

LETTERS

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Wanted: facts

To the Editor:

Wanted: someone to tell Mr. Rice some facts before he spouts off about a man I served with throughout his position as sheriff. I was happy to help Sheriff Palmer and the community as a deputy. I am so sick and tired of people spouting off about someone they only think they know. I have been proud to serve with the sheriff and saw that he responded to the needs of the citizens in a timely and appropriate way. He is truly concerned for the well-being of our county.

I recognize service to the community as I served in other areas too, including food bank manager and my church. Also, Mr. Rice, I served my country during war, and have a son who served. So, Mr. Rice, get your facts, and I sure wouldn't want you guarding my back.

Walt Hall
John Day

Poetic justice for Sheriff Palmer?

To the Editor:

Voters, ponder this possibility. Given the Justice Department investigation of (Sheriff) Palmer, if Palmer is re-elected, will Palmer cause legal problems against which the county may have to defend itself by using tax dollars? Will voters literally put their tax money where their vote is — and possibly cause

their taxes to increase — by voting for Palmer?

If the Palmer investigation rules against him, may it [1] end Palmer's re-election, [2] end his being elected to any public office anywhere by Palmer losing the credibility necessary for election to public office and [3] end his chance of ever being hired in law enforcement anywhere again? If so, then Palmer can thank the Bundy "patriot" criminals for his possible chronic unemployment and his family's possible bankruptcy. Talk about poetic justice.

If Palmer loses, then talk about citizen action against government officials; talk about the people taking back their government; talk about ground-swell Constitutional action; talk about true patriotic practice; talk about political empowerment; talk about real revolution by that bastion of freedom known as the "Vote Keepers"; talk about overwhelming occupation by that protector of liberty known as the "97 percent"; talk about poetic justice; talk about true justice.

If Palmer loses, and if Bundy "patriot" criminals signed Palmer's Constitution copy, then Palmer can read why he lost the election, why he lost his job and why he lost his future every single time he reads their signatures in his Constitution copy. Talk about poetic justice.

Palmer shall find out his real sentence, which shall be imposed on him by the jury of his peers — voters — on election day in November, which probably will be after the results of the Palmer investigation. If

Palmer loses, then we already know what his reply may be: "Ambush!"

Brian McDonough
Bennington, New Hampshire

Government overreach at the local level

To the Editor

People in general are sick of big government telling them how or what to do in their lives and on their own land. Not to mention over regulation and abuse of power. Well, we have a situation in our own county where local government decided Grant County residents do not have the right to grow a legal cash crop or own a business that is 100% legal under Oregon law. Yes, I'm talking about marijuana! Like it or not, when the law passed it became your right. No different than drinking a beer or smoking a cigarette is your right. We have the opportunity for jobs, revenue, and economic recovery in Grant County and just two county officials spoke for everyone and said no, once again. A gentlemen wanted a resort area for motorcycles on his land and was denied. A state park was blocked so the county could continue collecting \$18,000 in property taxes. Now I hear their values will be somehow compromised if marijuana processing is made legal. Really? We have at least 10 plus drive up locations where you can purchase or go inside and consume alcohol. Now hard li-

quor is available in our grocery store where kids walk by daily. Nothing was said about values being comprised when children watch adults purchase hard liquor. Don't get me wrong, I believe adults have the right to drink or smoke what we choose under and within the laws of our state. We also have the right to use our land for what we choose to, to create jobs and bring revenue to our schools and community. If not this idea, then what is the plan for Grant County? Continue blocking every new idea and watch our double digit unemployment rate continue to rise? Or, give this idea a chance and maybe some badly needed economic relief will come to the ones that need it the most, the working people of Grant County?

Brad Olson
Mt. Vernon

Sheriff had courage to stand up for beliefs

To the Editor:

This is to the great people of Grant County. What I am about to state is in defense of Sheriff Palmer and the men who had enough courage to stand up for their beliefs.

What elected official does not have a vested interest in the community they serve? Any good law enforcement official would want to know both sides of the coin instead of going into a situation half-cooked, like we have seen with federal agencies. The word of God declares that

we need to respect the authorities that are placed over us and not speak evil about them, or anyone else for that matter.

Though I am not home there yet, I also have a vested interest in the community. I am a devoted man of God, a student of his word, of history and the Constitution.

Take the blinders off, people. Do you not care that our federal government is overstepping their bounds, violating various state and federal Constitution laws? Our government has caused a moral decay in this country for decades. What once was immoral has now become accepted. Ethics have taken a dump on the plain of society. Big government makes executive laws that make things legal even though constitutionally they are illegal. Our elected officials in Washington feel they are above the law by taking away our rights and make simple, faithful people appear as anti-government extremists.

The ranchers (that some of you called criminals) have a vested stake into the community. They made a stand on the basis of the livelihood, which in turn puts money into the local economy. For their future and the future of our families in our community is what they had the courage to stand up and defend. You should not be criticizing them, but thanking them for their sacrifice.

What the government wants to do does not just affect the ranchers, but the entire community. Those that legally protested against the action stand for the local communities and for upholding the rights afforded us by

the U.S. Constitution.

Work together in love, not against each other in indifference.

Rich Shafer
Childress, Texas

Palmer's agenda not in county's best interest

Letter to the Editor:

Regarding Joe Clarke's defense of Sheriff Palmer and his personal attack on me (in the Feb. 17 edition of the Eagle), I'd like to reply. I won't go into Clarke's remarks about comedy as I thought that was pretty cleverly stated. What I do want to point out is that it is he who had his facts wrong. I never said Palmer was at the felony arrest site; I correctly stated he was at the roadblock near Seneca where the state police were already in place when he arrived.

I was born and raised here in Eastern Oregon, and I have several guns and lots of ammunition like Joe Clarke. However, if I did need law enforcement protection, Glenn Palmer is the last person on earth I would call. My trust is not in him because he has a different agenda beyond the best interests of the citizens of Grant County.

Terry Steele
Ritter

Editor's note: This letter was allowed in excess of the one-per-month policy as a rebuttal, because Joe Clarke mentioned Terry Steele by name and made direct claims of fact regarding Steele's previous letter.

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:

- Jeremy John Lawson, 41, pleaded no contest to fourth-degree assault/constituting domestic violence. He was sentenced to jail for 28 days. The court dismissed one count of menacing/constituting domestic violence and harassment.

- Santana Jean Mathew, 52, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. She was sentenced to jail for 48 hours and fined \$585. Her driver's license was suspended for one year. She was found guilty by court verdict of recklessly endangering another person. She was sentenced to jail for two days, bench probation for 18 months and 40 hours community service. She was fined \$633 and her driver's license was suspended for 90 days.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of February 12-18:

- Concealed handgun licenses:

- Average inmates: 15

- Bookings: 3
- Releases: 8
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 9
- Civil papers: 8
- Warrants processed: 1
- Asst./welfare check: 3
- Megan Long, 22, John Day, was cited for driving uninsured and expired plates.

- Edward Thomas, 26, Pendleton, was cited for violation of the basic rule, 75/55 zone.

Justice Court

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

- Failure to drive within lane: Taylor Mathew Myers, 26, Canyon City, Dec. 26, fined \$260; Tel Reece Abbe, 33, Riley, Jan. 28, fined \$260.
- Illegal stopping/parking: Brad Lee Hartwick, 39, John Day, Jan. 4, fined \$95.
- Exceeding the speed limit: Timothy Scott Holt, 53, Canyon City, 72/55 zone, Feb. 6, fined \$160.

- Failure to properly use safety belt: Shannon Lorene Britt, 53, Prairie City, Jan. 25, fined \$110.

- Violation of the basic rule: Heather Marie Georges, 34, John Day, 73/55 zone, Jan. 24, fined \$135; Edward R. Thomas, 25, Pendleton, 75/55 zone, Feb. 13, fined \$160.

- Lucas Lee Forrest, Long Creek, was convicted of harassment. He was sentenced to 12 months probation, 30 hours community service and fined \$500.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 130 calls during the week of February 15-21. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:** Feb. 15: Arrested a John Day man on theft charges; cited a

Costa Mesa, California, man for speeding.

Feb. 16: Hit-and-run reported at Chester's Thriftway in John Day.

Feb. 17: Responded to a dispute at a John Day business; fraud reported in Seneca; reported cougar sighting in the South Johnson Avenue area in Prairie City.

Feb. 20: Theft reported at a Canyon City business.

- **Grant County Sheriff:** Feb. 15: Hit-and-run reported at the South Shell station.

Feb. 17: Trespassing reported in the Bates area.

Feb. 18: Arrested a John Day man on a Grant County warrant.

Feb. 19: Structure fire on Bragga Way reported.

Feb. 20: Trespassing reported in the Dog Creek Road area.

- **John Day ambulance:** Feb. 15: Responded for a 74-year-old man; responded for a 66-year-old man.

Feb. 17: Responded for a 67-year-old man.

Feb. 18: Responded for a 98-year-old man; responded for a 45-year-old woman with chest pains.


Feb. 19: Responded for a 62-year-old man who fell.

Feb. 20: Paged for a man with low blood pressure and high pulse.

- **John Day Rural Fire Department:**

Feb. 17: Grass fire reported in the Meadowlark Road area.

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Grant County Health Department does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services and activities, or in employment.

City of John Day City Manager – Job Announcement

The City of John Day seeks a city manager who is an established leader, understands all aspects of municipal government, and has an appreciation of the challenges facing small rural cities. The city manager supervises 18 employees and two contracted services. The city manager is the administrative head of the City and is responsible to the council.

The city manager will be paid an annual salary of \$53,000 - \$71,500 (DOQ&E), plus benefits. The ideal candidate will have leadership experience in public or municipal administration. Managerial experience is essential, preferably with a well-rounded background that includes a combination of public and private sector experience. The ideal candidate will have knowledge and significant experience in municipal operations, services, and finance, including, without limitation, budget development and implementation. Highly developed communication skills and experience working closely with elected officials is crucial, as is a background in facilitation and conflict management. An exceptional ability to collaborate and develop effective community partnerships is required. A bachelor's degree (e.g., in business administration, public administration, public policy, or related field) is preferred but not required. Master's degree or equivalent experience in public administration is also preferred but not required.

An essential function of the position requires access and use of certain confidential and sensitive financial information not customarily provided in a retail transaction (that is not a loan or extension of credit). In addition, the City may be required to obtain credit history information as a condition of bonding or insuring the city manager. The City's obtainment and review of an applicant's credit history, background, and/or criminal investigation reports is substantially job-related. Any offer of employment will be contingent on the applicant passing a credit history, background, and/or criminal history investigation. The investigation will be made subject to and in accordance with applicable law.

If you are interested in this position, please visit the City's website at www.cityofjohnday.com for the position profile, job description, and application. Applications may be emailed, mailed, or hand delivered to Mayor Ron Lundbom, John Day City Hall, 450 East Main Street, John Day, Oregon 97845 (jdmayor@grantcounty-or.gov). Applications must be received on or before **5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2016.**

If you have any questions concerning the position or application process, please contact Mayor Ron Lundbom via telephone at 541-620-0427 or email at jdmayor@grantcounty-or.gov.

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