

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:

- Christopher Witmore was convicted of contempt of court for failure to make court-ordered financial payments and failure to serve five-day jail sanction. He was sentenced to 20 hours additional community service and 120 hours in jail.

Oregon State Police

- March 19: Police cited Otis R. Waggoner, 64, St. Helens, for second-degree criminal trespass March 14 on Malheur Lumber Company property.

- March 15: At about 5 p.m., on Highway 26 between Mt. Vernon and Dayville, arrested Russell Wayne Moore, 52, Redmond, for refusing field sobriety tests. He was lodged in Grant County Jail.

- April 2: At about 9 a.m., received a report of a single vehicle crash on Highway 395 south of Long Creek. Police cited Lucinda Choicoy Johns, 53, Long Creek, for careless driving.

- April 11: At 1:39 p.m., investigated a two-vehicle, non-injury crash on Highway 26 near Laycock Creek Road. Police cited Lisa Faye Miller, 53, Mt. Vernon, for unsafe passing.

- April 17: At about 8 p.m., responded to report of an intoxicated man on a bicycle on Highway 395 in John Day. Police arrested Jeffrey Doyle Porter, 50, Canyon City, for driving under the influence of intoxicants—alcohol and controlled substance. He was taken to Grant County Jail.

- April 19: At 7:24 p.m., responded to a two-vehicle accident on Highway 26 west of John Day.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 15-21:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 12
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 9

- Releases: 13
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 3
- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 2
- Eric Towers, 32, John Day, was cited on April 19 for maintaining a dog as a public nuisance.

- Christopher Woodell, 32, Long Creek, was cited on April 18 for failure to carry license and failure to drive in lane.

Justice Court

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

- Dog as a public nuisance: Ghalum Mohammad Wahdat, 63, John Day, Feb. 22, fined \$260, with 6-month diversion, to be dismissed if no further convictions before Oct. 13.

- Burning without a permit: Leroy Paul Titus, 36, Prairie City, April 8, fined \$110.

- Violation of the basic rule: David Clark Hannibal, 53, John Day, 74/55 zone, April 1, fined \$160; Teresa Marie Drury, 41, Burns, 80/55 zone, March 25, fined \$260; Linda Keeney, 28, Burns, 75/55 zone, April 5, fined \$135.

- Exceeding the speed limit: Cody Aaron Williams, 24, Bates, 50/35 zone, March 13, fined \$135; Ian A. Norton, 66, Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada, 60/40 zone, April 3, fined \$160.

- Careless driving-accident: Lucinda Choicoy Johns, 54, Long Creek, April 11, fined \$370.

Small Claims

- Charles E. Williams v. Austin Salvey. Money judgment awarded to Charles E. Williams for \$490.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 204 calls during the week of April 18-24. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:** April 21: Hit-and-run reported near the People Mover in John Day.
- April 22: Cited a Prairie City woman for no operator's license.
- April 23: Theft reported

at Les Schwab Tires in John Day; cited a Prairie City woman for maintaining a dog as a nuisance; arrested a John Day man for disorderly conduct at Meadowbrook apartments.

- **Grant County Sheriff:** April 18: Cougar sighting reported in Mt. Vernon.

- April 20: Theft reported in Mt. Vernon.

- April 23: Cited a Canby woman for allowing a dog as a nuisance at Clyde Holliday State Park; report of shots fired on Indian Creek Road.

- **John Day ambulance:** April 18: Responded for a 90-year-old man.

- April 19: Dispatched for a woman with a medication problem; paged for a woman with difficulty breathing.

- April 20: Responded for a 67-year-old man.

- April 23: Responded for a 62-year-old woman who injured her foot.

- April 24: Responded for an 87-year-old woman; responded for an 85-year-old woman.

- **Long Creek ambulance:**

- April 21: Responded for a 65-year-old woman with a broken leg.

- April 23: Dispatched for a man bucked off a horse.

- **Mt. Vernon ambulance:**

- April 24: Responded for an 82-year-old woman.

- **Mt. Vernon Fire Department:**

- April 22: Report of a structure fire on Harper Creek Road in Mt. Vernon.

- **John Day Rural Fire Department:**

- April 23: Reported brush fire on Patterson Bridge Road.

Health officials report elevated mercury in bass

By George Plaven
EO Media Group

Elevated levels of mercury have been detected in Oregon bass, prompting health officials to warn residents against eating too much of the fish.

The Oregon Health Authority issued a statewide advisory April 19 after evaluating tissue samples from 62 bass from 11 water bodies across the state, including the Columbia, Snake, John Day, Grande Ronde and Owyhee rivers. Results showed mer-

cury at high enough levels to pose a threat to human health if not eaten in moderation.

Samples were collected between 2008 and 2014. The advisory affects bass from all waters in Oregon, and will remain in effect for the foreseeable future.

Bass are the focus of concern because they are a resident species — that is, they live in the same place their entire life, unlike salmon and steelhead. Bass are also top predators, eating other contaminated fish within the ecosystem.

OHA is recommending the general population eat no more than six meals worth of bass per month. A meal is about the size and thickness of your hand. Pregnant and nursing women, infants and children are at higher risk of mercury, and should eat no more than two meals per month.

Should more data become available, OHA said it will update advisories as necessary. All statewide fish advisories are posted online at www.healthoregon.org/fishadv.

Stolen Prairie City vehicle recovered in Redmond

Shell burglary still under investigation

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A vehicle stolen in Prairie City was recovered in Deschutes County.

The vehicle, stolen April 12, was recovered three days later by Redmond Police De-

partment left in the bike lane on SW Airport Road near Sixth Street in Redmond, according to a John Day Police Department press release. The case remains open.

Police Chief Richard Gray recommends not leaving

valuables or the keys in vehicles and locking the doors.

The department is also investigating the April 16 burglary of the West Shell station.

Anyone with information about either incident is encouraged to contact the department, 541-575-0030.

Publisher's Clearing House scam surfaces in Grant County

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John Day Police Department is warning residents about a fraud scheme reported in Grant County.

People have been contacted and told they won prizes from Publisher's Clearing House that they can claim after paying fees, according to a press release.

The instructions request wire transfers or payments to be mailed. They send checks to be deposited into person-

al accounts, which are later canceled, causing overdraft charges and losses.

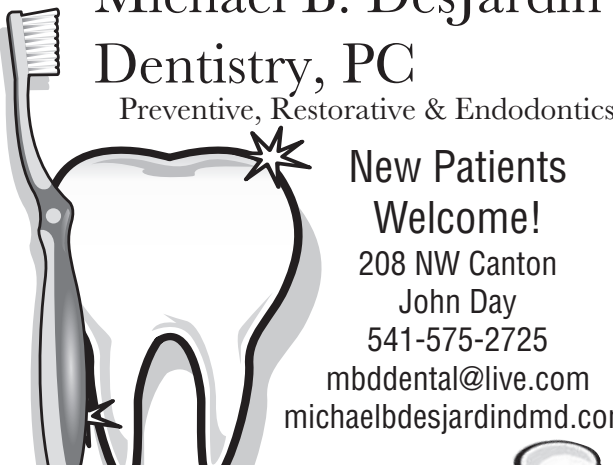
The calls are untraceable, and the contact number provided is from Jamaica, which causes long-distance charges. The scam spans the United

States with individual losses of thousands of dollars.

The police department encourages people to report any suspicious funds sent to them.

For more information, visit info.pch.com/consumer-info/fraud-protection.

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ATTENTION:

On April 15, 2016, at 9:40 a.m., my blue/gray Ford Escape was parked on Canyon Blvd. beside Mosier's Furniture for approximately 10 minutes, then moved in to the alley and parked behind Radio Shack, remaining there for approximately half an hour. During this time, my car received damage to the driver's side passenger door and extending to the rear panel. Evidence of white paint residue was left on the damage site. The hit and run was reported to the John Day City Police and an estimate of damages was obtained from 1st Choice Auto Body in the amount of **\$2,500**.

If anyone witnessed this hit and run, please call Margot White at **541-792-0575**. I will accept a reasonable explanation from the individual responsible for this damage and am willing to work out a settlement beneficial to both parties if I am contacted from the date of this notice until **Sunday, May 1st, at 6 p.m.**

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NATIONAL Sexual Assault AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

Help is available for victims of sexual assault in Grant County. If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, please call:

Heart of Grant County
541-620-1342

Grant County Victim Assistance Program
541-575-4026

Remember: sex without consent = sexual assault

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