

EO Forum eyes climate impacts

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PENDLETON – The Eastern Oregon Forum will host a program on “Climate Change: Impacts to the Mid-Columbia Basin” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in room ST-200 in the Science & Technology Building at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

Tickets are \$6 at the door.

Students are admitted free.

The forum will examine current climate trends locally, and explore the impacts and opportunities related to the Blue Mountains uplands, forests and local agriculture.

Speakers will include: Mary C. Wister, science and operations officer at the National Weather Service in Pendleton; David Powell, retired silviculturist and cli-

mate change coordinator for the U.S. Forest Service; and Chad Kruger, director of the Washington State University Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources.

On March 10, a second Eastern Oregon Forum will focus on climate change impacts to water, fish, wildlife, and public health.

For more information,

contact Karen Parker at 541-966-3177.

The Eastern Oregon Forum is a collaborative effort among leaders from Blue Mountain Community College, InterMountain Education Service District, the East Oregonian, American Association of University Women, and Harriet Isom, former United States ambassador.

On patrol in the outdoors

JD adds two new OSP game wardens

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle



OSP Trooper Khris Brandon



OSP Trooper Patrick McCosker

JOHN DAY – Two game wardens, Patrick McCosker and Khris Brandon, have been added to the roster at the Oregon State Police John Day Outpost.

McCosker, who has been with OSP for about a year and a half, was transferred to John Day about two months ago from Pendleton, where he was assigned to the Pendleton office as a patrol officer.

Brandon, an OSP officer for five years, transferred recently from the Oregon coast.

McCosker said he enjoyed working patrol in Pendleton, but was “pleasantly surprised” to land the John Day position after such a short time with the state police. He added that

his main interest in joining OSP was to work in the Fish and Wildlife Division, in a location plentiful in backcountry.

“Over the last 13 years, I’ve had the opportunity to hunt in John Day several times and love the area,” McCosker said.

He and his wife have two sons, and all are settling in and happy with the welcome they’ve received in Grant County.

A Reedsport native, Brandon has been with OSP since August 2008. He worked for about two years in the Patrol Division in Coos Bay, before transferring to Fish and Wildlife.

He stayed there about four years before seeking a transfer to John Day, still with Fish and Wildlife.

Earlier, Brandon was assigned to a commercial fisheries position on the coast. He is also a firearms instructor for the state police.

Before his law enforcement career, he worked for 12 years as a line clearance tree trimmer. His hobbies include mostly outdoor recreation activities, such as hunting, fishing and shooting.

He and his wife have three children, all of whom are in schools in the John Day area.

MONUMENT OATH



Contributed photo

Jamie Schafer, left, is sworn in as the new mayor for the City of Monument, by Councilor Jim Stubblefield. The ceremony took place during a special city council meeting on Jan. 9.

Wanted: Camp host

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HINES – The Emigrant Creek Ranger District is seeking a volunteer campground host for the Idlewild and Joaquin Miller campgrounds.

The host is needed from May 17 through Nov. 13, and must provide their own trailer or RV.

Hosts generally are available to the public Thursday through Monday, including holidays.

Duties include campground clean-up, litter patrol, and cleaning and restocking bathrooms.

Hosts are reimbursed for gas for travel between the campgrounds and receive \$19 per day for out-of-pocket expenses. They get a free campsite and propane.

For further information contact Brian Speeg, recreation technician for the ranger district at 541-573-4348.

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.

Oregon State Police

• Jan. 19: At about 3:30 p.m. Oregon State Police responded to a single vehicle crash due to icy conditions on Highway 26 near Austin Junction. The driver and passenger, both Prairie City juveniles, received minor injuries.

• Jan. 20: At about 3:30 p.m., OSP arrested Cody Michael Bullard, 21, of Mt. Vernon, on a felony warrant for probation violation. He was lodged in Grant County Jail.

• Jan. 25: At about 6 p.m., OSP investigated a commercial vehicle v. deer crash on Highway 395 just north of Mt. Vernon. Neither the driver nor passenger, both of Burns, was injured.

• Jan. 31: At 11:12 p.m., OSP arrested Seth Logan Blakeslee, 18, of Monument, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and minor-in-possession of alcohol.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff’s Office reported the following for the week of Jan. 23-29:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 28
- Average inmates: 17
- Bookings: 13
- Releases: 13
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 20
- Civil papers processed: 28
- Warrants processed: 2
- Assistance/welfare check: 2

- Search and Rescue operations: 1
- Pat Didelius, 39, Walla Walla, Wash., cited for violation of the basic rule, 80/55 zone.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 129 calls during the week of Jan. 26-Feb. 1. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:**
 - Jan. 30: Cited a man for theft of services in Prairie City.
 - Jan. 31: Arrested a John Day man for probation violation.
- **Grant County Sheriff:**
 - Jan. 27: Cited a Walla Walla, Wash., man for speeding.
 - Jan. 29: Burglary reported in the Corral Gulch area.
 - Jan. 30: Cited a John Day man for driving with no insurance.
 - Jan. 31: Responded for a dispute in Long Creek; cited a Pendleton man for no driver’s license.

Feb. 1: Report of shots fired on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon and in the Marysville/Pit area; theft reported in the Bumpy Road area.

John Day ambulance:

Jan. 26: Requested for a 2-year-old who put something up their nose.

Jan. 28: Transported a 51-year-old with surgery complications.

Jan. 29: Responded for a 91-year-old man who fell.

Feb. 2: 86-year-old woman having breathing problems.

Prairie City ambulance:

Jan. 29: Paged for a man with a possible heart attack.

John Day Fire Department:

Jan. 29: Report of sparks coming out of a breaker box at Riverside Mobile Home Park.

Seneca ambulance:

Feb. 1: Responded for an 80-year-old woman.

Justice Court

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

• Driving while suspended-violation: Taylor Lynn Tussing, 21, John Day, fined \$435; Whitney Jo Pattee, 26, Prairie City, (two violations, Dec. 13 and 23), fined \$435

for each; Ryan Glen Chapman, 40, John Day, fined \$435; Kayla Leigh Nealy, 27, Bonanza, fined \$435; Michael Todd Millette, 42, Bend, fined \$435.

• Driving uninsured: Taylor Lynn Tussing, 21, John Day, fined \$260; Whitney Jo Pattee, 26, Prairie City, (two violations, Dec. 13 and 23), fined \$260 for each; Ryan Glen Chapman, 40, John Day, fined \$260; Michael Todd Millette, 42, Bend, fined \$260.

• Violation of the basic rule: Julie Joline Smith, 53, Kimberly, 80/55 zone, fined \$220; Seth Logan Blakeslee, 18, Monument, 71/55 zone, fined \$160; Brandon Alan Svitak, 29, Baker City, 70/55 zone, fined \$135; Ashley Anne Northam, 41, Hillsboro, 77/55 zone, fined \$260; Michael Todd Millette, 42, Bend, 74/55 zone, fined \$160.

• Failure to register vehicle: Ryan Glen Chapman, 40, John Day, fined \$110; Douglas William Gould, 53, Madras, fined \$60.

• Failure to drive within lane: Ben G. Luethe Jr., 70, Mt. Vernon, fined \$220.

• Permit unlawful operation of a vehicle: Ryan Glen

Chapman, 40, John Day, fined \$260.

• Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana: Kailyn Skinner, Davis, Calif., fined \$675; Owen McCloud, Portland, fined \$675.

• Unlawful possession of marijuana: Mark C. Larimore, Silver Lake, Wash., fined \$675; Caleb J. Vielma, Mt. Vernon, fined \$675.

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COUNTRY FINANCIAL

A Special Board Meeting of the Directors of Grant County ESD will be held Monday, February 9th, 2015, at the Child Care Resource and Referral Office located at 530 E. Main St. #6, John Day, OR. The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint a potential board member to a component school district board. No executive session is planned. 5

Clarification on last Week’s Opinion

I want to thank those who came up to shake my hand or talk about your concerns this week. You are the reason I am here. To those who are angry, that’s ok. I know my opinion in last week’s paper hit a few nerves, especially with the Powers That Be. We will have to agree to disagree.

If you believe I think the entire system is “corrupt,” let me say, I never used that word. And, I personally know elected officials who are honest. Regarding my comments about a conflict of interest, if the description does not fit you, they weren’t meant for you. Those who I was aiming at know who they are. For those of you clambering for details, after more than 30 years of investigative experience, you never divulge names and evidence until the indictments are filed. Funny, John, but I’ve always found that those who push the hardest to know what evidence I have are the very ones who have the most reason to be worried for themselves or their friends! Any retired law enforcement would know that, even those from Cali! Enough of the games, John. If you have more to say, please come to our meetings. We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm in the Squeeze-In Restaurant. Everyone is invited.

During my campaign, I told you what I was going to do – what I was going to fight for. Now, there are those who want me to “go along to get along.” But, I can only do that IF the job is getting done. “Going along” is what’s got us to where we are!

Regardless of whether you agree with me or not, removing the pacifier is the first step to talking. We don’t all have to agree on everything, but I think we can all agree that something needs to be done.

I welcome your comments or thoughts. You may direct them to NickyASprauve@gmail.com.

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