

**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:

- Michael Shane Griffin, 39, was convicted based on an Alford plea of credit card fraud, committed on or about April 9. He was sentenced to jail for 30 days, supervised probation for 18 months and 80 hours community service. He was ordered to have no contact with the victim and fined \$300, plus \$50 restitution to the victim. The court dismissed one count for third-degree theft/lost or mislaid property and initiating a false report.
- Charles Robert Hunt, 48, pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a weapon, committed on or about April 10. He was sentenced to jail for 30 days, supervised probation for 36 months and 80 hours community service. He was ordered to have no contact with the victims and fined \$300. He pleaded guilty to menacing-constituting domestic violence, committed on or about April 10, and was sentenced to supervised probation for 36 months and 40 hours community service, and fined \$600. The court dismissed one count for recklessly endangering another person-constituting domestic violence, five for recklessly endangering another person, six for pointing a firearm at another and five for menacing.
- Benjamin Vincent Dodd pleaded guilty and was sentenced on several charges committed on or about Jan. 25. For unlawful use of a weapon against another, sentenced to jail for 30 days, supervised probation for 36 months and 30 hours community service, and fined \$1,000; strangulation-constituting domestic violence, jail for 60 days, supervised probation for 36 months and 30 hours community service, and fined \$100, plus \$77.63 restitution to Pacific-source Community Solutions; fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence, jail

for 30 days, supervised probation for 36 months and 30 hours community service, and fined \$100; menacing constituting domestic violence, jail for 30 days, supervised probation for 36 months and 30 hours community service, and fined \$100. All sentences are consecutive. He was ordered to have no contact with the victim. The court dismissed one count for second-degree assault constituting domestic violence and one for pointing a firearm at another.

- Michael Dean Gibson, pleaded guilty to harassment, and entered into a deferred sentence and conditional release agreement for a 12-month period. He was ordered to complete 30 hours of community service and comply with any restraining or stalking order, and fined \$500. Upon completion, the harassment charge will be dismissed.

**Justice Court**

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

- Driving while suspended-violation: Joseph Scott Hayzlett, 40, John Day, March 25, fined \$435; Travis A. Palmer, 25, Mt. Vernon, March 16, fined \$435.
- Driving uninsured: Joseph Scott Hayzlett, 40, John Day, March 25, fined \$260; Travis A. Palmer, 25, Mt. Vernon, March 16, fined \$260.
- Registration sticker expired: Registration Scott Hayzlett, 40, John Day, March 25, fined \$110.
- Operating without a license: Joshua Wayne Haskins, 32, Prairie City, March 19, fined \$260.
- Violation of the basic rule: Shane Jerold Dillavou, 26, Pendleton, April 24, 78/55 zone, fined \$260; Nathan Lee Gordanier, 31, Canyon City, April 23, 80/55 zone, fined \$220; Kathy L. Meyer, 44, Mt. Vernon, March 18, 50/30 zone, fined \$135.
- Careless driving-accident: Thomas Allan Kelso, 63, John Day, April 19, fined \$370.
- Dog as a public nuisance: Mary P. Rowell, 27, Prairie City, April 23, fined \$260, with a six-month diversion, to be dismissed if there are no fur-

ther convictions before Nov. 11, 2016.

- David Wesly Burke, John Day, was convicted of third-degree theft. He was sentenced to 240 hours in jail and 20 hours of community service, with a stipulation of an executed sentence of 20 days in jail without credit for time served for failing to successfully complete any term or condition of probation. He was ordered to have no contact with Len's Drug of John Day and fined \$254.99.

**Small Claims**

- Karen Chadwick v. Martin Leuenberger. Money judgment awarded to Martin Leuenberger for \$150.

**Dispatch**

John Day dispatch worked 141 calls during the week of May 9-16. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

**John Day Police:**

- May 9: Arrested a man for fourth-degree assault and strangulation.
- May 13: Arrested a Baker City woman for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- May 14: Responded to a report of a dog attack on McHaley Street in Prairie City.

**Grant County Sheriff:**

- May 12: Theft reported in Canyon City.
- May 13: Arrested a John Day man for unlawful use of a firearm, disorderly conduct and minor in possession.
- May 14: Responded to a report of a woman with difficulty breathing in the Fields Peak area.

**John Day ambulance:**

- May 10: Dispatched for an elderly man; paged for an elderly woman with dizzy spells.
- May 11: Paged for a man who injured his leg.
- May 14: Responded for a 92-year-old man.

**Prairie City ambulance:**

- May 10: Responded for an 81-year-old man who fell.
- May 15: Responded for a 63-year-old man with chest pains.

**Mt. Vernon Rural Fire Department:**

- May 10: Forest fire reported in the Widows Creek Ranch area.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

**City of John Day officials awarded four employees with certificates at their May 10 city council meeting, including, from left, 911 dispatcher Camillia Haney (front), 911 dispatcher Don Speakman, Sergeant Damon Rand of the John Day Police Department and John Day public works employee Monte Legg.**

# John Day employees recognized for service

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

**JOHN DAY** — John Day City Council president Steve Schuette presented four city employees with certificates of recognition at the Tuesday, May 10, City Council meeting. Camillia Haney was awarded for 10 years of ded-

icated service to the City of John Day 911 Emergency Communications Center.

Don Speakman, also an employee at the 911 Center, was awarded the Golden Stork Award for commendable work in aiding in the emergency delivery of a baby boy on April 20, 2016.

Sergeant Damon Rand was

recognized for 10 years of dedicated service to the City of John Day Police Department.

Monte Legg, a public works employee, was awarded for 15 years of dedicated service to the city.

## Lightning may have sparked North Fork fire

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**PENDLETON** — A one-acre wildfire was detected last Wednesday afternoon in a remote area of the North Fork John Day Wilderness northeast of Rabbit Butte, according to Andrew Stinchfield, fire management officer for the North Fork John Day Ranger District.

The fire, located seven miles northwest of Granite,

is believed to be sparked by a lightning storm that passed through the area on April 29.

No structures, improvements or private land are threatened by the fire. Because of the remote location, predicted rainfall in the forecast and numerous hazards to firefighters, the fire was monitored and managed indirectly.

# John Day biomass collaborative awarded USDA funding

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U.S. Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon is applauding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's decision to award a groundbreaking project with funding to continue its innovative work using wood waste for renewable energy.

The Oregon Torrefaction Project will convert forest wastes to a low-carbon product that can be used to heat and power homes and businesses. Processing in John Day will create access to rural jobs and reduce transportation costs.

"Thanks to community efforts that responsibly tripled the harvest from

the Malheur National Forest, there's a huge increase in the amount of biomass available," Wyden said. "This project addresses several local industry and community needs by building new markets for wood wastes from forest health restoration and wildfire risk reduction, all while creating good-paying jobs in the woods."

The project is a public-private partnership between the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Endowment, Bonneville Environmental Foundation and private entities including Ochoco Lumber and Portland General Electric.

"We are excited to work with our partners on the ground, including the local collaboratives and the Forest Service, to build markets that can enhance forest restoration activities," said Matt Krumenauer, Project Manager for Oregon Torrefaction. "Projects like ours not only help build resiliency in the forest, they support family wage jobs and the health of our rural communities."

## MANAGER

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Walker previously worked as co-manager of Cabela's from 2013-15 in Kalispell, Mont., and was Horizon Air's customer service manager from 1998-2007 in Kalispell.

She received a "Rookie of the Year" excellence in leadership award at Horizon as customer service manager, and said the station thrived and was one of three cities nominated for Station of the Year out of 47 stations Horizon Air serves.

She earned a bachelor's degree in business economics from Boise State University, in Boise, Idaho.

A resident of Canyon City, Walker, her husband Kevin and their daughter Morgan moved to the area in October of 2015.

Walker's husband and her parents were raised in

Harney County.

"To be back in this community in Eastern Oregon is very exciting for our family," she said.



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