

COPS & COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrested listed.

Circuit Court

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Circuit Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Samantha Marae Boyer, 21, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine. She was sentenced to jail for 10 days, supervised probation for 18 months and 100 hours community service, and fined \$800. The Dec. 30, 2014, conditional discharge was revoked.

Oregon State Police

- Dec. 14: In Dayville, cited and released Mark Charles Larimore, 28, Silver Lake, Wash., for possession of more than an ounce of marijuana.

- Dec. 14: In John Day, arrested Matthew James Jensen, 25, Sweet Home, for driving under the influence of intoxicants-controlled substances.

- Dec. 19: In Monument, arrested Tyler Bruce Byer, 22, Portland, for DUII-alcohol.

- Dec. 21: At the Strawberry Village Apartments in Prairie City, arrested Jared J. Baker, 19, Monument, on a misdemeanor warrant out of Grant County, and cited him for possession of meth.

- Dec. 21: In Prairie City, arrested Christopher Glenn Moore, 32, Bend, for DUII-controlled substance, reckless driving and possession of meth.

- Dec. 26: In John Day, cited Jacob Michael Derosier, 27, John Day, for open container of alcohol.

- Dec. 28: Investigated a reported rollover vehicle crash on Highway 395 near Starr Ridge. Neither the driver

nor passenger, both of Moses Lake, Wash., were injured in the crash.

- Dec. 31: Cited Kathy L. Meyer, 42, Mt. Vernon, for driving uninsured, following a vehicle crash into the John Day Video Shoppe.

- Jan. 1: At Highway 26 and Widows Creek Road, arrested Russell Wayne Moore, 51, Redmond, for reckless driving.

- Jan. 1: In John Day, cited Justin Alan Scheidegger, 20, John Day, for open containers of alcohol in his vehicle.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Dec. 26-Jan. 1:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 1
- Average inmates: 18
- Bookings: 9
- Releases: 9
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 2
- Fingerprints: 4

- Civil papers processed: 10

- Warrants processed: 2

- Assistance/welfare check: 3

- Krista Griffin, 35, Mt. Vernon, was cited for third-degree theft.
- Ethan Thomas, 24, John Day, was cited for reckless driving, driving while suspended-violation, no insurance, DUII and two counts of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 122 calls during the week of Dec. 29-Jan. 4. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:** Jan. 2: Arrested a Prairie City man for menacing.

- **John Day Fire Department:**

- Dec. 29: Chimney fire reported in the 300 block of

East Main.

- **John Day ambulance:** Dec. 31: 36-year-old woman having an asthma attack.

- Jan. 1: Dispatched for an elderly woman at Riverside Mobile Home Park.

- Jan. 4: 70-year-old woman with chest pains; dispatched for a woman who fell; dispatched for a man with possible pneumonia; paged for a man with difficulty breathing.

- **Seneca ambulance:** Jan. 4: Paged for an unconscious woman.

- **Prairie City ambulance:** Dec. 29: Requested for a 13-year-old girl.

- **Monument Fire Department:**

- Dec. 31: Responded for a reported furnace fire.

- **Long Creek Fire Department:**

- Jan. 2: Responded for a reported structure fire.

Justice Court

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Justice Court

reported the following fines and judgments:

- Driving uninsured: Stevie Lynn Porter, 31, John Day, fined \$260; Whitney Jo Pattee, 26, Prairie City, fined \$260; Jacob Berven Carlson, 20, Philomath, fined \$260.

- Driving while suspended-violation: Stevie Lynn Porter, 31, John Day, fined \$435; Whitney Jo Pattee, 26, Prairie City, fined \$435.
- Improper exhaust system: Jacob Berven Carlson, 20, Philomath, fined \$160.

- Operating a vehicle in violation of cooperative travel management area-violation: Brentton A. Smith, 46, Canyon City, fined \$200.

- Bruce L. Strange III, Bend, was convicted of two counts of telephonic harassment. For each, he was sentenced to five days in jail and 18 months probation. He was fined \$382, which includes \$100 probation fee.

Agencies seek input on 305-mile transmission line

By Hillary Borrud
Capital Bureau

Federal agencies are seeking input on the plan for a new 305-mile electric transmission line from the Boardman area, to a substation southwest of Boise.

The Bureau of Land Management and other agencies are in the midst of an environmental review of the Idaho Power Company project, because roughly one-third of the transmission line would pass through federally managed public lands. In addition to the BLM, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Reclamation also manage land along the proposed route.

A draft environmental impact statement that the BLM released Dec. 19 includes suggestions for Idaho Power Company to alter the proposed route in three locations to minimize environmental impacts, in particular to avoid destruction of sage grouse habitat.

Officials in Oregon and other states have been expecting a decision in 2015 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on whether to list the bird under the Endangered Species Act, although a recent bill passed by Congress could delay that decision. Federal lawmakers attached a provision to a recent \$1.1 trillion spending bill, in an attempt to prevent the Interior Department from spending any money on rules to protect the greater sage grouse and three related birds, The Associated Press reported.

The BLM also examined the potential impacts of the transmission line on agriculture, historical resources in the area such as the National Historic Oregon Trail and ongoing use of public lands by American Indian tribes.

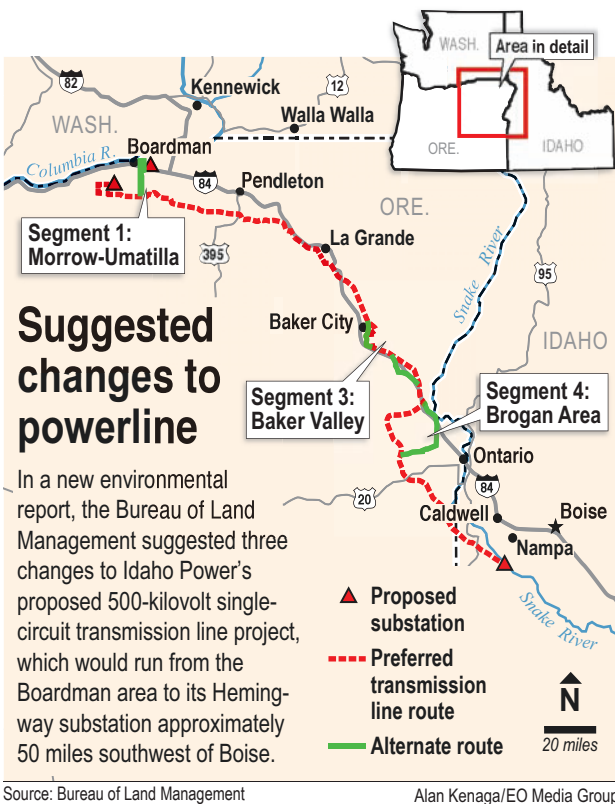
The project has been in the works for more than five years; in 2010, proposed alternatives that would take the line through Grant County stirred strong objections in public meetings. The chosen route, being finalized now, goes through Baker and Malheur counties, but not Grant.

The transmission line would add capacity for times of peak demand, and it is one of the transmission projects prioritized by the Obama administration to improve the power grid and allow for integration of more renewable energy sources, according to the Bureau of Land Management.

Although the White House wants to speed up permitting of transmission projects, the project still faces a lengthy approval process.

The Bureau of Land Management is accepting comments on the draft environmental report until March 19. The agency plans to analyze comments and prepare a final environmental document by early 2016. If the power company begins construction in 2018, it could complete the project by 2020.

Stephanie McCurdy, a communications specialist with Idaho Power Company,



Source: Bureau of Land Management

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If you go

Boardman to Hemingway transmission line open houses

When: Jan. 7, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Blue Mountains Conference Center, 404 12th Street, La Grande

When: Jan. 8, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Best Western Sun-

ridge Inn, 1 Sunridge Lane, Baker City

When: Jan. 9, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Durkee Community Hall, 28716 Old Highway 30, Durkee

When: Jan. 12, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Avenue, Ontario

said the utility is simultaneously going through a process with the Oregon Department of Energy to gain approval for the project. The public will have an opportunity to comment in Oregon's process once the utility has completed its application.

J.R. Cook, director of a group called the Northeast Oregon Water Association

which represents water users in the area, said the route initially proposed by Idaho Power Company would not have much of an impact on irrigated agriculture in the area. But an alternative route proposed by federal agencies in the draft environmental document would cut through valuable agricultural land.

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Grant County Transportation District has received ConnectOregon V funds for a Facility Enhancement project.

An open house for all licensed contractors will be held on Saturday, January 10th at 11:00 a.m. to review project details and get information.

Location: 229 NE Dayton St., John Day, OR.

Call 541-575-2370 for more information.

ON THE MOVE AGAIN



Contributed photo/Grant County Sheriff's Office

Traffic slowly unsnarls after a Clark's Disposal truck took a turn too tight coming from the transfer station off Highway 26 and got stuck, stretching across more than a lane. The Grant County Sheriff's deputies responded, along with Oregon Department of Transportation flaggers to control traffic while trucks from Doug's Towing and Frontier Equipment got the rig back on the road. Undersheriff Todd McKinley said that fortunately the loaded garbage truck didn't tip clear over. Ice was not a factor in the incident, he said.

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