

Wyden town hall draws comments, criticisms

Grant Union students volunteer at event

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Last Thursday's town hall meeting with Senator Ron Wyden in John Day drew a crowd of 60.

Grant Union students Dawson Quinton, Trejan Speth and Reagan Shelley volunteering at the meeting, welcomed visitors to the Grant County Regional Airport conference room in John Day.

Questions from the audience came by the luck of the draw; students drew tickets, and participants could stand and speak their mind.

The questions and comments from the audience were varied.

Sharon Livingston of Long Creek commented that the tariffs are extremely high for beef exports.

Jeff Mabe and Art Andrews, of Malheur Lumber



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Grant Union Junior-Senior High School students, Dawson Quinton, Trejan Speth and Reagan Shelley, introduce themselves at the beginning of Sen. Ron Wyden's July 2 town hall meeting held at the Grant County Regional Airport in John Day. The trio of students volunteered at the meeting, helping sign in guests and drawing ticket numbers for participants' questions.

Company, each offered a thank-you to Wyden for helping the forest industry with the stewardship contract that was awarded to Iron Triangle in September of 2013.

"This community is well on its way to being a model for how to do stewardship contracts," Wyden said.

Steve Beverlin, Malheur National Forest supervisor,

said they haven't been litigated in a project in eight years.

Adele Cerny of Izee welcomed Wyden to learn more about the Kam Wah Chung museum in John Day.

Craige McMillan said he's noticed an increase in political polarization over the last 10-12 years, and asked if there is any way to reduce it.



Grant School District No. 3 Superintendent Curt Shelley comments on school matters at the Sen. Ron Wyden town hall meeting. About 60 local residents were in attendance.

Wyden said one of the factors that drive polarization is "intensely ideological" television.

"... bipartisan means taking what's positive from both sides," he said.

He added that on the issue of gay marriage, he has said, "If you don't like gay marriage, don't get one."

"I have a lot of hope with these young people to get away from polarization," he said, referring to the Grant Union students.

Mt. Vernon resident Dave

Traylor commented about Iran and the possibility that they could bring a nuclear weapon to U.S. shores.

"We live in a very perilous time," Traylor said. "I haven't seen you speak much about this."

Wyden said he's troubled by how the Iranians have shifted the debate on negotiations.

He said he's skeptical about discussions and waiting to see what the agreement says.

Erin Osgood, the Grant

County Veteran Services officer, asked what is being done to reduce veteran suicides and reduce claim time.

Wyden said, in part, one of the challenges is National Guardsmen coming home, unable to find jobs.

"(We're) trying to reach out and address some of these problems," he said, adding he's interested in encouraging businesses to hire a Guard member.

Dean Elliott said he was concerned about Oregon's \$15 minimum wage initiative.

"Elderly people are going to be hammered by that," he said. "The elderly have no way to raise their salaries – it's going to be pretty devastating."

Wyden said he supports "some wage increase" and "a floor of fairness and a floor of dignity."

Elliott replied, "In my day and age, you worked and you earned – if you did the job right, you earned a raise."

Wyden's next planned stop was set for Joseph the following day.

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"This family protects one another – (we were) your worst nightmare."

She said her child is courageous and no longer afraid, and she added the victory is not only for her child but for other victims of abuse.

The mother added she's usually a forgiving person, but not in this case. "May He not have mercy on you," she said.

Speaking to the audience, Cramer said these types of cases are always hard because "there's always more than one victim – many individuals have been affected by what has happened."

Cramer noted he recently had a similar case in Burns.

Looking at the victim, he said, "You did a very brave thing."

After the sentence was given, Lampton spoke out, "Why don't you just shoot me now."

He said he would appeal to a higher court.

After the hearing, Carpenter said an appeal doesn't mean the person convicted receives another chance; if there is an appeal, the Oregon Court of Appeals would review the case to see if any errors were made by the court.

The 2010 allegations stemmed from conduct involving an 8-year-old child who was unrelated to Lampton, but with whom Lampton had a "grandfather" type relationship, Carpenter said in a press release.

The allegations were disclosed and charges filed in 2012, the evidence presented to a Grant County grand jury.

Lampton was aware of the charges and remained at large until being arrested in Kimberly June 14, 2014.

Local law enforcement together with federal marshals tracked Lampton through Oregon, Arkansas and Pennsylvania.

"The complexities of this case and the demeanor of the defendant were very concerning as trial approached," he said.

Carpenter highlighted the contributions of several people he said helped the trial go smoothly: Grant County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Moore, victim's advocates Andrea Officer and Ashley McClay, DA staff Cleo McCluskey and Michele McManama, former DA Ryan Joslin, and Chief Deputy Matt Ipson.

"I very much appreciate all of their contributions in obtaining a just result," he said.

Burns man arrested after chase through John Day

By Tim Trainor
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A Burns man fled from police June 30 in John Day, and was captured after a short pursuit.

Charles D. Platt, 25, was arrested and charged with felony attempt to elude with vehicle, and misdemeanor charges of attempt to elude on foot, reckless driving and DUII.

At about 4 p.m., June 30, Oregon State Police were searching for a burglary

suspect from Harney County, believed to be Platt. A trooper spotted the man's vehicle traveling north on Highway 395, just south of John Day.

The trooper stopped the vehicle, but before the officer could make contact with the driver, Platt sped away. After a short vehicle pursuit, Platt's car stopped near the Snaffle Bit Dinner House, and he fled on foot.

John Day Police and Grant County Sheriff's Office helped search for the suspect, who was found a short time later and arrested without incident.



Charles D. Platt

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 June 26-July 2:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 6
- Average inmates: 13
- Bookings: 13
- Releases: 12
- Arrests: 1
- Fingerprints: 8
- Civil papers: 24
- Warrants processed: 1
- Asst./welfare check: 11

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 248 calls during the week of June 28-July 5. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police:

June 29: Theft reported on Dayton Street.

July 3: Cited a Mt. Vernon woman for failing to yield right-of-way.

July 4: Cited a Salem man for speeding; reports of a prowler in the 700 block of Southwest Brent Street; report of a fight at Riverside Mobile Home Park.

July 5: Burglary reported on Hillcrest; arrested a John Day man on a Grant County warrant; cited a Canyon City 16-year-old for speeding.

• Grant County Sheriff:

June 29: Responded to an alarm at the courthouse.

June 30: Harassment re-

ported in Mt. Vernon.

July 2: Hit-and-run reported near Malheur Lumber.

• John Day ambulance:

June 28: Responded for an elderly woman with difficulty breathing.

June 29: Requested for a man with heat exhaustion.

July 4: Responded for a woman having an asthma attack.

• Prairie City ambulance:

July 2: Responded for a 75-year-old man.

• U.S. Forest Service:

July 3: Responded to an ATV complaint and menacing complaint with shots fired at Murray Campground.

• Dayville Fire Department:

June 29: Report of a grass fire east of Dayville.

July 4: Report of a structure fire on South Fork Road.

• Mt. Vernon Rural Fire Department:

July 5: Report of a truck on fire near Moon Creek Road.

Justice Court

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

• Open container of alcohol: Clifford Keith Bowlus, 43, Monument, fined \$260.

• Failure to comply with burn permit: Albert D. Camper, 60, Dale, (offense date March 10, 2015), fined \$110.

• Failure to drive to right on divided road: Spud M. Smith Jr., 25, Madras, fined \$220.

• Failure to drive within lane: Lisa Rae Moxley, 49, John Day, fined \$220.

• Violation of the speed limit: Alexis Nicole Munkers, 24, Bend, 60/40 zone, fined \$135.

• Driving while suspended or revoked-violation: Marcie Rose Leverenz, 27, Caldwell, Idaho, fined \$435; Jonathan Michael Anca, 27, Canby, (offense date April 27, 2015), fined \$435.

• Driving uninsured: Marcie Rose Leverenz, 27, Caldwell, Idaho, fined \$260; Jonathan Michael Anca, 27, Canby, (offense date April 27, 2015), fined \$260; Jacob Matthew, 34, Lebanon, (offense date Feb. 12, 2015), fined \$260.

• Taylor M. Woodward, John Day, was convicted of minor-in-possession of alcohol, and fined \$260.

ATTENTION ALL HOME SCHOOL PARENTS

Grant ESD is requesting your HELP! Because of the fire last fall, we have lost records of home school students. All home school parents, regardless of previous registration history, are requested to contact Grant ESD to confirm your child's registration status.

Also; Grant ESD is requesting a copy of all test scores for Grant County home school students. Parents, please bring a copy of all test scores to the ESD by September 15, 2015.

*Home school students are required by law to be tested by a qualified neutral person following grades 3, 5, 8, and 10. [OAR581-021-0026 (5) (a) (A)] Testing must be on or before August 15th following the end of grades 3, 5, 8, and 10. However, students who participate in interscholastic activities are required by OSAA rules to be tested every year, on or before August 15th, and must score in the 23rd percentile to be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities.

Grant ESD will offer assessment testing for home school students and all students participating in interscholastic activities. Cost is \$20.00 per student. Payment is due at the time of testing. Register your student for assessment testing by calling Grant ESD, 541-575-1349 on/or before July 20, 2015.

Testing Dates: July 22, 2015 – 8:00am to 2:00pm Grades 3 – 5
July 23, 2015 – 8:00am to 2:00pm Grades 8 - 10

If you have any questions you may contact:
Robert Waltenburg or Jo Sproul
Grant County ESD
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