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The new law defines “injury” to include physical harm, threats, harassment and intimidation.

The crime is a Class A misdemeanor punishable with up to a year in prison and/or a \$6,250 fine (a separate law already in effect makes impersonating a police officer or judge a Class C felony).

Poaching penalties

Would-be poachers who get caught unlawfully taking or killing wildlife will face substantially higher fines in the new year.

The penalty for illegally killing moose, mountain sheep and mountain goats will double from \$25,000 to \$50,000. A variety of other fees will increase significantly, including a hike from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for oversized sturgeon and from \$100 to \$1,000 for wild turkeys and sage grouse.

Sky lanterns

If you were planning on kicking off the new year by releasing a glowing Chinese lantern into the atmosphere for good luck, think again.

The lanterns (known as sky lanterns, Chinese lanterns, UFO balloons or wish lanterns) are “mini hot air balloons” made of a paper sack over an open flame that pushes the lantern into the air.

House Bill 4140 prohibits the release of the lanterns into Oregon airspace. Oregon fire marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple

called the uncontrolled, open-flame devices an “extreme fire hazard.”

“Once released you have no control over where they may land,” she said. “They could end up on someone’s rooftop, in a tree, or a pile of debris and cause an unwanted fire.”

The Class A violation will now be punishable by up to \$2,000 in fines.

Sex crimes

Victims of rape, child abuse or other first-degree sex crimes no longer need to worry about their abusers hiding behind a statute of limitations.

Senate Bill 1600 removed the 12-year statute of limitations on first-degree sex crimes in Oregon, as long as the prosecution has corroborating evidence of the crime or multiple victims come forward.

That law is joined by Senate Bill 1571, known as Melissa’s Law, which requires that all sexual assault forensic evidence kits be kept for at least 60 years after collection. It also directs the Oregon State Police to create a position or group of positions to handle inquiries from victims and other law enforcement agencies about the testing of kits, and prioritizes the testing of kits that are connected with active cases in which the victim has agreed to participate in prosecution.

Immigration consulting

If you’re an immigrant concerned about your status under a new presidential administration, you’ll be happy to know that fake immigration attorneys preying on worried immi-

grants will now face charges of obstructing justice if they get caught.

House Bill 4128 adds unlicensed immigration consulting “with the intent to defraud” to the list of reasons someone can be charged with obstructing governmental or judicial administration. It also adds offering unauthorized notary services “with the intent to defraud.”

The new law amends Oregon’s definition of extortion to include threatening to reveal a someone’s immigration status to law enforcement if they (or a family member or friend) do not deliver services or goods or refrain from reporting illegal activity.

Obstruction is a Class A misdemeanor, while extortion is a Class B felony.

Whistleblower protections

Handing over evidence of your boss’s corruption, abuse or fraud won’t carry the same risks it used to thanks to the whistleblower protections implemented with House Bill 6047.

State employees and non-profit workers will be given affirmative defense — which amounts to protection from criminal or civil penalties for the commission of a specific crime — for giving lawfully obtained information about wrongdoing to a law enforcement agency, regulatory agency or manager.

Prostitution

The definition of “promoting prostitution” has been ex-

panded in Oregon, thanks to House Bill 4082.

Previously sex trafficking could only be prosecuted if the one “promoting prostitution” was receiving money or property in exchange for their role in facilitating the sexual encounter. The charge of promoting prostitution will now apply to receiving “goods and services derived from prostitution” including benefits like shelter or manual labor.

Postmortem account access

You can now leave your Twitter handle or Instagram photos to someone in your will.

The Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act addresses a problem for the digital age: People are having difficulty getting companies to give them access to their loved ones’ digital assets after they die.

Oregon’s legislature joined several other states in enacting the law, which requires social media companies and other online platforms to give access to social media accounts, blogs, online videos, photos stored in “the cloud” and other digital assets to fiduciaries named in wills, or give users an option such as Facebook’s “legacy contact” setting that allows users to name a third party who can access their account in the event of their death.

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BUDWIG

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Outside of the fun, Budwig said that recording live tends to move more quickly.

“Maybe not everything is perfect, there’s a little more creative element,” he said. “You can make more albums instead of spending 10 years getting everything perfect on one.”

The live recording facilitates the many-album approach of some of Budwig’s musical heroes, namely Willie Nelson and Bob Dylan.

“They’ve made a lot of records that way,” he said. “Some are awful and some are the best records of all time. I think productivity is important.”

The Nevada Sowle recording that Budwig is currently

working on, is the singer’s first solo album. Budwig tries not to lay a heavy hand on the musician’s vision.

“I leave that up to the musician,” he said. “Since it’s a live recording, I’m just trying to catch it the best way possible.”

Gesturing at the stage setup, Budwig said everything is arranged for a more polished, clean sound.

“It’ll be live; but it’ll sound like it’s well-produced,” he said.

Sowle’s album was recorded with the digital setup. While Budwig enjoys the simplicity of the reel-to-reel, he said the digital setup offers more flexibility in recording multiple instruments.

Sowle doesn’t like the idea of musicians playing in isolation booths either, or having individual members record

their tracks at different studios.

“That’s crazy to me. I feel like that wouldn’t be fun,” he said.

What Sowle plays during his two-day session is what the record will sound like.

“After Saturday, since I don’t want to do overdubs, whatever we have recorded by then is what we have — that’s the album,” he said.

James Dean of the Pendleton group “James Dean Kin- dle and the Eastern Oregon Playboys,” said that his band recorded their upcoming album “Roaming Charges May Apply” with Budwig.

He thought it was the most accessible of the studios he considered, and he enjoyed the ambiance of the OK from previous shows at the theatre. The Playboys did some analog recording on the TEAC reel-to-reel, too.

“I wanted to work with (Budwig) one-on-one to see what our work relationship would be like — see if we could communicate properly and if he was the right fit for the band,” Kin- dle said.

After praising Budwig’s good ear for recording, Kin- dle noted other positives.

“He can work quickly. Some of his methods are unorthodox, which I kind of like. Overall, it was an enjoyable recording experience. I’d definitely go back and record if it was for the right project,” he said.

Budwig laughed when asked about what he charges for his recording services.

“I normally just kind of figure it out with people I work with,” he said. “I can be kind of flexible, because I really don’t record people who don’t know me at all.”

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“This is a gradual thing,” he said. I’m not going to hire 20 people immediately and have to lay them off in three years.”

Hays plans to build the facility on 22 acres he owns on Russell Lane in Joseph. He plans to incorporate local resources into his manufacturing plans, including locally-grown barley for the brewery. His company is already mining clay from a site in the county and shipping it to his Philadelphia factory. The ceramic products made from the clay have received positive reviews from customers who have purchased the product from M. Crow, a store in a trendy New York City neighborhood.

“It’s working, the store is getting really positive attention from the press,” he said.

But more than creating another successful business venture, Hays is interested in creating a positive economic impact in Wallowa County.

“If it’s not working for

the locals on that level, I’m not interested in doing it,” he said. “My main focus is creating a community economy here. That’s what we’re about. Not an art thing like I do, but a manufacturing thing based on sustainable local resources.”

Hays also spoke of his desire that the county remain a rural area with rural values.

“I don’t want to see a stoplight in town ... I don’t want this county to become part-time homes and ranches. I want this to be about family-wage jobs,” he said.

Hays said his jobs will pay \$20-\$50 per hour. He hopes to create as many as 50 such positions over the next decade.

The furniture/wood shop would cut furniture from raw wood with computer-aided design and computer controlled 3-D carver/router. It could be the first operation on site, building tables for the BDDW bran.

“The (Computer Numerical Control machines) we use now are the best and baddest you can buy,” he said. “It’s a real high-tech shop.”

He said skilled workers who run the machines would

make \$30-\$40 per hour.

“That’s the key to competing with China, super smart people with wood working knowledge,” he said.

As many in the audience were unaware of what a CNC machine is, Hays said that he hoped to find locals with the required skill set for employment.

“If anyone knows anyone that can run a CNC machine, I’m interested in talking to them. It’s hard to hire anyone over 35 who knows how to run that stuff because they didn’t grow up running iP-hones, etc.”

He stated that he had a much quicker transition time hiring and training young people from high schools or engineering schools for jobs in Philadelphia. “Technology education is the key,” he said.

Joseph mayor Dennis Sands said he had talked with Hays about the project in the past.

“Tyler has a lot of great ideas and I’m very pleased to see that he’s moving ahead,” Sands said. “Once he gets started, I think he’ll go gang-busters.”

man said. “I was super proud of the intensity in which they played the game. It was also nice to give all 11 girls significant minutes of playing time.”

Alexis Sykora scorched the rim with her leading 23 points. Emma Hite followed with 10 and Ally Cooney contributed four to the Eagles cause.

The following day, the Eagles lost a 41-40 nail-biter to eighth-ranked Damascus Christian.

Homan said, despite the loss, it was a good effort.

“I was extremely pleased with the performance our girls

put in. I have a ton of respect for Damascus and their coach Dave Wakefield. His teams are constantly one of the top teams in the state year after year,” Homan said.

Damascus scored with 4.7 seconds on the clock to go up by 1. The Eagles stormed down the court for a last-ditch, game-winning shot that rimmed out at the buzzer.

Again, Sykora led the Eagles with 20 points while Laura Makin sank eight points and Madelyn Nelson scored four.

On Dec. 30, the Eagles took care of North Clackamas Chris-

tian 55-18.

Sykora led the scoring with 19 points with Makin delivering 10 while Nelson and Hite delivered seven points each.

Despite the short turnaround between games and the loss to Damascus Christian, Homan thought the road trip a success.

“Overall this experience was great. We were able to spend some quality time together as a team and really focus on what we need to do to get better,” he said.

The road trip left the Eagles with a 1-1 Old Oregon League record and 7-2 overall.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

On January 24th, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Wallowa County Sheriff’s Office, 104 W Greenwood Street, Enterprise, OR 97828, the defendant’s interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 207 NW Second Street, Enterprise, OR 97828. The court case number is 16-05-14704, where Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the plaintiff, and Kevin E. O’Malley; Priscilla O’Malley; and Persons or Parties Unknown claiming any right, title, lien, or interest in the property described in the Complaint herein are the defendants. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check, in hand, made out to Wallowa County Sheriff’s Office. For more information on this sale go to: www.oregonsheriffssaes.org

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Wallowa County Public Transit Advisory Committee Meeting
Community Connection Dining Room, Enterprise, OR
Thursday- January 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

This meeting is to discuss and make applications for an STF Grant Funds, for seniors and people with disabilities, for the Biennium of 2017 – 2019 and is due on February 17, 2017. This meeting is open to the public.

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On 24th day of January, 2017 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Wallowa County Justice Center, 104 W Greenwood Street, in the City of Enterprise, Oregon, the defendant’s interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 59936 River Canyon Road, Imnaha, OR 97842. The Wallowa County Circuit Court case number is 15-04-14548 where JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association is the plaintiff, and Norma J. Hilty, Individually and as Constructive Trustee of the Estate of David E. Hilty; Unknown Heirs of David E. Hilty; and Parties in Possession are the defendants. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check, in hand, made out to Wallowa County Sheriff’s Office. For more information on this sale go to: www.oregonsheriffssaes.org

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INVITATION FOR BID

Northeast Oregon Housing Authority will accept sealed bid proposals until 3:00 PM Pacific Standard Time January 25, 2017 for the performance of annual audits for fiscal years ending 3/31/17 and 3/31/18. Interested IFAs who meet standards specified in the Standards for Audit of Government Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions may obtain complete proposal specifications from Dale Inslee, at NEOHA’s office, 2608 May Lane, P. O. Box 3357, La Grande, OR 97850 or phone 541-963-5360 extension 22.

(Minority- and/or women-owned businesses are encouraged to respond)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Troy School Board will meet for their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the Troy School House. A copy of the agenda may be seen at the Wallowa Education Service District administrative office at 107 SW First Street #105 in Enterprise.

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Kerry A. Coleman has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of PRISCILLA S. COLEMAN, Deceased, Probate Case No. 16PB08446, Wallowa County Circuit Court, State of Oregon. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate must present them to the Personal Representative at:

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within four months after the first publication date of this notice or they may be barred.
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