

# JD officer gets Atiyeh award

## Durr honored following police academy class

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**Officer Mike Durr**

SALEM – John Day Police Officer Mike Durr was awarded the Victor G. Atiyeh “Outstanding Student” award on Feb. 20, following his graduation from the basic police course at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem. The award is given to the outstanding student of each basic class, as selected by their fellow students and the academy staff. It recognizes exceptional professionalism through an exemplary attitude and noteworthy achievement in leadership, academics, health and fitness, and survival skills.

Only about a dozen or so law enforcement officers from across the state receive the honor each year. The Atiyeh award is named for the former Oregon governor who, among other accomplishments during his term of office, was instrumental in establishing the Oregon Public Safety Academy where the standards and training program is held. Durr, retired from the Oregon State Police, spent five years as a reserve officer with John Day Police. The city department hired him full time a year ago to assist with patrols in Prairie City, through a contract arrangement between the two towns.

# Kudos for OSP troopers

## JD Worksite lauded for DUII enforcement

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JOHN DAY –The Oregon State Police John Day Worksite was one of two OSP offices recognized on April 23 with an award for outstanding efforts in DUII enforcement. The Portland Area Command also received the award, presented by the Oregon DUII Multi-Disciplinary Task Force. The honor is given to a city police department, sheriff’s office, or Oregon state police office/worksite that initiated or accomplished an effective DUII enforcement program through education, prevention, deterrence or community involvement. The John Day Worksite was nominated by the Grant County District Attorney’s Office for its dedication to the investigation and reduction of DUII. In 2014, John Day troopers arrested over 45 impaired drivers in addition to other activities, including hosting or sponsoring DUII refresher training, participating in victim impact panels and health fairs, and assisting with community awareness campaigns through local media.



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On behalf of the Oregon State Police John Day Worksite, Trooper Erich Timko, right, accepts an award for the department’s “outstanding efforts in DUII enforcement” from OSP Lt. Mark Duncan of Ontario.

# Open house May 13 focuses on prescribed burning

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JOHN DAY – The Malheur National Forest will hold an informational open house about its prescribed fire program on Wednesday, May 13. The event will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Supervisor’s Office,

431 Patterson Bridge Road. As part of the Malheur’s hazardous fuels reduction program, districts are conducting spring landscape prescribed burning in various areas. Fire management staff encourage anyone interested in the program to attend. There will be

an opportunity for questions and information will be available on all aspects, including the burn locations, methods, and reasons for using prescribed burns. Prescribed burns are designed to both reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, as well as to restore overall health of the

national forest system lands. They are an integral part of land management across the Malheur Forest, and each burn represents many hours of planning and preparation. Specific weather and vegetative conditions must be in place in order to conduct these burns.

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## 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.*

**Grant County Sheriff**  
 CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff’s Office reported the following for the week of April 17-23:  
 • Concealed handgun licenses: 17  
 • Average inmates: 16  
 • Bookings: 11  
 • Releases: 10  
 • Arrests: 2  
 • Citations: 2  
 • Fingerprints: 9  
 • Civil papers: 17  
 • Warrants processed: 4  
 • Asst./welfare check: 2  
 • Julius Youngren, 60, Salem, was cited for DUII.  
 • Bruce Grant, 62, Mt. Vernon, was cited for probation violation, fourth-degree assault, harassment and interfering with making a report.

**Dispatch**  
 John Day dispatch worked 120 calls during the week of April 20-26. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile

complaints, these calls included:  
 • **John Day Police:**  
 April 20: Hit-and-run reported in the 400 block of South Canyon Boulevard.  
 April 21: Arrested a John Day woman, a John Day man and a Prairie City man on Grant County warrant.  
 April 22: Cited a John Day woman for disobeying red lights on a school bus; cited an Albany woman for speeding.  
 April 23: Cited a Redmond man for speeding.  
 April 25: Cited a John Day man for third-degree theft; arrested a Prairie City man for fourth-degree domestic assault.  
 April 26: Responded to a report of a disturbance at Meadowbrook Apartments; arrested a White City man for providing false information and several Jackson County warrants, and cited him for speeding, driving while suspended and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.  
 • **Grant County Sheriff:**  
 April 25: Report of a gun theft in the 300 block of North Humbolt Street.

• **Monument ambulance:**  
 April 23: Responded for a 31-year-old man with medication complications.  
**Justice Court**  
 CANYON CITY – The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:  
 • Violation of the basic rule: Gadiq S. Nevo, 33, Ithaca, N.Y., 71/55 zone, fined \$160; Shiloh Ann Jackson, 37, Redmond, 83/55 zone, fined \$260; David A. Gray, 66, Prairie City, 72/55 zone, fined \$135; Joshua Dakota Anderson, 20, La Pine, 76/55 zone, fined \$220; Jordyne N. Hellbusch, 20, Baker City, 78/55 zone, fined \$220; Amanda J. Vanbatavia, 25, Hines, 74/55 zone, fined \$235.  
 • Open container of alcohol: Johnathan Ryan Shelley, 26, La Pine, fined \$260.  
 • Driving while suspended-violation: Whitney Jo Pattee, 26, Prairie City, fined \$435.  
 • Failure to properly use a safety belt: Evan Jacob Hodge, 37, Mt. Vernon, fined \$95.  
 • Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana: Kyle Nicholas Crumley, 22, Meridian, Idaho, fined \$650.

• William F. Brooks, Eagle Point, was convicted of no big game tag. He was fined \$700, and his hunting privileges were suspended for 36 months.  
 • Jared J. Baker was convicted of contempt of court, and sentenced to service 15 days in jail.

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**MOVIE SCHEDULE MAY 1-7**

**AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON PG-13**  
 When Tony Stark tries to jumpstart a dormant peacekeeping program, things go awry.  
 FRI & SAT (3:45) 6:45 9:45  
 SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45  
 MON - THURS 6:45

**THE MONKEY KINGDOM G**  
 A nature documentary that follows a newborn monkey and its mother as they struggle to survive.  
 FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:40  
 SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10  
 MON - THURS 7:10

**UNFRIENDED R**  
 A group of online friends are haunted by a supernatural force using the account of their dead friend.  
 FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:50  
 SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00  
 MON - THURS 7:00  
 ( ) = Bargain Matinee  
**\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth**

## Dotty Parsons

Blue Mountain Hospital Board  
 Position #3

I am a long time resident in the John Day area, involved in this hospital and community for over 22 years and I believe I have a lot to contribute to this position. I am retired now and have time to commit to this position.

I worked for the John Day Hospital for 10 years as a Physical Therapy Assistant and 9 years as a volunteer EMT-B/EMT-I. My work experience includes 5 years at St Charles in Bend as a Home Health Physical Therapy Assistant. At which time I came under the transition of a hospital trying to stay afloat during the down turn of economy, the Obama Care being instilled in health care, and Medicare regulations changing rapidly. Changes are hard; I have personal experience in those changes as an employee of St Charles Hospital and know the hardships. It takes commitment and teamwork to get through it. My experience as a union business owner, manager and bookkeeper for 22 years for S&C Electric will be valuable to the position also. During that time we had up to 10 employees to manage, and experience with healthcare and retirement costs.

I have a keen interest in the health care for this community because I have been part of it. I want to help create a pride in our healthcare and I would appreciate your vote.

Thank You

Paid for by Dotty Parsons

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