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A prospective initiative petition seeks to overturn Grant County's commercial marijuana ban. If the petitioner collects 196 signatures from active, registered county voters by Feb. 17, county voters will see the initiative on the May ballot.

Initiative petition seeks to overturn county pot ban

Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County voters may ultimately decide whether pot businesses should be allowed.

David Kilpatrick, Canyon City, filed a prospective initiative petition that, if approved by a majority of voters on the May ballot, would overturn the county ban and allow the production, cultivation, processing, wholesaling, retailing and testing of marijuana as permitted by the state in areas outside of city limits within the county.

Grant County Clerk Brenda Percy determined the prospective initiative complied

with the requirements set forth in the Oregon Constitution to concern only one subject and to contain the full text of the proposed law.

Percy said, for the initiative to be placed on the May ballot, the petitioner must collect signatures from 196 active, registered county voters — 6 percent of the number who voted in the last governor's race — by Feb. 17. If the deadline is not met, she said, the petitioner has up to two years to collect the required number of signatures at least 90 days prior to the May or November ballot on which it would appear.

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:

- Kathy Lee Meyer, 44, pleaded guilty to two counts of delivery of methamphetamine. For each, she was sentenced to jail for 30 days, supervised probation for 72 months and 40 hours community service, and fined \$400. She pleaded guilty to possession of meth and was sentenced to supervised probation for 18 months and 10 hours community service. The court dismissed one count of unlawful delivery of meth within 1,000 feet of a school, two counts for unlawful manufacture of meth and three for unlawful possession of meth.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Jan. 29-Feb. 4 (and Jan. 22-28):

- Concealed handgun licenses: 17 (9)
- Average inmates: 14 (11)
- Bookings: 9 (9)
- Releases: 11 (6)
- Arrests: 2 (3)
- Citations: 1 (2)
- Fingerprints: 12 (4)
- Civil papers: 15 (10)
- Warrants processed: 5 (5)
- Asst./welfare check: 3 (3)
- Joseph Hayzlett, 40, John

Day, was cited for driving while suspended-violation and driving uninsured on Jan. 1, 2016.

- Megan Long, 22, John Day, was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance on Jan. 25, 2016

Justice Court

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

- No operator's license: John R. Dunn, 34, John Day, fined \$260; Valerie Nicole Hendrix, 39, Seneca, fined \$260.
- Driving uninsured: John R. Dunn, 34, John Day, fined \$260; Heather Ann Reilly, 27, John Day, fined \$260; Valerie Nicole Hendrix, 39, Seneca, fined \$260.
- Driving while suspended-violation: Joseph Scott Hayzlett, 40, John Day, fined \$435; Heather Ann Reilly, 27, John Day, \$435.
- Violation of the basic rule: Eric Lane Bernard, 49, Prairie City, 73/55 zone, fined \$135; Roselin Salazar Johns, 44, Prairie City, 78/55 zone, fined \$220; Meril Lee Hilburn, 49, Prairie City, 75/55 zone, fined \$135.
- Exceeding maximum weight limit: Daniel C. Komning, 61, Mt. Vernon, fined \$100.
- Failure to obey a traffic control device: Carl Rexford Reed, 92, Canyon City, fined \$220.
- Improper display of stickers: Leroy Paul Titus, 37, Prairie City, fined \$95.
- John Kevin Ray, Prairie City, was convicted of harassment. He was sentenced

to 12 months probation, five days in jail, and 30 hours community service, and was fined \$350.

- Samantha Marae Boyer was charged with contempt of court and ordered to serve 30 days in the custody of the Grant County Sheriff. She was ordered to serve 12 months bench probation and pay \$100 probation fee.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 273 calls during the two-week period of Jan. 25-Feb. 7. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:** Jan. 25: Took a call on a reported theft in the 300 block of Northwest Bridge Street. Jan. 26: Cited a Prairie City woman on a warrant. Jan. 28: Reported hit-and-run at Blue Mountain Hospital. Jan. 30: Arrested a John Day man for fourth-degree domestic assault, strangulation and menacing. Feb. 2: Arrested a man in Prairie City on a Grant County warrant; arrested a man in Prairie City for probation violation. Feb. 4: Cited a John Day man for illegal parking, stopping, standing and illegal display of license plate; a caller

reported hearing a cougar in the Johnson Avenue area in Prairie City.

Feb. 7: Report of someone stealing firewood in the 400 block of Southwest Brent Drive.

- **Grant County Sheriff:** Jan. 25: Reported assault at the Grant County Jail. Jan. 27: Theft reported on Harper Creek Road. Feb. 2: Arrested a Prairie City man for probation violation.

Feb. 7: Report of illegal fireworks in the Carpenter Pond Road area.

- **John Day ambulance:** Jan. 25: Responded for a 98-year-old man. Jan. 28: Responded to a 55-year-old woman with chest pain; 81-year-old woman who fell. Feb. 1: Responded to a 66-year-old man with a possible stroke. Feb. 2: Dispatched for a man having a seizure; dispatched for a woman with chills and a cough. Feb. 3: Responded for an 85-year-old man. Feb. 4: Responded for a 98-year-old man. Feb. 5: Dispatched for a woman with difficulty breathing; responded for a woman who was dizzy. Feb. 7: Responded for a 91-year-old man.

- **Mt. Vernon Fire Department:** Jan. 25: Responded to a fire fire.

LETTERS

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Governor, sheriff violated oath

To the Editor:

Gov. Brown is guilty as an accessory to murder along with the sheriff of Harney County.

Rancher LaVoy Finicum was ambushed and murdered by Gov. Brown's executive order to end the standoff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Gov. Brown and the sheriff both took an oath to the constitution to protect and defend it; this includes everyone's civil rights.

They have violated their oath. Rancher LaVoy Finicum was executed with his hands in the air: "Hands up, don't shoot." Mr. Finicum had no weapons on him, and they shot him nine times including in the face.

Gov. Brown and the sheriff should resign their posts and await prosecution. Ammon Bundy, the leader of the group, had stated many times they were there to work on a peaceful solution to the government's overreach to consume and control public lands.

David Strutz
Grants Pass

Sheriff's wife speaks out for her husband

To the Editor:

As the wife of (Sheriff) Glenn Palmer, I feel compelled to set the record straight regarding allegations involving meetings and a community event that Sheriff Palmer was asked to attend.

When he was invited to a lunch meeting, he did not know who was going to be in attendance.

When he was asked to go to Burns, to help mediate the meetings, he told them no, not without the consent of their sheriff.

He never met with Ammon Bundy as quoted in the Oregonian, or LaVoy Finicum. He didn't set up the community event at the Senior Center.

He wasn't going to address the group except for a few minutes to clear up these allegations, when he heard about the shooting (over two hours after it hap-

pened). He left and came home to get his vehicle and then picked up the district attorney and drove to Seneca. He never knew about the ambush, or had anything to do with it.

In Seneca (over 25 miles away from the incident), he pulled up to the road block by the state police. While he was talking to them, a car pulled up and a trooper said they have a rifle. So Glenn pulled out his shotgun for protection for himself and the D.A. It turned out to be a reporter, who took his picture while he was putting away his gun. Thus starting a new rumor.

He refuses to talk to the media because they never get the information right.

I don't usually speak out,

but I am tired of all the lies and misquotes of the media. Glenn believes in the people of Grant County and stands up for them.

This is our home, and we care about what happens here.

RoseAnn Palmer
John Day

Thank a patriot for freedom

To the Editor:

Between the years 1765-1783, I am certain the British news purveyors portrayed those "up-start, self-proclaimed Americans" as "armed militants, terrorists and thugs" with at least as much gleeful outrage as we have seen

these past weeks in our own media.

For all who have exercised their right to free expression of thought, opinion or belief, I say:

Thank a patriot! If we must, we will pay the ultimate price to protect your right to do so.

And you don't have to agree with that!

Patti Yellow Hand Bull
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MONDAY (4:10) 7:10
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HOW TO BE SINGLE R
Comedy. Friends learn how to be single in a world filled with ever-evolving definitions of love.
FRI-SUN (4:00) 7:00 9:30
MONDAY (4:00) 7:00
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KUNG FU PANDA 3 PG
Continuing his "legendary adventures of awesomeness," Po must face two hugely epic threats.
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TUES-THURS 7:20
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Fundraiser for Jake Wilson

Jake Wilson, grandson of Dave & Shirley Furgerson has been diagnosed with "Retinitis Pigmentosa" and needs help covering travel expenses to Portland so that he can have surgery to slow it down. If you would like to contribute, you can either donate at Old West Federal Credit Union to Dave & Shirley's account in the "Jake Wilson" fund, or you can contact Shirley at 541-575-0439.

Thank you and God bless.

Notice
Grant County Taxpayers

The second installment of the 2015-2016 property tax is due **Tuesday, February 16, 2016 by 5 p.m.**

The courthouse will be closed Monday, February 15th, in observance of President's Day. Payments may be made at the tax collector's office at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and POSTMARKED no later than February 16, 2016. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year.

If you have any questions, please call the Tax Office at 541-575-0107 or 541-575-0189. PO Box 185 Canyon City, OR 97820

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