

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:

- Steven Michael Armistead, 38, pleaded guilty to failure to report as a sex offender. He was sentenced to jail for seven days, bench probation for 12 months and 20 hours community service, and fined \$350.

Grant County Sheriff

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

- Concealed handgun licenses: 13
- Average inmates: 17.5
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 7
- Civil papers processed: 6
- Warrants processed: 6
- Welfare check: 3

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 119 calls during the week of March 16-22. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:**
March 19: Responded for a report of identity theft; trespassing reported in Prairie City; cited a man on a Linn County warrant.
March 20: Theft reported in the Chester's Thriftway area.
March 22: Cited a Gresham man for speeding near Pine Creek Road; cited Long Creek man for speeding in Prairie City.
- **Grant County Sheriff:**
March 16: Arrested a John Day man on a warrant.
March 17: Arrested a man on a Linn County warrant.
March 19: Arrested a woman on a Grant County warrant.
March 20: Responded to a vehicle accident east of Prairie City.
March 21: Cited a Canyon City woman for harassment.
- **John Day ambulance:**
March 18: Responded for a man in his 70s.
March 19: 82-year-old woman who fell.
- **Mt. Vernon ambulance:**
March 19: Responded for a woman with a dislocated knee.

Justice Court

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

- Violation of the basic rule: Paul S. Didelius, 39, Walla Walla, Wash., 80/55 zone, fined \$260; James Warren Phillips, 17, John Day, 74/55 zone, fined \$135.
- Violation of the speed limit: James Warren Phillips, 17, John Day, fined \$160;
- Operating a motor vehicle in violation of license restrictions: James Warren Phillips, 17, John Day, fined \$260.
- Exhibition of speed: Casey T. Mortimore, 28, John Day, fined \$435.
- Use of cellphone while driving: Tonya L. Wood, 46, Prairie City, fined \$160.
- Driving while suspended: Steven Russell Perry, 54, Mt. Vernon, fined \$435.
- Driving uninsured: Steven Russell Perry, 54, Mt. Vernon, fined \$260.
- Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana: Gary Wayne Moulton, 28, Prairie City, \$650.
- Jacob Bowling, Eugene, was convicted of second-degree criminal trespass, and fined \$435, and discharging a weapon from across a public roadway, and fined \$260. His hunting privileges were suspended for 36 months.

Three injured in vehicle rollover

Speed cited as factor in wreck near Prairie City

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PRAIRIE CITY – Three people were injured in a vehicle rollover about 1:45 p.m., Friday, March 20, on Highway 26, 4 miles east of Prairie City.

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the driver, Joy Savage, 32, lost control of the westbound vehicle, which was en route from Ontario to Madras. The vehicle hit a guardrail, flipped, and came to an upright rest facing east.

The Sheriff's Office said speed appeared to be a factor in the crash. Savage and the two passengers, Jessie Salway and Thomas Infante, both 29, were transported to Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day, with minor-to-serious injuries.

Oregon State Police assisted in the incident. The investigation is ongoing.



Contributed/Grant County Sheriff's Office

Three people were taken to the hospital after a rollover wreck east of Prairie City last Friday, March 20.

Walden pushes extension of county payments

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Greg Walden offered new hope Tuesday for an extension of the Secure Rural Schools program for roads and schools in forest counties.

Walden said he has secured a two-year extension, including it in a bipartisan agreement to reform how doctors are paid under Medicare. The House is expected to vote on the measure this week.

The Hood River Republican said he and House Speaker John Boehner had pledged to continue the "lifeline for rural Oregon communities" by March 31, and they made good on that promise.



Rep. Greg Walden

He also credited Rep. Peter DeFazio, an Oregon Democrat, for his support in the effort. "This two-year extension gives us time to continue work on a long-term plan to reform federal forest policy to grow jobs in the woods, improve forest health, and provide certainty for essential local services like schools and roads," Walden said.

Walden said that if the county payments were not extended, the consequences would be dire for public safety and education – and he cit-

ed a Grant County example. "School districts like Grant County School District 3 would be forced to choose between laying off 10 percent of their teachers, eliminating 10 days of instruction, or deferring maintenance for an entire year on their 90-year-old school facilities," he said.

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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.

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