

Woman sentenced on drug charges

Carper also guilty of child endangerment

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Amanda Renee Carper, 30, of Enterprise, pleaded guilty to two counts of felony possession of meth, four counts of endangering the welfare of a minor and one count of contempt of court in Wallowa County Circuit Court on July 5.

Carper is the wife of Baltimore Carper, currently residing in Umatilla County Jail for similar and more serious charges, some possibly overlapping Amanda Carper's charges.

Judge Thomas Powers presided.

The four counts of child

endangerment involved children ranging in age from 4 to 17. Two of the children belong to the Carpers.

Carper and her husband were the subject of an investigation into a number of thefts and crimes related to the possession and delivery of meth when the incident occurred Feb. 26.

A warrant and ensuing search found meth in a number of places including the common areas of the home and readily accessible to the children.

Carper also had meth in her purse. The children were placed in foster care after the incident.

The contempt of court and second meth charges resulted from an April 25 incident in which Carper was caught with meth driving a vehicle when her drivers license was suspended and without a registration on April 5 while on a release agreement from a previous charge.

Wallowa County District Attorney Mona Williams said that she didn't recommend more jail time for Carper because she wanted the defendant to have the opportunity to see if she could do the right thing for her two children.

Williams said that the defendant had followed her probation terms and had clean random drug tests for nearly a month.

"In my opinion, the most egregious thing about these cases is the endangering the welfare of these minors and putting these children in the position that she did," she said.

Williams added that at an interview after Carper's arrest, the defendant had recognized she wasn't taking care of her children and that her meth addiction interfered with her

ability to be a good parent.

On the first possession charge, Powers sentenced Carper to 18 months probation and the forfeiture of two motor vehicles as well as \$4,000 in fines and restitution.

The four child endangerment charges resulted in a sentence of 20 days on the county crew and 36 months of supervised probation.

The final charge of meth possession resulted in 18 months of supervised probation and \$1,000 in fines and court fees, and the contempt of court charge resulted in a \$1,000 fine. The charge of driving with a suspended license resulted in a \$545 in fines and court fees.

Carper is also on probation on a Wasco County charge of DUI and was previously convicted of first-degree theft in Flathead County, Mont., for which she is still on probation.



Paul Wahl / Chieftain
Enterprise City Hall remains closed after a July 10 fire. City officials are operating in a temporary site.

FIRE

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all responded to the fire, which was prevented from spreading to the attached fire hall. The damage was extensive.

"It is so bad in there, the humidity is so high from all the water . . . it's like a jungle," said Young. "It's just worsening by the minute. Anyone with asthma simply could not go into the building."

City hall opened in the new location July 17 with operating hours noon until 4 p.m. The shortened hours are necessary because of the amount of work staff will have to do to sort through and restore records.

Most records are redundantly backed up both in the cloud and on discs, and administrators have been assured any information on the smoke damaged computers will be retrieved, Young said. The computers themselves, however, are ruined because of the caustic nature of smoke.

For now, city workers are using home computers set atop tables borrowed from Stage One and GEMS. One new laptop has been purchased.

Records that were lost were mostly day-to-day in nature — land use applications, bills to be paid, survey work, water project information and the like, Young said. Most of those records are retrievable from other sources. It will take time and organization.

Installation of a phone system was expected Wednesday. Messages can still be left at (541) 426-4169 and will be checked three times a day. For now, city workers are using personal cell phones to field calls.

"So far, it's just been phone calls coming and going all day," said Young. "The phone company has been great but the copier

suppliers — it's not a straightforward replacement operation."

Insurance adjusters have not completed their work, but Young said they do know they are leaning toward repairing city hall rather than condemning it, that the insurance deductible is "\$1,000 or something really low," and that the contents of city hall were insured for "approximately \$325,000."

Affronts to the just-financialized city budget are not expected because all repairs should be covered by insurance, Young said.

Beyond restoring records and service, no decisions have been made.

"It's way too early to know what we'll do," said Young. "The people who come and analyze what we need just to clean up haven't even been in yet."

Many historical documents were stored in fireproof containers and are safe, documents from previous years that were stored in the attic are smelly but otherwise safe, other documents are smoke and water damaged but can be copied.

"One thing I really lost sleep over were the volumes of resolutions," said Young. "But although they are heavily smoke damaged, we have them all from 1955 onward and the ones before that date were lost during one of the city hall moves many years ago."

The city hall Facebook page will be updated often as the process of restoring city business continues.

Residents are asked to either mail utility payments or drop them off at the payment drop box at Safeway at the office in the front of the building. A new drop box at the new location will be installed as soon as possible.

There will be no makeup city council session for July. The next session will be the second Monday in August. The location of that session is still to be announced.

Joseph man convicted of DUI, hit-and-run

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James Zacharias, 61, of Joseph, appeared before Judge Russell West on July 12 in Wallowa County Circuit Court on a charge of DUI, four counts of endangering another person and two counts of failure to perform the duties of a driver. The charges resulted from a May 26 incident.

According to police, 911 Dispatch received a 9:49 p.m. call of a crash on Russell Lane in Joseph. Zacharias' vehicle had crossed into and became stuck on a berm. Police said than upon arrival, Zacharias had his foot on the accelerator

trying to dislodge the vehicle.

Law enforcement walked up and banged on the windows. The defendant did not initially respond. After police opened the vehicle's door, Zacharias asked why they had stopped him. The report said Zacharias appeared intoxicated and confused as well as lacking coordination. After attempts at field sobriety tests failed, Zacharias was arrested.

The defendant explained to police that he had been drinking because it was Memorial Day and he wanted to honor the death of a friend who was a Vietnam veteran and other veterans.

Police took Zacharias to

the Wallowa County Justice Center where tests showed his blood alcohol content at 0.25. The legal limit in Oregon is 0.08.

He was later taken to Umatilla County Jail.

Sometime during the evening, Zacharias had also allegedly hit the same vehicle carrying four passengers on two separate occasions, which resulted in the additional charges, which are currently being worked out in a civil compromise.

"What would you tell the mother of a young woman that you ran over and killed because you were 0.25 and too drunk to stop?" West asked.

"I don't know what I would say. There's not a minute of the day goes by that I don't think about that. Thank God, nobody was hurt, but if anybody were hurt or killed in the accident, I'd rather it have been me," Zacharias replied.

West approved a diversion program for Zacharias after noting the defendant had taken steps to get into treatment immediately after the incident.

West also ordered the installation of an ignition interlock device in the defendant's vehicle within a week. The device contains a sensor into which an operator blows. If alcohol is detected, the vehicle does not start.

Wallowa native dies in car crash on I-84

A former Wallowa resident was killed in an auto crash on Interstate 84 in Gilliam County on July 11.

Effie P. Burns, 22, was driving a gray 1996 Honda Civic four-door westbound in

the fast lane when investigators say she lost control of her vehicle.

The vehicle crossed the slow lane and left the roadway, coming to rest against a dirt and rock embankment.

Emergency personnel attempted life-saving measure at the scene, according to Oregon State Patrol.

An infant child passenger who was secured in a child-safety seat was not seriously injured. Burns, who had been living in Gresham, is the daughter of Audra Allen and Rob Burns of Wallowa.

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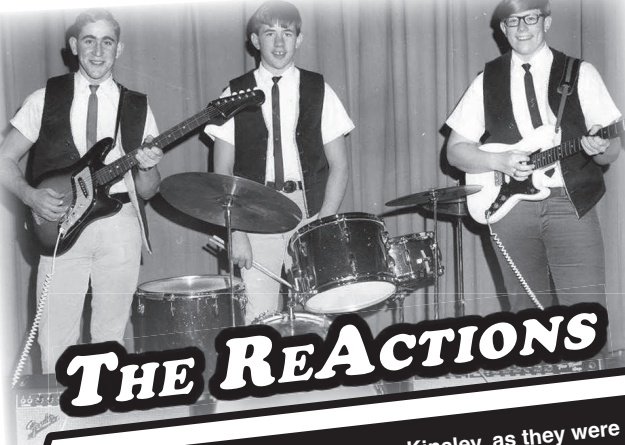
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	2:00pm	Slack — Arena
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	9:00pm	All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center
	9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room
SATURDAY	6:00am	Shrine Breakfast begins
	10:00am	Grand Parade — Main Street
	12:00pm	Nez Perce Friendship Feast — Encampment Pavilion
	2:00pm	Slack — Arena
	3:00pm	Traditional Indian Dance Contest — Encampment Pavilion
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	9:00pm	All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center
	9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room
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