

# Lampton guilty on all counts in sex crimes case

By Tim Trainor  
The Blue Mountain Eagle



**Bobby Wayne Lampton**

Bobby Wayne Lampton was found guilty June 24 on all six counts related to sexual abuse of a child. Lampton, 63, was convicted by a jury of three counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, two counts of sodomy and one count of unlawful sexual penetration. Lampton, of Bradford, Ark., took to the stand in the case, offering a rambling and often confusing defense that

The investigation into Lampton began with a sex abuse complaint in October 2012. He was accused of sexual acts involving a child in 2010. Dep. Scott Moore

left presiding judge William D. Cramer Jr. exasperated at times.

Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter prosecuted the case.

worked for years, trying to locate Lampton, who spent time in Arkansas, Pennsylvania and then back to Oregon. Lampton was found living on a ranch on Cupper Creek near Kimberly in June 2014, where he was arrested.

Sentencing has been scheduled for July 1 at 4 p.m. in Grant County Circuit Court.

The Blue Mountain Eagle has a policy of not naming the victims in sex crimes trials, nor noting relationships that would identify them to the community.

# ODOT gives highway work update

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LA GRANDE – Summer highway projects are underway, and Oregon Department of Transportation officials are urging motorists to be cautious in construction zones.

Following is a look at some of the projects in and around Grant County:

- U.S. 26 (John Day Highway) – Pavement crack seal between Oregon 19 junction and Mt. Vernon, from milepost 125.45 to 154.03, with lane closures, flaggers, up to 20-minute delays. Work is expected to be finished in October.
- U.S. 26 – Shoulder paving between Oregon 19 junction

and Mt. Vernon, milepost 125.45-150, with lane closures, flaggers, up to 20-minute delays. Work is expected to start July 6 and take about three weeks.

- U.S. 395 – Sign upgrades between John Day and Burns, with lane closures, reduced speeds, flaggers, minor delays. Work is expected to start by mid-July, and end in November.
- U.S. 395 – Fog seal project on north- and south-bound lanes, between Long Creek and Mt. Vernon, milepost 90.77 to 120B. Fog sealing is finished, but expect minor impacts during striping work. The job should be done in July.
- U.S. 395 – Pavement

grind/inlay from Bully Creek Road to Meadowbrook Summit, milepost 66.61-71.11B, with lane closures, reduced speeds, flaggers, pilot cars, up to 20-minute delays. Paving work started June 17 and will continue to end of month, with completion in July.

• U.S. 20 – Upgrade several traffic signals in Burns, plus Broadway/Monroe intersection, milepost 131.5-130.25. There will be lane closures, flaggers, detour for trucks, minor delays. Work starting at the end of June, and finishing in November.

For more information and up-to-date traffic condition information, visit TripCheck.com or call 5-1-1 or 1-800-977-6368.

# Senior woman warns of phone scam Caller poses as grandson wanting bail money

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

SENECA – A telephone scammer June 17 caused a scary situation for Seneca resident Karyl Newton.

The caller posed as her grandson and asked for \$2,000 in bail money.

Newton, who has 25 grandchildren, said the caller was skillful at drawing information from her to make it seem he could be one of her grandsons, and soon she was emotionally involved in the call.

Fortunately, she took the

caller's number and said she would call back after speaking with her husband who was due home at lunchtime.

Her husband made the call back and asked questions.

As soon as the scammer said he wanted the money wired from a certain grocery store – which wasn't located in Grant County – he hung up on the caller.

Karyl called her grandson's number, and to her relief found he was returning to work after his lunch break.

"They make these calls randomly and hook you by

making it look like they're in distress," said Karyl.

She followed up with a call to the Grant County Sheriff's Office.

Officials say to talk as little as you can, ask for a name and number, call the "actual" person they claim to be and report it to the Sheriff's Office. However, many times the callers use disposable cellphones and can't be tracked.

Karyl said she wants to warn others, especially women who are alone.

"They are preying on the elderly," she said.

# Stewart Scholarship applications due July 1

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

BEND – Grant County residents pursuing a secondary education, no matter their age, will want to check out the Stewart Scholarship.

Applications must be post-marked no later than Wednesday, July 1.

Last year, the scholarship distribution was \$594,000 with 121 applicants benefiting.

Most of the scholarships were \$5,000 each.

Personal trust assistant Renee Boe of the U.S. Bank branch in Bend said this year's distribution will be even more.

The amount had not yet been determined, and depends on how well the stock market performs.

Former Grant County residents Wayne Stewart and his son Eminger Stewart III made a provision in their wills for a perpetual education fund to be set up upon their death, leaving their fortunes to further the education of "wor-

thy young residents of Grant County."

The distribution amount is at its highest since the scholarships began in 2008.

For more information, visit [www.grantesd.k12.or.us](http://www.grantesd.k12.or.us) and click on "Stewart Scholarship" at the bottom of the page.

For questions, contact Boe at 866-437-4541.

# 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:

- Logan Rodney Girard, 32, pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault. He was sentenced to bench probation for 12 months, and ordered to make an acceptable written or verbal apology to the victim.
- Monty Guy Leonard Smith, 40, pleaded guilty to third-degree assault. He was sentenced to jail for 11 months and post-prison supervision for 36 months, and

ordered to have no contact with the victims. The court dismissed counts for unlawful use of a weapon, menacing and fourth-degree assault.

**Grant County Sheriff**  
CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of June 19-25:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 11
- Average inmates: 12
- Bookings: 6
- Releases: 9
- Fingerprints: 6
- Civil papers: 11
- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 3
- Search and Rescue: 1

**Dispatch**  
John Day dispatch worked 148 calls during the week of June 22-28. Along with the

various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:**  
June 24: Cited a Montana man for speeding.  
June 25: Arrested a man for assault in Prairie City.  
June 26: Arrested a woman on a Grant County warrant.
- **John Day ambulance:**  
June 22: Responded for a 55-year-old woman.  
June 25: Responded for an 88-year-old woman.  
June 26: Dispatched for a man with a possible stroke.  
June 28: Responded for an elderly woman with difficulty breathing.

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

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Saturday July 4, 2015

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- 7:00 am \*Top Road Challenge 10K Run\*\*
- 9:00 am \*3 on 3 Basketball Contest\*\*
- 9:30 am Booths Open
- 10:00 am Parade\*\*
- 10:30 am \*Horseshoe Contest\*\*
- 11:00 am Pie Baking Contest\*\*
- 12:30 pm Water Game
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- 3:00 pm Talent Show
- 4:00 pm Auction
- 7:00 pm Bingo - Senior Center
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