

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:

- Eldrid Jonathan Hamrick, 28, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was sentenced to bench probation for 18 months and 80 hours community service, and fined \$1,175. His driver's license was suspended for one year. The court dismissed one count of violating the basic speed rule.

- Buford W. Breland, 56, pleaded guilty and was sentenced on several counts. On each of two counts of delivery of methamphetamine to a minor, he was sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, 80 hours community service and jail for 90 days. He was fined \$2,700. On one count of manufacture of meth, supervised probation for 36 months, 80 hours community service and jail for 90 days. The sentence is consecutive. On two counts of delivery of meth, 72 months supervised probation, 60 hours community service and jail for 90 days. On each of three counts of possession of meth, he was sentenced to supervised probation for 36 months. His driv-

er's license was suspended for six months. The court dismissed one count of unlawful delivery of marijuana to a minor, four for unlawful delivery of meth to a minor, three for unlawful manufacture of meth and 15 for unlawful delivery of meth. Criminal forfeiture, the amount \$2,734 is forfeited for Breland.

- The court allows a DUII diversion for Michael Ira Walker, John Day, for a diversion fee of \$490.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 119 calls during the week of Sept. 21-27. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- John Day Police:** Sept. 21: Report of theft from a rental in Prairie City; theft of baiting wire at Huffman's Market.

- Sept. 26: Arrested a John Day man and a woman for domestic assault.

- Sept. 22: Cited a John Day man for menacing.

- Sept. 26: Hit-and-run reported at the fairgrounds pavilion; arrested a John Day woman for DUII-alcohol.

- Sept. 27: Arrested a Prairie City man for DUII.

- Grant County Sheriff:** Sept. 21: Hit-and-run reported in Monument.

- John Day ambulance:**

- Sept. 21: Dispatched for an elderly woman.

- Sept. 26: Paged for a 25-year-old man with cardiac problems.

- Sept. 27: 56-year-old woman with severe pain.

- Bureau of Land Management:**

- Sept. 26: Cited a Newberg man for vehicle in enclosed area.

Justice Court

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

- Operate/park a motor vehicle in violation of restrictions: Robert Sutton Woods, 46, Mollala, fined \$385.

- Driving while revoked: Whitney Jo Pattee, 26, Prairie City, fined \$435.

- Driving uninsured: Whitney Jo Pattee, 26, Prairie City, fined \$260; Rodney Cole Wilson, 20, John Day, fined \$260; Travis A. Palmer, 25, Mt. Vernon, fined \$260.

- No burning permit: David L. Torres, 37, Prairie City, fined \$110.

- Failure to immediately validate big game tag: Weston L. Wettstein, 54, Ontario, fined \$110.

- Failure to properly use safety belt: Joseph Walter Twitchell, 80, Mountain Home, Idaho, fined \$95.

- Violation of the basic rule: Jamie Lee Steinhardt, 23, Monte Sereno, Calif., 70/55 zone,

- fined \$160; Darren J. Kling, 46, Culver, 76/55 zone, fined \$260; Morgan Alyssa Phipps, 24, Prineville, 79/55 zone, fined \$220.

- No brake lights on trailer: Leslie Lee Zaitz, 60, John Day, fined \$160.

- Use of cellphone while driving: Bobbee Lynne Hueckman, 27, Canyon City, fined \$135.

- Driving while suspended-violation: Travis A. Palmer, 25, Mt. Vernon, fined \$435; Whitney Jo Pattee, 26, Prairie City, fined \$435.

- Whitney Jo Pattee, Prairie City, was convicted of failure to appear for a violation proceeding. She was sentenced to 24 months probation and 30 days in jail, to be suspended upon successful completion of probation.

- Minor in possession-alcohol/violation: Jordan Bree Cameron, Mt. Vernon, fined \$260, driver's license suspended for one year; Kelsi Demaris, Prineville, fined \$260, driver's license suspended for one year; Mitchell Allen Moulton, John Day, fined \$260, driver's license suspended for one year; Aaron Klefman, John Day, fined \$260, driver's license suspended for one year; Cejay Villa Partello, John Day, fined \$260, driver's license suspended for one year.

- Minor in possession-marijuana/violation: Aaron Klefman, John Day, fined \$260; Cejay Villa Partello, John Day, fined \$260.



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The hay truck crash and fire Friday, Sept. 25, happened along County Road 63 on the Izee-Paulina Highway near Snow Shoe Summit. The loaded semi truck and series of trailers with hay crashed into a pine tree.

One found dead in hay truck fire

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right shoulder of the road.

SENECA – The lone occupant of a hay truck was found dead after ranchers and emergency officials responded to the scene of a crash and fire Sept. 25 along County Road 63 on the Izee-Paulina Highway, approximately milepost 15 near Snow Shoe Summit.

The driver of the semitruck, Donald Leon Bidwell, 59, of Terrebone was pronounced dead at the scene.

The vehicle was a cab over semitruck and series of trailers pulling a load of alfalfa hay from the Vale area and was headed to the Spencer Ranch near Izee.

The investigation shows the loaded semi crested Snow Shoe Summit west from bid and drifted to the

evidence at the scene showed a lack of braking or turning to avoid the crash.

The vehicle crashed into a large pine tree and a subsequent fire consumed the majority of the semitruck and hay.

A contingency of Bear Valley ranchers made an initial attack on the fire and kept it at less than one acre.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Oregon State Police, U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Dr. Hall, Grant County Road Department, John Day Fire Department and the Blue Mountain Hospital Ambulance from John Day and Seneca, as well as numerous area ranchers and passers-by who kept the fire from spreading.

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"The environmental regulations that come out of Salem make it almost impossible to do my work," he said.

Dr. Jeffrey Dense, a political science professor at Eastern Oregon University, called the logistics of trying to create a new, larger Idaho "largely insurmountable."

"Given the inability of Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C., to effectuate this type of large scale change, disgruntled citizens would be better off to get involved with politics instead of complaining about the state of affairs," he said in an email.

A state boundary hasn't been redrawn in the United States since West Virginia was carved out of Virginia in 1863. The idea of seceding from one state to the other is hardly new, however, and various efforts have landed on ballots and on the floor of state legislatures across the country.

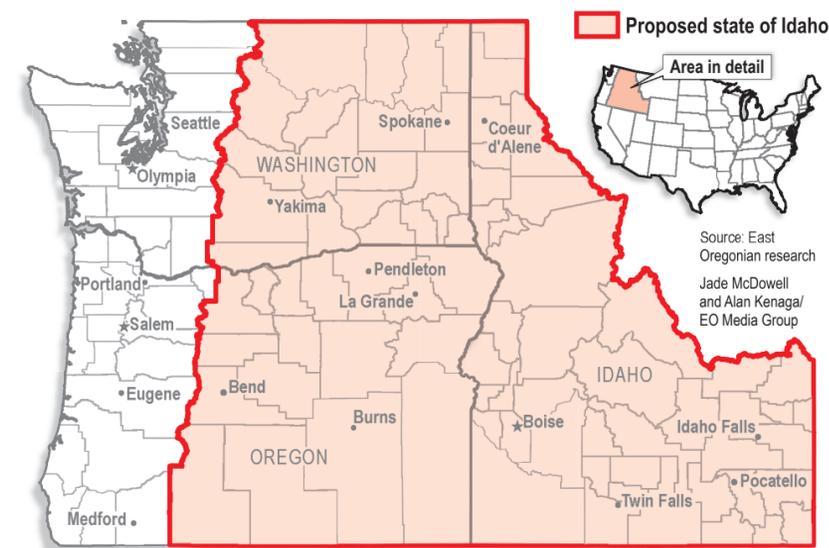
Occasionally, those efforts have even come close to fruition. In 2002 the U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously to allow state legislators to adjust the Nevada-Utah state boundary. The move would have been a minor one, but it would have allowed the economically struggling city of Wendover, Utah, to join the casino-rich city of West Wendover, Nevada, and get rid of what residents called an invisible "Berlin Wall" in the community creating poor infrastructure and schools on one side of the state line and abundant services on the other. The bill ended up dying in the Senate, however, after Nevada Senator Harry Reid opposed it.

According to 2014 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Idaho currently has 1,634,464 residents. That would rise to 3,680,297 people if all 17 Oregon counties east of Hood River County and the 20 Washington counties east of King County jumped ship.

Oregon, meanwhile, would go from 3,970,239 residents to 3,471,709 and Washington would drop from 7,061,530 residents to 5,514,227.

How that would affect each state's representation in Washington, D.C., would depend on how other states' populations changed at the same time.

The 435 seats in the House of Representatives are apportioned



every 10 years based on population counts in the latest census. If other states' populations stayed roughly proportionate to their current levels, Washington would likely lose two of its 10 seats, adding them to Idaho's current two seats, while it would be a close call on whether Oregon would hang on to its five representatives or lose one to another state.

The number of Electoral College votes a state receives is equal to the number of U.S. senators and representatives the state has, which would give Idaho more sway in presidential elections too.

Rep. Greg Smith, R-Hepner, said during his freshman year in the Oregon state legislature in 2001 he tried to introduce the idea of creating a state of Eastern Oregon, but couldn't even get a hearing on it.

"I know there's a real frustration with the urban-rural divide," he said.

However, he also said that although Eastern Oregon provides the state with food and fiber, the

west side of the state provides a tax base that supports state services. The transportation package, for example, that both sides of the aisle would like to see come to fruition would likely result in Eastern Oregon infrastructure benefiting from tax money generated by Portland residents.

Parsons said he knows that getting rural Oregon and Washington counties to join Idaho is a long shot.

"If it came to fruition it would probably not be in my lifetime," he said.

To start the discussion he emailed every state legislator in all three states, contacted newspapers in the area and started a forum on Yahoo Groups titled "Oregon and Washington Joining Idaho" to discuss logistics like what would happen with assets like state prisons and universities in counties that voted to join Idaho.

"I figured there are a whole lot of people smarter than me who could figure all that out," he said.

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\$2,500⁰⁰

REWARD

Approximately the first of September, a nice mule deer buck was killed and left to rot on our ranch. Last year, four poachers were caught and prosecuted, and four other dead elk were found rotting. Please help us catch trespassers and poachers who have no respect for private property rights and who give all hunters a bad name. If you legally wound an animal that comes onto any of our property, please come to ranch headquarters at Bridge Creek and we will help you find and clean it at no charge. Otherwise, do not go onto our property unless accompanied by a Silvies Valley Ranch associate. We will press charges, sue for damages, and are actively patrolling our property with ATVs, by horseback, and videcams.

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Saturday, October 3

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Grant County Airport Industrial Park, John Day
Admission: \$20.00/person, \$40.00/family
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Heart of Grant County Second Annual "Color Me Free" Fun Run