

# NEED

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You can't plan for when an emergency will occur, she said, but you can plan for how to respond to one.

"I think it's important to be ahead of an emergency," she told the Blue Mountain Eagle.

Brooks volunteered at the Grant County Fairgrounds during the height of the Canyon Creek Complex fire and said the fairgrounds staff coordinated a lot of the relief effort.

The staff did a good job of coordinating the acceptance of donations and housing offers and helping ensure they got to people who were impacted by the fire, Brooks said, but they had no help or guidance.

"Kudos to the fairgrounds staff who went about the job of making sure people were getting their needs met. But I think it could have been a smoother effort if we had had an emergency manager," she said. "There wasn't really any-



**Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer**

body taking the lead on that. That disturbs me. No one was stepping up to take that role on."

"Everybody had a piece of the puzzle but nobody was holding the puzzle box," Brooks said. "That's what the role of an emergency manager is."

Palmer would like to see the county install a so-called reverse 9-1-1 system, which would automatically dial residents' phone numbers and

deliver a recorded message warning them of impending emergencies.

During the Canyon Creek Complex fire, the county relied on a few police officers trying to deliver warning messages to dozens of homes in a short span, Palmer said.

"How can you send three police officers to 50 or 60 homes in 15 minutes and expect to effectively communicate to the public when there's an impending danger on your doorstep?" he said. "I think the public deserves better than that."

During the recent fire, the county's emergency response was aided by Post resident Jodie Fleck, who volunteered her time to do things like update maps and plans and identify resources.

Palmer said the job of an emergency planner is a full-time one, and it takes a lot of time and resources that his office doesn't have to do something like implement a reverse 9-1-1 system.

"It's a job in itself," he said.

## PC TEEN TAKES DOCUMENTARY ROLE



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

**Prairie City High School senior Amaya Zweygardt reads a teleprompter for a documentary on Main Street in John Day with Emily Chao of L.A. working sound and Irene Lusztig of Santa Cruz, Calif., behind the camera. Yvonne Peppin-Wakefield of The Dalles, whose letter Zweygardt is reading off the teleprompter, sits in back. The project, called "Yours in Sisterhood" is a performative documentary based on a collection of letters to "Ms. magazine" from 1972-80. Peppin-Wakefield wrote a letter during that time period, when she was 18, describing her experience building a cabin in the Pine Creek area near John Day. Film production will take place into 2016 before being released.**

*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:

- Devan Haynes, 22, pleaded guilty to harassment. He was sentenced to bench probation for 12 months and 40 hours community service. He was fined \$100, and ordered to have no contact with the victim. He was convicted of probation violation, and sentenced to jail for two months and post-prison supervision for 24 months, and fined \$25.

### Oregon State Police

- Aug. 27: At about 11:30 a.m., in Canyon City, served an arrest warrant on Kimberly M. Williams, 36, Canyon City, and arrested Kathy Lee Meyer, 43, Mt. Vernon, for hindering prosecution. Both were lodged in Grant County Jail.
- Aug. 29: At about 7:15 p.m., responded to a reported disturbance at the Wagon Wheel Tavern in Mt. Vernon.
- Sept. 2: At about 5:45 p.m., served a search warrant on a cabin on Dixie Creek Road north of Prairie City. Police arrested Krista Wilhelmina, 47, Prairie City, on charges of possession of a firearm by felon and possession of methamphetamine, and Richard K. Labrum, 52, Prairie City, for possession of meth. During a second search later that night, police seized 24 firearms including a 12-gauge Street Sweeper, a Mini 14 and an M1 Garand, plus 11 used meth pipes. Thousands of rounds of ammunition were photographed.
- Sept. 5: At about 7 p.m., at Highway 26 and State Route 7, police arrested Jeffrey Douglas Lutey, 58, Edgewood, Wash., for driving under the influence of intoxicants, careless driving, no operator's license, open container violation,

driving uninsured and failing to signal. Police cited Ronald John Bucci, 57, and Sarah Nickol Thomas, 35, Edgewood, Wash., for open container violation.

- Sept. 18: At about 9:20 p.m., investigated a non-injury commercial vehicle crash on Highway 395 in Seneca.

### Grant County Sheriff

**CANYON CITY** – The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Sept. 11-17:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 4
- Average inmates: 13
- Bookings: 13
- Releases: 12
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 2
- Fingerprints: 8
- Civil papers: 15
- Warrants processed: 4
- Asst./welfare check: 11
- Melinda Moss, 36, Mt. Vernon, cited for dog as a public nuisance.
- Angelo Dogali, 36, Springfield, cited for violation of the basic rule, 76/55 zone.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 143 calls during the week of Sept. 14-20. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:** Sept. 16: Shots fired in the La Costa Road area. Sept. 17: Hit-and-run reported in the Len's Drug parking lot. Sept. 18: Theft reported on South Bridge Street in Prairie City. Sept. 19: Cited a Prairie City man for driving while using a cellphone.

## COPS & COURTS

Sept. 20: Theft reported in the 700 block of Southwest Brent Street; arrested a Battleground, Wash., man for DUII.

- **Grant County Sheriff:** Sept. 14: Criminal mischief reported in the Bates area.

- Sept. 15: Suspicious person reported at the Canyon City Cemetery.

- Sept. 16: Assault reported in the Lower Yard area; theft reported on Cottonwood Street in Mt. Vernon.

- Sept. 17: Responded for a person initiating a false report in Monument.

- Sept. 18: Illegal fireworks reported on Vista Lane.

- **John Day ambulance:** Sept. 14: Responded for a 77-year-old woman with chest pain; responded for a 94-year-old man; dispatched for a 60-year-old woman.

- Sept. 15: Dispatched for a man who fell from a ladder.

- Sept. 19: Dispatched for a man with chest pain; responded for a 47-year-old man with chest pain; paged for an 82-year-old woman who fell.

- **John Day Fire Department:**

- Sept. 15: Responded with other agencies to the airport for a plane possibly in distress.

### Justice Court

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

- Violation of the basic rule: Matthew Lee Armstrong, 55, Lebanon, 72/55 zone, fined \$160; Susan Zima, 62, Castro Valley, Calif., 75/55 zone, fined \$160; Barry C. Gavrish, 59,

Idaho Falls, Idaho, 70/55 zone, fined \$160; Clayton N. Vaughn, 17, Mt. Vernon, 76/55 zone, fined \$220; Tiffany Davis, 26, Canyon City, 64/55 zone, fined \$135.

- Violation of the speed limit: Naveed N. Choudry, 24, Germantown, Md., 75/55 zone, fined \$160; Travis Lee Rogers, 29,

Colton, 59/35 zone, fined \$260; Stephen J. Rosen, 66, Salem, 76/55 zone, fined \$220.

- Dog as a public nuisance: Melissa L. Haynes, 40, John Day, fined \$260.

- Hunting from a motor vehicle: John D. Teixeira, 29, Baker City, fined \$60.

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**WHY IS EDUCATION IMPORTANT TO YOU:** Education is important to me because it enables people to live a full and happy life.  
**WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO AT HOME TO HELP WITH THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN:** Families can spend time with their children and show them that they place a great value and importance on their education.  
**WHAT ARE SPECIFIC THINGS THE COMMUNITY CAN DO TO HELP YOUR SCHOOL:** Communities can help schools by supporting the programs through volunteer work or by attending the school's functions.

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