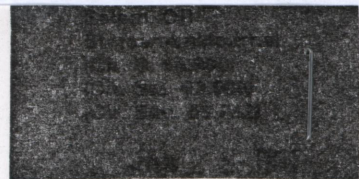
Golden isn't alone in his extraordinary sighting.

A southwest La Grande resident who requested anonymity said she recently spotted, "a big light moving from Baker toward La Grande. I don't know. It was just a big light in the sky. It didn't look like a star. It wasn't blinking like an airplane."

She said she looked at the light two minutes, trying to decide whether it was moving. "I finally decided it was moving a little bit," she said.

However she downplayed her sighting: "I saw something that aroused my curiosity, but that's the extent of it."

Another Central School employee, Kathi Carr, a cafeteria worker, has also reported a possible UFO sighting. But this happened in 1975 as she was driving from Pendleton up Cabbage Hill.



Glowing object is reported

Several people told Turner firemen that a glowing orange object crashed to the ground about 8:30 last night near Wiltsey Road and 36th Street SE.

Turner Chief Brent Jensen said three units searched for more than an hour last night but found nothing. Jensen said fog cut visibility to about 50 feet, even with a powerful spotlight.

There were no reports of missing aircraft, Jensen said.

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