

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:

- Santina Jean Mathew, 52, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. She was sentenced to jail for 48 hours, with possible credit for time served, 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, with possible credit for time served, bench probation for 18 months and 40 hours community service. She

was fined \$633 and her driver's license was suspended for 90 days. The offense date for both counts was June 22, 2007.

- Vincent Rex Tietjen, 51, pleaded guilty to two counts of delivery of methamphetamine committed on or about May 9, 2015. For each, he was sentenced to jail for 364 days, with possible credit for time served, post-prison supervision for two years and fined \$200. The second sentence is to be concurrent with all previously imposed ones. The court dismissed two counts for unlawful delivery of meth, two for unlawful manufacture of meth and five for unlawful possession of meth.

- Toby James Yazzie, 22, pleaded guilty to one count of fourth-degree assault and one for strangulation-constituting domestic violence, both committed on or about Jan.

30, 2016. For each, he was sentenced to jail for 10 days, supervised probation for 24 months and 40 hours community service, and fined \$200. The sentences are to be consecutive. The court dismissed three counts for menacing—constituting domestic violence and one for attempting to commit coercion.

- Ethan Taylor Thomas, 24, pleaded guilty to one count of criminal driving while suspended or revoked committed on or about Oct. 24, 2015. He was sentenced to bench probation for 12 months, no driving without a valid license while on probation and fined \$1,000. The court dismissed one count of unlawful possession of meth.

Oregon State Police

- March 4: At about 3 p.m., on Highway 26 at the west end

of John Day, arrested Diana Sandersfeld, 37, of Dayville, for DUII—controlled substances. She was taken to Grant County Jail.

- March 6: At 12:46 p.m., received a report of telephonic harassment in John Day.

- March 6: At 1:48 p.m., received a report of an intoxicated person trespassing on a neighbor's property in Prairie City.

Justice Court

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

- Violation of the speed limit: Matthew Tom Swafford, 31, La Grande, 83/55 zone, Feb. 9, fined \$220.

- Violation of the basic rule: Sterling Sage Gilbertson, 30, Prineville, 73/55 zone, Feb. 14, fined \$135; Blake Riley Tirico, 21, Sene-

ca, 78/55 zone, Feb. 26, fined \$220.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 94 calls during the week of March 7-13. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

John Day Police:

March 9: Cited Duane Stokes of Mt. Vernon for speeding.

March 10: Arrested a Prairie City man for assault, strangulation and menacing.

March 11: Theft reported at a Canyon City apartment; arrested a John Day woman on a felony.

Grant County Sheriff:

March 7: Burglary reported in Granite.

March 9: Advised of a lost hunter in the East Fork Beech Creek area.

John Day ambulance:

March 7: Responded for an 80-year-old man with difficulty breathing; dispatched for a woman with back pain.

March 8: Responded for a 90-year-old man.

March 9: Responded for an 80-year-old man; pages for someone with high blood pressure.

March 10: Dispatched for a woman with chest and back pain; dispatched for a woman who fell.

March 12: Responded for an 83-year-old man with chest pains

Monument ambulance:

March 7: Responded for a 70-year-old man.

Prairie City ambulance: March 12: Dispatched for a man who was dizzy.

Long Creek ambulance:

March 12: Paged for a woman who fell.

LETTERS

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Good values, ethics lead to winners

To the Editor:

I have given much thought to writing this letter, as I am usually a peaceful, laid-back person. I don't like to make any waves with anyone, but I have a very special place in my heart for our young people; I like to see them treated fair and given credit and praise when they have worked so hard to earn it.

On Feb. 27, I went to a state playoff game in Dayville with the Monument/Dayville Tigers competing against the Hosanna Christian Lions. This was a very crucial game, as it would determine who would go to state to play in Baker City.

I watched five boys play their hearts out for this game. I watched the buzzer-beater shot that was made by Jordan Bowlus. I watched those same five boys get their hearts broken when the referee called it a "no shot" (a referee on a power trip). I watched as those five boys went down on their knees with their heads in their hands. That one bad call cost the Tiger boys their game, plus it was very heart-wrenching to see them treated this way, plus they played against a team that had enough players for three teams. Coach Schafer said in our local sports articles it was

a game not likely to ever be forgotten.

Please know, Tiger boys, that we are all very proud of you. We know in our hearts and in our minds who won that game. You played hard, and you finished strong. You are all a great team; technically, you won that game. My point is: We all want our young people to grow to be honest, to be fair, to respect others, to be kind and humble, and as adults, we should set an example for them. May our young people stand firm in what they believe, may they not always let "one bad call" bring them to their knees. Keep your good values and good ethics, and you will always be winners in all that you do.

Nancy Morgan
Long Creek

Voters, be aware

To the Editor:

What is going on? Suddenly, we have five members of the Blue Mountains Forest Partners running for positions on the Public Forest Commission.

Is this an attempt to take over the Public Forest Commission? I feel like we need to be asking Mark Webb, executive director of the Blue Mountains Forest Partners, a paid position running for Public Forest Commission No. 3; Dave Hannibal, a non-paid member of Blue Mountains Forest Partners running for Public Forest Commission Alternate No. 1; Russ Young, a non-paid member of Blue

Mountains Forest Partners running for Public Forest Commission Alternate No. 2; along with current Public Forest Commission No. 5 King Williams, a current Blue Mountains Forest Partners member; and Larry Blasing, Public Forest Commission No. 7, an active member of the Blue Mountains Forest Partners, the following questions: Are you a member of Blue Mountain Forest Partners? How many years? Do you receive any money as a result of being a member to attend or when you attend? Mission and purpose of Blue Mountain Forest Partners? Mission and purpose of Public Forest Commission? Would you agree that the Blue Mountains Forest Partners and the Public Forest Commission are "polar opposites"? What are your intentions, and why are you wanting to be a member of both? Is it your goal to be voted in and, if successful, work to disband the Public Forest Commission or influence the county's decisions in support of Blue Mountains Forest Partners? Do you have outside-of-Grant County interests supporting your campaign?

Frances Preston
Prairie City

Felons can vote in Oregon

To the Editor:

I have been approached by some folks from around the community wondering if they can vote since they have been

convicted for felonies in the past.

Oregon does not disenfranchise individuals convicted for felony crimes.

If you are a convicted felon, you can vote.

All people should exercise their lawful right to vote. Democracy requires participation.

Register and vote!

Rob Raschio
John Day

County court should reconsider fire investigation

To the Editor:

Ken Moore's letter in last week's Blue Mountain Eagle was spot-on. He neglected only to mention the loss of long-time residents who were either burned out or who are unable to live in the burn any longer. It is our hope that the Grant County Court will reconsider its citizens' demand for, and the need for, an investigation into the Canyon Creek Complex, if only to assuage the trauma of this fire. Fire victims are not the only victims to consider; all of Grant County is victimized by forest and fire mismanagement.

We are also outraged at the sheriff-bashing going on. The fire and the occupation are tearing Grant County apart, and this only makes it worse. Glenn Palmer has been and still is a rock for us and for all of Grant County. We support him whole-heartedly.

Finally, we commend the road department and Doug Ferguson and his team for their excellent efforts to minimize damage in the event of the predicted flooding.

Robert Reed and Judith Beaudet Reed
Canyon City

Bullying disrupts County Court

To the Editor:

I was raised in Prairie City by a father who was a very good boxer in his youth. It didn't take my brothers and me long to understand that, to please our dad, we had to be tough guys. One of the problems with this was that our solution to any disagreement or verbal spat was to settle it with our fists. We boys didn't see ourselves as bullies, but as I grew older I became very aware that handling all problems by fighting made us bullies. I came to realize that there are many types of bullies, and I recently had the experience of witnessing some of the worst bullying I have ever seen.

This past month, I attended a couple of Wednesday County Court sessions where I witnessed a level of verbal bullying that was inexcusable. Even though the judge and county commissioners are of a different political party than me, I had to greatly admire how they were able to meet this head on and operate fairly and professionally. These guys have been coming under a constant barrage of

unreasonable criticism, and I believe they deserve our gratitude rather than our scorn.

At one point in a packed court room, the verbal attacks reached a shrill peak with one bully acting like a cheerleader stirring up his team. I reverted back to my youthful instincts and wished the judge would get up and run his head through the wall. The trouble with that being that this bully was one of Sheriff Palmer's 70 special deputies, so there was a real danger the judge would get arrested or shot by the other 69 deputies in the room.

Unlike Sheriff Palmer who has been hiding from public accountability, Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin was present to respond to every question and verbal attack. However, not all those raising issues were abusive. Mike Moore (and a few others) addressed problems and offered solutions.

As we go forward in this election year, I suggest people start showing up at County Court meetings to get a clearer picture of the situation.

Terry Steele
Ritter

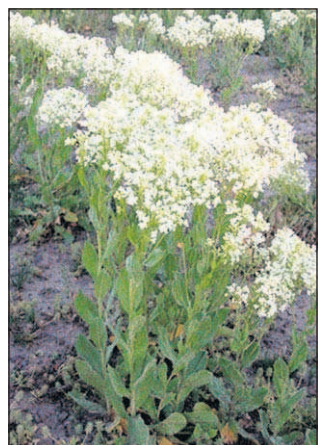
Watershed Council receives weed award

Blue Mountain Eagle

SALEM — The Oregon State Weed Board has awarded \$31,994 to the South Fork John Day Watershed Council for weed control purposes.

The award, announced at the board's Feb. 9-10 meeting in Salem, was one of 50 grants totaling \$1.29 million given to organizations throughout Oregon to fund projects that restore, protect fish and wildlife habitat, watershed function, water quality and overall watershed health from invasive noxious weed impacts.

South Fork John Day Weed Control will focus efforts on Spotted Knapweed,



Contributed photos

Whitetop

Musk Thistle and Whitetop in the Upper South Fork/Izee area.

The project is expected to begin in April and run through 2018.



Spotted Knapweed

The SFJDWC will hold landowner sign-ups from March 7-21. To sign up, contact Amy Stiner at 541-792-0435 or astiner@outlook.com.

For information about the OSWB Noxious Weed Grant Program, contact Tristen Berg at tberg@oda.state.or.us.

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FRI-THURS (4:00) 7:00 9:35

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Disney Animation. Fugitive con artist fox and a rookie bunny cop work together to uncover a conspiracy.
FRI-THURS (4:10) 7:10 9:40

10 CLOVERFIELD LANE PG-13
Woman discovers the horrifying truth about the outside world while living in an underground shelter.
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- Recent changes in your bowel habits

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