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pistol was found on Finicum. The report states it was originally sold to Justin Aaron Plimley in Arizona, who sold it to Dustin Riddle in December 2013.

In 2014, Riddle then sold the pistol to Thomas Kinne, who told a deputy he purchased the gun as a gift for Finicum, his step-father, according to the report.

The documents also include Finicum's autopsy report, which indicates he died from gunshot wounds of the back, abdomen and chest. The manner of death was listed as a homicide on Jan. 28.

The Central Oregon Major Incident Team led an investigation into Finicum's death.

Harney County District Attorney Tim Colahan also requested that Malheur County District Attorney Dan Norris review the investigation, which determined the six shots fired by two OSP officers, including the three shots that killed Finicum, were justified.

The documents indicate a third OSP officer had also made the decision to shoot Finicum, but by the time he disengaged his gun's safety, Finicum had already been shot by the other officers.

Two additional shots reportedly fired by an FBI Hostage Rescue Team, which did not hit Finicum, are under further investigation. Authorities said at a March 8 press conference FBI agents did not initially disclose firing the shots.

The documents also reveal that OSP and FBI of-

ficials initially considered a site in Grant County for the law enforcement action Jan. 26. One of the officers involved said the site was changed because it was believed Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer and others in the county were supportive of the occupiers' ideology.

Palmer met with three of the occupiers — including Jon Ritzheimer and Ryan Payne who have since been indicted for felonies related to the occupation — Jan. 12 in John Day with a group of county residents.

Palmer said he was unaware the occupiers would be at the meeting at a local restaurant, but he followed them and others to another site to continue the meeting after lunch.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training forwarded complaints about Palmer's conduct to the Oregon Department of Justice for further investigation, but the DOJ has not indicated whether it will pursue an investigation.

Bundy released a recorded statement from jail defending Palmer, stating he was the only sheriff he knew in Oregon who did not get "caught up in the political deception that the people of Burns were in danger." Bundy said Palmer went to the source and discovered the occupiers "stood for the Constitution."

"I encourage all people who love to be free to stand with Sheriff Palmer and help defend the people's power as a republic," Bundy said in the recording. "Let us pray to God that we the people are waking from our complacency before it is too late."

Brown names Saiki DHS director

By Hillary Borrud  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown appointed longtime civil servant Clyde Saiki as director of the troubled Oregon Department of Human Services on Tuesday.

Saiki has served as the agency's interim director since early November, when Brown demoted acting DHS director Jerry Waybrant. Brown made the change after Willamette Week reported that top officials at the agency, including Waybrant and former

director Erinn Kelley-Siel, knew for more than a year about alleged child neglect and financial problems at the Portland foster care agency Give Us This Day, yet did nothing. Kelley-Siel had resigned in July.

Additional emails released by the state later showed top DHS officials knew as far back as 2009 that Give Us This Day was operating without a state license and was staffed entirely by people with criminal records, the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau reported. Give Us This Day closed in September under

a settlement agreement with the Oregon Department of Justice.

Brown said on Tuesday that Saiki had already made progress since taking the helm at DHS.

"Clyde has been instrumental as the interim director in increasing accountability at the agency, particularly regarding the safety of young people in foster care, and coordinating an independent review of DHS programs to determine improvements needed to ensure youth are served and protected," Brown said in a press release Tuesday.

SCIENCE

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Carter took soil samples from three different sites. At each site, she found different levels of burning intensity to test. She then tested the infiltration rate — how quickly water penetrates the soil — the nitrogen and phosphorous content and the microorganism activity. The results showed several trends.

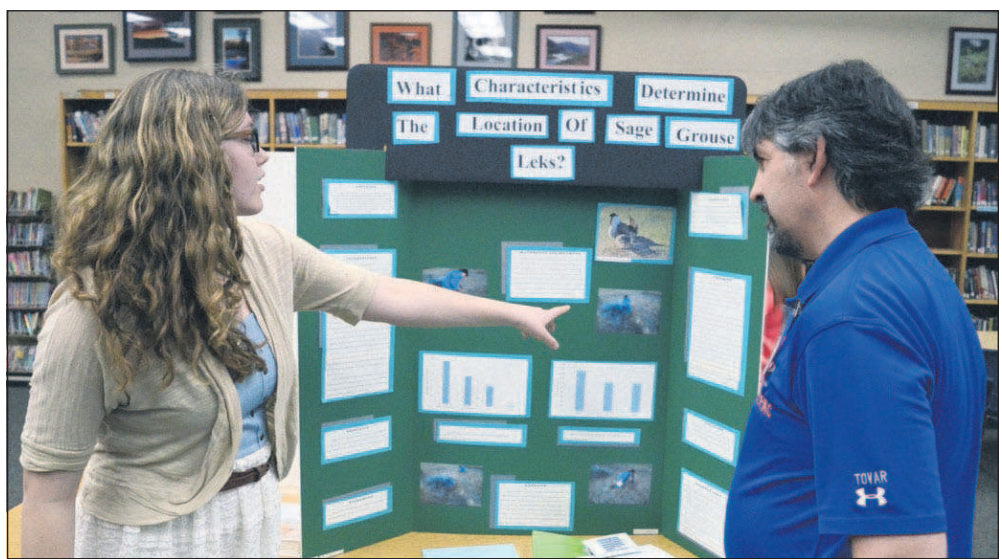
"The higher the intensity of the fire, the longer it took for water to permeate the soil, so that does contribute to a lot of the flooding," she said.

Nitrogen and phosphorous levels were also decreased in areas with high fire intensity. The chemical changes "decrease health of the soil and the health of the vegetation that comes back after the fire," she said.

Carter said one of the benefits of fire was increased microorganism activity.

She also noticed significant differences between public lands and private lands while she was collecting the data. She said she found very little high-intensity burns on private land, likely due to different management practices.

Senior Dawson Quinton



The Eagle/Sean Hart

Maggie Justice, left, explains her science fair project, "What Characteristics Determine the Location of Sage Grouse Leks?" to judge Dr. Anthony Tovar, an associate professor of physics at Eastern Oregon University, March 10 at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

also earned a gold rating for his experiment, "Does Ultraviolet Radiation Affect the Biomass of Green Algae?"

He subjected algae to various amounts of ultraviolet lights throughout the day, and the results were very clear. The greater the amount of UV radiation, the less the algae grew.

Quinton said this is important to note because chemicals in the atmosphere can change the amount of UV radiation that filters through.

"We've got to be careful because more radiation comes through when we deplete the atmosphere," he said. "We've got to be careful what we put into the atmosphere."

Judge Jennifer Barker said the quality of all the experiments this year was high.

Dr. Anthony Tovar, an associate professor of physics at Eastern Oregon University, said he has been judging at the science fair since 1999.

"There's a long history

here of high-level science projects," he said. "(Teacher Randy Hennen) does a good job preparing the students."

Sophomore Maggie Justice earned a silver rating with her project, "What Characteristics Determine the Location of Sage Grouse Leks."

Earning a bronze rating were junior Hailey Carter, "GMO: Friend or Foe?" and senior Clayton Vaughan, "Do Environmental Conditions Affect Mold Growth?"

POT

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meeting, and he was pleased the community was engaged on the issue. He said the council would discuss the issue again in April — at a special or regular meeting — and referring the matter to voters would be on the agenda.

"This decision has a wide-

spread public impact, and I feel it's too important to be decided by four or five people sitting behind this table," he said. "This matter needs to be decided by the voting public that it will impact. Measure 91 has provisions in place (to refer the matter to voters), and we are exploring them at this time."

Porter said, because legal marijuana is so new, many

questions about regulations and zoning remain unanswered. He said he hoped more would be known by November.

Long Creek resident Brent Near spoke at the meeting and said he also believed voters should decide the issue. Near said he did not believe commercial marijuana operations should be allowed, but he would accept

whatever resulted from a vote.

"At the end of the day, the people will vote and the people will decide," he said. "I just really want it to be in front of the whole community, because the whole community has the right. My opinion is there's no way it's going to get voted for commercialization, but if people vote in commercialization, that's just the way it is."

FIRE

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The home, a rental, is owned by Dennis Dice of

Prineville. A woman at the home arose early that morning and noticed a light switch wasn't working. She then smelled smoke, and the smoke detector went off.

Smith said the fire was likely burning for hours beforehand.

"We were extremely lucky," he said. "Another three to four minutes, and the attic probably would have lit up."

In the case of fires caused by old electrical wiring, people usually don't know there is a problem until a fire happens, Smith said, adding a breaker with a history of tripping

can be a sign of a problem.

"A functioning smoke detector allows people time to get out of the house," he said. "That's the biggest fire we've had happen in a while, and we hope to keep it that way."

Volunteers with the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team responded to provide assistance to the two adults and one child affected by the fire.

SMOKE

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Local Red Cross volunteer Paula Long said more volunteers are needed for the project.

"The more volunteers we have, the more smoke detectors we'll be able to install," she said.

Starting next month, volunteers, in teams of three, will visit homes of people who've made a request for a smoke detector.

Those interested in vol-

unteering for the project may contact Paula Long at 541-620-4751. A criminal background check is required, and will be given for free to those signing up with Red Cross for this project.

"If this is the only thing the person wants to volunteer for, that's fine, and if they want to do more with the local Red Cross that's fine, too," Long said.

Current Red Cross volunteers and firefighters have already had background checks and would be ready to participate.

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