



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter Grant County Air Search members Bonnie and Robert Watt check out new equipment the group recently acquired.

Equipment gives sharper eye from the sky

GC Air Search trains with technology

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Technology will give Grant County Air Search crews a boost as they keep an eye from the sky in future search efforts.

The group recently purchased equipment which helps locate aircraft wreckage sites and will be mounted on two aircraft, and one ground-search vehicle.

Robert Watt, who along with his wife Bonnie has been with the Grant

County Air Search for three years, explained how the locators work.

He said all aircraft are required to have an emergency locator transmitter (ELT) and when a crash occurs, it self-activates on impact, or it can be activated manually.

The ELT signal can be picked up by pilots on passing aircraft who then alert the controlling agency in Seattle, Wash.; from there the sheriff would receive word about the vicinity of the crash.

Robert said the problem is that ELT signals can bounce off mountains, making it difficult to find the downed plane.

“This equipment can pinpoint (a

plane crash) within 80 feet, which is impressive,” Bonnie said. “The science behind it is exciting.”

The Air Search crew has trained with the new equipment, which includes a “practice” ELT box which only emits signals to the Air Search team’s locators.

When on the lookout, the pilot flies the plane with one to two observers running the machine and looking for the crash site and survivors.

The equipment would have helped last year when a small plane had a mishap in the northwest corner of the county, and the search crew ended up 23 miles off target – without any ELT

locators.

“It just takes one time when having the type of equipment would be worth it,” Robert said.

Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer said they purchased the equipment with money donated to the county search crews and the Sheriff’s Office from people who wanted to thank them for their assistance.

“We paid \$2,000 for everything,” Palmer said. “It’s a godsend to us.”

Anyone interested in joining Grant County Air Search can call the Sheriff’s Office at 541-575-1131.

“We’re always in need of good volunteers with Air Search,” Bonnie said.

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:

• Ian Edward Garret Humbird, 19, pleaded guilty May 28 to one count of encouraging child sexual abuse in the second degree and one count of third-degree rape, stemming from incidents last February and November involving an underage girlfriend. On the first count, he was sentenced to supervised probation for two years, 20 days in jail with credit for time served, and 40 hours of community service, and he was ordered to complete a sexual offender treatment program, avoid contact with children, and register as a sex offender. On the rape charge, which applies to cases involving a victim under age 16, he was sentenced to 60 months of supervised probation, 40 hours of community service, and other conditions imposed in the first count.

Reflecting a plea agreement, the court dismissed one count of using a child in a sexually explicit display, two counts of third-degree sodomy, and one count of third-degree sexual abuse.

• Timothy Luke Keith, 32, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was sentenced to bench proba-

tion for 18 months and 80 hours community service, and fined \$2,250. His driver’s license was suspended for one year. The court dismissed one count of recklessly endangering another person.

• Alehandra Tavera, 27, pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault. She was sentenced to jail for 50 days. The court dismissed three counts of harassment.

• Ian Edward Garret Humbird pleaded guilty to one count of possession of methamphetamine May 28 and was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 10 days in jail with credit for time served, and fines and fees of \$1,000, with \$800 suspended.

Humbird was on a diversion from December 2014, when he pleaded guilty to a driving under the influence of intoxicants and resisting arrest. The new case resulted in the diversion being revoked, and the suspended sentence was imposed. For the DUI, the sentence includes 18 months supervised probation, substance abuse evaluation, two days in jail, and for resisting arrest, the terms include 12 months bench probation and 48 hours jail time, plus \$1,100 in fines and fees.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff’s Office reported the following for the week of May 29-June 4:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 7
- Average inmates: 15
- Bookings: 15
- Releases: 15
- Citations: 1

- Fingerprints: 7
- Civil papers: 8
- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 5
- Search and Rescue: 1
- A juvenile girl from Riddle was cited for speeding.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 146 calls during the week of June 1-7. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:**
 - June 1: Driving complaint in Prairie City.
 - June 2: Dog complaint, Main Street in John Day; Warned driver for failing to signal at Dayton and First Streets.
 - June 3: Report of a suspicious person on Main Street; report of harassment.
 - June 4: Report of theft at Dairy Queen.
 - June 5: Report of juveniles playing golf near closed business in central John Day; report of illegal fireworks going off on Elm Street.
- **June 6:** Report of a burglary at McHaley Street, Prairie City; report of dune buggy racing on Hillcrest Street, John Day.
- **June 7:** Police, sheriff’s deputies respond to burglary alarm on Front Street.
- **Grant County Sheriff:**
 - June 2: Respond to report of cows on the road near Dayville.
 - June 3: Warned driver for defective lighting.
 - June 5: Warned driver for

failure to signal turn, illegal U-turn.

June 6: Warned driver for speeding on Highway 26.

• **Mt. Vernon ambulance:** June 6: Report of man, 74, fallen and unconscious.

• **Seneca Fire Department:** June 6: Report of a large bonfire at B Street.

• **John Day ambulance:** June 1: Respond for woman with breathing problem in John Day.

June 4: Respond for woman, 78, with possible broken ankle.

June 6: Respond for woman with chest pain; report of man, 95, with broken arm.

• **Prairie City Ambulance:** June 3: Respond for woman with chest pain.

• **Monument Ambulance:** June 3: Respond for woman who had fallen at Bull Prairie Campground.

• **Oregon State Police:** June 2: Non-injury rollover accident on Highway 395 near Starr Ridge.

Justice Court

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

- Violation of the basic rule: Samantha Joe Parra, 28, Ontario, 74/55 zone, fined \$160; Robert Lloyd Fleetwood, 45, Hermiston, 71/55 zone, fined \$135; Mick Richard Dougharity, 21, Corvallis, 71/55 zone, fined \$160; Tamara Susan Ellis, 41, Vancouver, Wash.,

74/55 zone, fined \$135; Jason Robert Douth, 44, La Grande, 77/55 zone, fined \$260; Henry Eng Wah, 82, Portland, 75/55 zone, fined \$160.

• Operate ATV without permit and decal: Tyson Robert Pedracini, 27, La Grande, fined \$160.

• Fail to properly use safety belt: Fritz Michael Voigt, 33, Prairie City, fined \$95.

• No operator’s license: Max R. Mattis, 73, Lewiston, Idaho, fined \$260; Joshua Dakota Anderson, 20, La Pine,

fined \$260; Kyle Nicholas Crumley, 22, Meridian, Idaho, fined \$260.

• Driving uninsured: Anthony Christopher Scott, 36, Adrian, fined \$260; Joshua Dakota Anderson, 20, La Pine, fined \$260; Kyle Nicholas Crumley, 22, Meridian, Idaho, fined \$260.

• Mt. Vernon city code violation: Charles R. Hunt Jr., 47, Mt. Vernon, fined \$100, to be dismissed if abated to the City of Mt. Vernon’s satisfaction by July 2, 2015.

Eagle Cap Excursion Train

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Recruiting Volunteers

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Library Advisory Board. Seven members serve four year terms and meet monthly to promote public awareness and support of library services, receive public input, review and update library materials, and coordinate activities with the Grant County Library Foundation. Membership is limited to one re-appointment.

Mental Health Advisory Board. Seven members (including two consumer representatives) serve three year terms and meet no less than quarterly to facilitate the provision of quality mental health services to county residents and enhance community knowledge of available programs and services. Acts as the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Commission and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

Road Advisory Board. Seven members serve three year terms and meet as needed to make recommendations on major and annual road decisions such as construction schedules, road vacations, budgeting and policy development, and to participate in hiring staff.

Wildlife Advisory Board. Nine members serve three year terms and meet as needed to discuss issues regarding big game management and make recommendations to Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, including tag allocation and hunting season structure as they relate to population and damage of property.

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POT

When it’s legal, when it’s not

By Scotta Callister
Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY – Starting July 1 in Oregon, pot will be legal in some circumstances – but not all of them.

That was the message last week from Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter, as he and DAs across the state sought to clarify the situation for citizens.

In a news release, Carpenter noted that legalization, approved by Oregon voters last fall, “does not come without restrictions.”

He noted the following will continue to be illegal:

- Possession of more than 8 ounces of marijuana in private and/or four plants per residence.
- Possession of more than 1 ounce of marijuana in public.
- Possession of any amount of marijuana by anyone under age 21.
- Use of any amount of marijuana in public.
- Transporting any amount of marijuana out of state.
- Driving a vehicle while impaired by marijuana, or by marijuana along with another drug or alcohol.

Carpenter said those are only a few of the restrictions. He advised people to look into the law and clarify which conduct is allowed – and which is not.

Carpenter said he respects the will of the voters and will support people’s rights to legal possession and use.

“However, when the law is broken, putting children and the public at risk, my office will not hesitate to hold offenders accountable,” he said.

MEETING NOTICE

NORTH & MIDDLE FORK JOHN DAY RIVER AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PLAN

The Third Meeting for the Biennial Review of the North & Middle Fork John Day River Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Monument Senior Center at 269 Main Street in Monument.

Contact Steve Ussey at 541-934-2141 with any questions.

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Prairie City Schools (K-12)

FAMILY MEMBERS: Melody and Richard Field of Prairie City

WHERE YOU LIVE: Canyon City

OCCUPATION: Art and Health Teacher

WHY IS EDUCATION IMPORTANT TO YOU: One of the most important aspects of any society is the youngest generation, they represent the future and the direction that society will take. A proper education can enrich a young generation of children so that the future is a safe, secure and great place to live in for every person in the society.

WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO AT HOME TO HELP WITH THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN: Parents set expectations, nurture curiosity and cultivate discipline. Since parents have the responsibility and privilege of influencing those three critical areas during the early years of life, they have the ability to set a child’s learning trajectory.

WHAT ARE SPECIFIC THINGS THE COMMUNITY CAN DO TO HELP YOUR SCHOOL: Combat alcohol, drugs, and violence. Teach parenting skills, and provide mentor programs. Enlist community volunteers, and offer summer learning programs.

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