

Ferrioli attends governor's swearing-in

Appearance comes with a statement

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SALEM – State Sen. Ted Ferrioli attended last week's installation of Gov. Kate Brown after all.

Ferrioli stirred some criticism Feb. 13 when he said he wouldn't attend the ceremony, but planned to drive home to John Day from Salem instead.

Last Wednesday, Feb. 18, he issued a statement noting that the decision to skip the event "could easily have been misconstrued as being about Kate Brown as governor of Oregon."

"That was not my intent," he said.

The statement noted that both Sen. Jackie Winters (R-Salem) and Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) had urged him to attend to escort the new governor, and he agreed.

"I told President Courtney that I would be honored to escort the governor, but not as a show of solidarity with Democrat Caucus Leaders who are running a destructive, divisive, partisan agenda using their su-

permajority status to flatten all opposition," Ferrioli said.

He also described his change in plans as a demonstration of solidarity with House Republican Leader Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte).

"I will attend because it is the right thing to do and because it is an honor to be asked," he said. "Most of all, I will attend to remind the majority party that all Oregonians expect Legislators to look beyond a Portland-centric political agenda and do what is right for Oregonians wherever they may reside."

Later in the day, the GOP leader, McLane, issued a statement congratulating the governor and her family "on this important day."

"I'm hopeful that Gov. Brown will guide our state in a bipartisan manner and I look forward to working with her to serve all Oregonians," McLane said.

Ferrioli's initial decision to skip the ceremony drew criticism from Democratic constituents, who wrote letters to the editor and called the Eagle with their protests.

For more news out of Salem, see stories in the Capital Bureau section on MyEagleNews.com.

Palmer gains new title, duties

Sheriff takes on deputy ME post for Grant County

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CANYON CITY – Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer is the county's new deputy medical examiner, certified to respond and do certain medical procedures in death investigations.

Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter and Dr. Dave Hall, the county's medical examiner, presented a certificate to Palmer and congratulated him on achieving the new role last Friday at the Sheriff's Office in Canyon City.

Deputy medical examiners are trained to investigate deaths with unexplained circumstances, preserve evidence and collect certain samples that help with such investigations.

To qualify for the post, Palmer took a 40-hour class and also did a dozen hours in an "externship" – a hands-on practical experience with other professionals – in Clackamas County. The deputy medical examiner training is provided through the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office.

In his duties as sheriff, Palmer often responds to unattended deaths, acci-



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Receiving his certificate last Friday, Sheriff Glenn Palmer is congratulated by District Attorney Jim Carpenter (left) and Dr. Dave Hall, the county's medical examiner.

dents, altercations and other situations where his new skills may come into play. Palmer said his training covered collecting blood samples, procedures to get toxicology and physical exams underway and to assess certain factors that may mean a

criminal investigation is needed.

For Hall, the training offers more flexibility for initial response to death reports, as he juggles the demands of a medical

practice with the county duties.

As medical examiner, Hall is still the one who determines cause of death and signs the death certificates.

Revised indictment filed in fire equipment case

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CANYON CITY – The state filed a revised indictment last week to correct errors in an earlier indictment of Monument-area resident Roy Richard Peterson.

In a hearing Feb. 19 in Grant County Circuit Court, Judge William D. Cramer Jr. allowed the new filing, dated Feb. 18, to supersede the first indictment.

Assistant Attorney General B.J. Park told the court the amended indictment was presented to the same grand jury that issued the first one.

He said the new indictment "cures" several errors in the original filing: the lack of a signature by the state's attorney, the omission of Grant County as the location in several counts, and an incorrect year on the date-stamped filing date.

Last week's hearing was set to hear arguments on a demurrer objecting to those and other aspects of the original indictment, filed by D. Zachary Hostetler, Peterson's defense attorney.

Hostetler said he would file a demurrer on the new indictment this week, and asked the judge to set a new hearing. Cramer scheduled those arguments for March 19.

The indictment charges Peterson with two counts of first-degree aggravated theft, one count of first-degree theft, one count of unauthorized use of a vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and five counts of making a false statement in a title application.

The case arose out of the years-long effort to form and equip a rural fire district in the Monument area.

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GRANT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

Budget Committee Vacancy

Grant School District #3 is accepting applications for two openings on its budget committee. Applicants must reside within District 3's Boundaries and be a registered voter for one year. Those interested in applying may pick up an application from Superintendent Mark Witty, 401 N. Canyon Blvd., Canyon City. Application deadline is Wednesday, March 11.

MEETING NOTICE

UPPER MAINSTEM AND SOUTH FORK JOHN DAY RIVER AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PLAN.

The 2nd meeting of Biennial Review of the Upper Mainstem and South Fork John Day River Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan will be held Monday, March 2, 2015 at 4:00pm at the USDA Conference Room at 721 S. Canyon Blvd., in John Day.

Contact Jason Kehrberg or Pat Holliday at 541-575-0135 with any questions.

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 arrest cases.

Circuit Court

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

- Thomas Ian Gray, 28, pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault. He was sentenced to jail for four days, supervised probation for 18 months and 60 hours community service, and fined \$100. The court dismissed one count of menacing.

- David Wayne Haynes was convicted, on an Alford plea, of conspiracy to deliver methamphetamine. He was sentenced to jail for 17 days.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Feb. 13-19:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 8
- Average inmates: 7
- Bookings: 6
- Releases: 8
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 4
- Fingerprints: 8
- Civil papers processed: 13

- Warrants processed: 6
- Assistance/welfare check: 2

- Search and Rescue operations: 1

- John Bennett, 58, of Las Vegas, cited for dangerous building and nuisance.

- Raelene Hunt, 26, Mt. Vernon, cited for city ordinance.

- Helen Hunt, 49, Mt. Vernon, cited for city ordinance.
- Robert Gardner, 24, La Grande, cited for violation of the basic rule, 75/55 zone.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 110 calls during the week of Feb. 16-22. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile com-

plaints, these calls included:

John Day Police:

- Feb. 16: Report of a bull running down Highway 26 near Moon Creek Road.

- Feb. 19: Criminal mischief reported in the 100 block of South Canyon Boulevard; responded to a violation of release agreement in John Day.

- Feb. 20: Cited a Prairie City woman for use of a cellphone while driving; report of shots fired in the 600 block of West Main Street in John Day.

- Feb. 22: Criminal mischief reported in the 300 block of West Main Street in John Day.

Monument Fire Department:

- Feb. 22: Grass fire reported on Top Road.

Grant County Sheriff:

- Feb. 17: Theft reported in Dayville.

John Day ambulance:

- Feb. 17: Dispatched for a man with difficulty breathing.

- Feb. 18: Dispatched for a woman who fell.

- Feb. 21: Responded to calls in the Rebel Hill area of Canyon City, the 400 block of North Washington Street in Prairie City, and the 700 block of Southwest Brent Street in John Day.

- Feb. 22: Responded for a

92-year old woman who was sick.

Justice Court

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

- Exceeding speed limit: Raymond Herbert Martin, 56, Long Creek, 47/30 zone, fined \$160; Stephanie Irene Hodson, 43, Lebanon, 54/30 zone, fined \$235; Paul Lee Broeder, 48, La Pine, 61/35 zone, fined \$260.

- Violation of the basic rule: Hoang Nygyen Nguyen-Kim, 26, Lansing, Mich., 82/55 zone, fined \$260; Robert Ryan Navarro, 36, Kennewick, Wash., 91/55 zone, fined \$435; Timothy John Vollmer, 69, Baker City, 70/55 zone, fined \$135.

- Failure to property use safety belt: Nicholas P. Seubert, 42, Cottonwood, Idaho, fined \$110.

- No Oregon operator's license: Celeste Donna Lee, 23, Mt. Vernon, fined \$260.

- Driving uninsured: Efrain Gary Camacho, 26, John Day, fined \$260; Rachel Anne Cross, 28, Prairie City, fined \$260.

- Failure to renew regis-

tration: Shadwick Edward Moles, 28, John Day, fined \$110.

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Movie Schedule February 13 - 19

***FOCUS R**
Will Smith. Con-man's latest scheme is interrupted by a woman from his past.
FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:40
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON - THURS 7:10

***BIRDMAN R**
A washed up actor battles his ego and attempts to recover his family, his career and himself in the days leading up to the opening of a Broadway play.
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:35
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON - THURS 7:00

***McFARLAND, USA PG**
A cross country coach in a small town transforms a team of athletes into championship contenders.
FRI & SAT (3:50) 6:50 9:30
SUNDAY (3:50) 6:50
MON - THURS 6:50

\$8 Adult, \$6 Senior (60+), \$6 Child

NOW SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Community Connection has funds available for utility payment assistance in Union, Wallowa, Baker and Grant counties. Please contact your local office of Community Connect for more information or to schedule your appointment. Funds are limited.

Union	Baker	Wallowa	Grant
1504 Albany La Grande, OR 541-963-3186	2810 Cedar St. Baker City, OR 541-523-6591	702 NW First St. Enterprise, OR 541-426-3840	142 NE Dayton John Day, OR 541-575-2949

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Grant SWCD Weed Control Dept. Working for You in 2015

Thanks to the Grant County Court and Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee, Grant Weed Control is able to offer **Noxious Weed Control on Private Grazing Lands**, through a Title II funded Grant Project. This program will provide a maximum \$5,000 of noxious weed control services to qualifying landowners. To be eligible for participation, the treatment property must not be irrigated and be primarily managed for livestock grazing, minimum of 20 acres in size, located within Grant County, and must contain priority noxious weed species. Applications for this limited weed control assistance opportunity will be ranked and funded according to a priority noxious weed list. **Contact the Grant Soil and Water Conservation District office at 541-575-1554 or visit 721 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845 for applications and additional information.**

The application deadline for this program is April 3, 2015.