

# Paving the way for safety at the fairgrounds

County insurance, building reserve pay for ADA-accessible walkways

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Getting around at the Grant County Fairgrounds is about to get a whole lot smoother.

A 750-foot paved walkway has been installed, running from the parking area at the Keerins Hall building on Bridge Street all the way through the fairgrounds to the base of the rodeo grandstands.

The new path is ADA-accessible and includes paved offshoots leading to such places as the flagpole area, the Lions Club burger stand, several Trowbridge Pavilion entrances, the Sale Barn and the restrooms.

County Judge Scott Myers said some of the



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**Prairie City resident Hal Gillam, right, pushes asphalt into a paver with other Tidewater Contractors employees Tuesday at the Grant County Fairgrounds. The project will provide an ADA-compliant walkway from Bridge Street to the ramp at the rodeo arena at the fairgrounds.**

funding came from a \$7,500 grant from the county's insurance company, CIS, with a 25-percent match from the county. Myers said CIS, being a risk management entity, allots the county \$5,000

per year for safety items.

The balance of the \$30,000 project came from the county's building reserve.

Tidewater Contractors of John Day is in charge of the work.

## LETTERS

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### Not intimidated by reporter

To the Editor:

Les Zaitz, senior investigative reporter for the Oregonian/OregonLive, has badgered me several times for an interview, which I have declined. I do not care for his reporting.

Being the investigative reporter he is, I received a list of questions (in which) he asked about my involvement in the natural resource plan and being a special deputy (I've been one from the old sheriff's posse days) and other inquiries I would not feel confident in talking to him about.

Mr. Zaitz dug back to 1999: "Were you the subject

of a criminal investigation for theft from the national forest? Was a search warrant served?" Yes, I told an arrogant Forest Service cop, if he wanted to snoop around my wood pile, "Get a search warrant." He did and nothing came of it, for there was no theft.

Then, "On Dec. 4, 2012, you were cited for violation of the terms of the condition of a permit, found guilty in federal court and fined \$275." Yep. I did not have my permit with me that day; it was in another truck from the day before when several friends and I loaded firewood. "Did you pay the fine?" No. I did community service in lieu of the fine.

"Have you paid your property taxes on time and why not?" Economics and injuries had a lot to do with it.

Zaitz ended his query

with, "Some people believe that if they don't answer questions they won't be part of a report. That's an incorrect belief. This is your opportunity to provide your views, facts and explanations."

I take that to imply, if I don't cooperate, then one's dirty laundry will be aired. Mr. Reporter, don't get your panties in a wad, but I'm not intimidated by the sorry methods you employ.

Now that is my opinion, and I have the paperwork to back it up. A copy of this will also go to the Oregonian/OregonLive.

Dave Traylor  
John Day

## 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:

- Megan Helene Long, 23, pleaded guilty to failure to perform duties of driver-property damage, on or about March 5, 2016. She was sentenced to jail for seven days, bench probation for 18 months and 40 hours community service and fined \$200, plus \$2,440.54 in restitution to Alliant Americas Insurance and The Nature Conservancy.

### Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 29-May 5:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 11
- Average inmates: 16
- Bookings: 10
- Releases: 9
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 8
- Civil papers: 13
- Warrants processed: 6
- Asst./welfare check: 4
- Celena Davis, 27, John Day, was cited for operating without required lights.

### Justice Court

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

- Violation of the basic rule: Criss Charles Duncan, 44, Malin, 75/65 zone, March 5, fined \$110; Blaine Mitchell Tocher, 29, Powell Butte, 78/55 zone, March 25, fined \$220; Daniel C. Thorndike, 60, Ashland,

75/55 zone, April 25, fined \$160; Zane Charlie Carson, 65, Athena, 77/55 zone, April 11, fined \$220; Lee William Rademacher, 62, Eugene, 74/55 zone, April 23, fined \$160; James Paul Byrne, 30, Phoenix, 54/35 zone, April 26, 2015, fined \$160; Karen Margaret Corwin, 65, Prairie City, 75/55 zone, April 22, fined \$160.

- Driving while suspended-violation: James Paul Byrne, 30, Phoenix, April 26, 2015, fined \$435.
- Failure to display license plates: Robert James Bryant Jr., 19, Prairie City, Feb. 7, fined \$110.
- Failure to install ignition interlock device: Regina C. Scott, 39, John Day, March 2, fined \$370.
- Exceeding speed limit: Rhonda Lee Bernard, 71, Prairie City, 75/65 zone, April 15, fined \$135.
- Unsafe passing on the left: Lisa Faye Miller, 53, Mt. Vernon, April 11, fined \$220; Justus K. Watson, 39, John Day, April 9, fined \$260.
- Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana: James Paul Byrne, 30, Phoenix, April 26, 2015, fined \$650.

### Small Claims

- Ray Klein Inc. v. Shayla M. Jones aka Shayla Hansen. Money judgment awarded to Ray Klein Inc. for \$2,845.12.
- Ray Klein Inc. v. Aaron

Roseberry. Money judgment awarded to Ray Klein Inc. for \$813.88.

- Ray Klein Inc. v. David Mosteit and Kathy I. Mosteit. Money judgment awarded to Ray Klein Inc. for \$1,176.26.
- Collection Bureau Inc. v. Nicky J. Ballou and Wendy Ballou. Money judgment awarded to Collection Bureau Inc. for \$1,569.94.
- Ray Klein Inc. v. Sheryl Griffith. Money judgment awarded to Ray Klein Inc. for \$657.12.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 138 calls during the week of May 2-8. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

### John Day Police:

- May 5: Criminal mischief reported at Depot Park in Prairie City; theft reported in John Day; harassment reported at the Canyon Creek Apartments.

### Grant County Sheriff:

- May 3: Hit-and-run reported in John Day.

### John Day ambulance:

- May 2: Responded for an 86-year-old man.
- May 4: Responded for an 89-year-old man.
- May 7: Responded for a man who fell.

### Monument ambulance:

- May 8: Paged for a 75-year-old man.

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## Notice

### Grant County Taxpayers

The third installment of the 2015-2016 property tax is due **Monday, May 16, 2016 by 5 p.m.**

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 May 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

## A life of public service is as much a gift to the person who serves as it is to those he is serving

Commissioner Labhart continues working on issues around our Veterans, Senior Citizens, Health Care and Job Retention/Creation.

Chris has always believed in working with the people of Grant County to solve our own problems. *We have done it in the past and we can do it in the future.* We don't need outside forces trying to dictate what we want in our local communities.

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