

Burn permits come to an end Friday

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Amid fire and drought concerns, the Oregon Department of Forestry is calling an early halt – this Friday – to the slash and ag burn season in the John Day Unit.

The unit will not issue any new permits for logging slash or machine piles burning after this Friday. Existing permit holders also will be notified of Friday's deadline.

Large agricultural burns will be allowed by exception

only after that date.

The only permitted burning after Friday will be backyard burns and burn barrels, which usually are allowed until fire season begins, usually in June or July.

ODF officials cite fire conditions, lack of snow-pack, lack of resources for response, and budget issues for the early end to the landowner burn season. In recent years, landowners have been able to burn to the end of March – or later if conditions were wet enough.

Volunteers train at fire academy

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Several volunteers from Grant and Harney counties recently completed training at the annual entry level firefighter academy offered by the Grant-Harney Training Association.

Seven firefighters from the two counties completed the academy, plus several others participated in the CPR class taught by a staff member from Harney District Hospital.

Those from Grant County included Lineah Barnett and instructor Denise Porter, from the Long Creek Fire Department; Carl and Ronda Metter,



Participants in the Grant-Harney County 2015 entry level firefighter academy.

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instructors from John Day Fire; and Jesse McKinley from Mt. Vernon Fire.

The academy took place over three weekends in January

and February, and totaled 60 hours.

The classes included fire behavior, firefighter safety and survival, search and rescue, water

supply, fire streams, and salvage and overhaul.

Communications, building construction and CPR were among other topics covered.

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:

- Travis James Freniere, 28, pleaded guilty to failure to report as a sex offender, on or about Jan. 25, 2015. He was sentenced to jail for 10 days, and fined \$250.

- Miguel Angel Franco, 41, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was sentenced to jail for 20 days, bench probation for 18 months and 40 hours community service, and fined \$1,600. His driver's license was suspended for three years. He pleaded guilty to criminal driving while suspended or revoked. He was sentenced to jail for five days, bench probation for 18 months and 40 hours community service, and fined \$1,000. His driver's license was suspended for 90 days. The sentence is to be concurrent with a previously imposed ones. He pleaded guilty to violation of ignition interlock device installation condition, and was fined \$230. The court dismissed counts for violating a speed limit, driving uninsured, operating a vehicle without driving privileges and violating the open container law in a vehicle.

Oregon State Police

- Feb. 19: At 1:38 p.m., Oregon State Police arrested Gary Wayne Moulton, 28, Prairie City, on an outstanding bench warrant, and cited him for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. He was lodged in Grant County Jail.

- Feb. 20: At 12:25 a.m., arrested Farrell Duane Clark, 33, John Day, for driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was taken to Grant County Jail.

- Feb. 24: At 12:52 p.m., cited Michelle Lisa Clarke, 48, Sumpter, for violation of the basic rule, failure to install an ignition interlock device and driving while suspended-misdemeanor.

- Feb. 24: At 3:17 p.m., cited Brandon Joseph Elliott, 28, John

Day, for traffic offenses and driving under the influence of a controlled substance.

- Feb. 27: At 6:46 p.m., investigated a single vehicle roll-over crash on Highway 26 near Austin Junction. The occupants, Thomas Alan and Marilee Jay, of Prineville, were uninjured.

- March 1: At about 2:45 a.m., cited Tracy Neil Burmeister, 55, Dayville, for DUII and failure to drive within lane.

- March 2: At 7:07 p.m., arrested Travis James Freniere, 28, for failing to register as a sex offender, and two outstanding warrants out of Del Norte Superior Court in California. He was lodged in Grant County Jail.

- March 4: At 1:30 p.m., on Highway 395 north of Mt. Vernon, cited David Moles, 59, John Day, for failure to brand traps/snare.

- March 7: At about 3:30 p.m., on Highway 26, near County Road 19, cited Lowdell J. Herford, 53, Lone, Wash., for DUII and careless driving.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Feb. 27-March 5:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 13

- Average inmates: 9
- Bookings: 11
- Releases: 7
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 9
- Civil papers processed: 18
- Warrants processed: 5
- Assistance/welfare check: 2
- Adam Gilliam, 23, John Day, was cited for violation of the basic rule, 75/55 zone.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 145 calls during the week of March 2-8. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

John Day Police:

March 3: Burglary reported in Riverside Mobile Home Park.

March 4: Arrested a John Day man on a Grant County warrant.

March 6: Arrested a Prairie City woman for probation violation.

March 7: Hit-and-run reported in Riverside Mobile Home Park; arrested a John Day man on a Grant County warrant; arrested a Prairie City man for DUII.

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Grant County Sheriff:

March 2: Hit-and-run reported in Long Creek; arrested a John Day man on a restraining order violation.

March 3: Fraud reported in Seneca.

March 4: Report of shots fired in the Long Box area.

March 6: Report of fraud in the Fox area.

Justice Court

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

- Mt. Vernon city code-nuisance ordinance: Raelene Reed, 26, Mt. Vernon, fined \$100, to

be dismissed if the six-month diversion is completed.

- Violation of the basic rule: Jeffrey Linn Remington, 48, Winchester, 79/55 zone, fined \$260; Robert W. Gardner, 24, La Grande, 75/55 zone, fined \$160; Michael Clark, 49, Spray, 75/55 zone, (Dec. 19, 2014) fined \$135; Horst Blinde, 76, Renton, Wash., 78/55 zone, fined \$260; Nicolas Brandon Nyman, 20, Crane, 75/55 zone,

fined \$135; Kelly Rhae Lamere, 44, Klamath Falls, 80/55 zone, fined \$220.

- Driving uninsured: Jeanne Marie Moles, 29, John Day, (Dec. 16, 2014) fined \$260; Travis James Freniere, 28, John Day, three charges of driving uninsured (Dec. 6, 2014, Dec. 19, 2014, and Jan. 4, 2015), fined \$260 for each.

- Failure to register vehicle: Travis James Freniere, 28, John Day, fined \$110.

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***MON-THURS 7:00**

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SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10

***MON-THURS 7:10**

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MON-THURS 7:20

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