

Road construction projects planned

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Several road projects are planned in Grant County this summer.

- U.S. 26 John Day Highway, pavement chip seal between OR19 junction and Mt. Vernon, mile post 124.17-154.03. Work was scheduled to begin Monday, June 6, at the west end of the project, heading east toward Mt. Vernon. The chip seal work is expected to take about three weeks, with pavement striping scheduled after July 4. Some work near the bridge in Mt. Vernon will be delayed until bridge repairs are completed in August. Expect lane closures, flaggers and delays up to 20 minutes. Completion expected in October.

- U.S. 26 John Day Highway, rumble strips, shoulder widening from John Day to Austin

Junction, MP 163.52-190.53. Work is scheduled for June and July with expected completion in August. Expect lane and shoulder closures, flaggers and delays up to 20 minutes.

- U.S. 395 John Day-Burns Highway, pavement chip seal 13 miles south of John Day between Starr Ridge and Izee-Paulina Road junction, MP 13.4-18C. Work is expected to begin July 28 and take two days. Expect lane closures, flaggers and delays up to 20 minutes.

- U.S. 395 John Day-Burns Highway, rumble strips, shoulder widening south of Paulina-Izee Road junction and south of Seneca, MP 17.75-24.83C and MP 31.46-44.3C. Work is scheduled for June and July with expected completion in August. Expect lane and shoulder closures, flaggers and delays up to 20 minutes.



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A firefighter uses a drip torch during a burnout operation on Incident 059 in southern Grant County. Crews were mopping up on Monday.

Fighting fire with fire

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Malheur National Forest fire officials used a low-intensity lightning fire to their advantage.

The fire, Incident 059, was discovered June 7 about 3 miles southeast of the intersection of Forest Roads 15 and 16.

Officials opted to manage the fire for multiple objectives — the reduction of hazardous fuels, improvement of wildlife habitat and restoring overall forest health in an

area of old growth — using existing roads as containment lines for burnout operations.

As of Monday afternoon, 241 acres had burned with no further growth expected. Crews were mopping up and chipping limbs and debris along the roads.

Crews will patrol and monitor the fire for an additional seven to 10 days as mop up continues.

To report a wildfire, call the John Day Interagency Dispatch Center, 541-575-1321.

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.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of June 3-9:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 13
- Bookings: 11
- Releases: 9
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 3
- Civil papers: 11
- Warrants processed: 6
- Robert Bryant, 40, Prairie City, driving uninsured and driving while suspended.
- Dixie Blundell, 43, Grangeville, Idaho, driving uninsured and failure to register vehicle.
- Harvey Askew, 57, Prairie City, driving while suspended, failure to install an ignition interlock device and operating without proper lighting.

Justice Court

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

- Violation of the basic rule: Marvin Saul Perez, 33, Newport, 72/55 zone, May 27, fined \$160; Samantha J. Poirier, 29, Clarkston, Wash., 78/55 zone, May 13, fined \$260; Henry Joseph Hogstrom, 82, Eugene, 73/55 zone, May 31, fined \$160; John Anthony Martin, 26, Hillsboro, 75/55 zone, May 27, fined \$160; Juan Carlos Martinez, 56, Tacoma, Wash., May 13, 70/55 zone, fined \$160.
- Driving uninsured: Marvin Saul Perez, 33, Newport, May 27, fined \$260; Mysti

Dawn Towers, 31, Tenmile, April 3, fined \$260.

- Expired vehicle license: Mysti Dawn Towers, 31, Tenmile, April 3, fined \$110.

- Dog as a nuisance: Danielle Lee Webster, 33, Prairie City, two counts on May 14, fined \$260 for each with 6-month diversion to be dismissed if there are no further citations for dog as a public nuisance, \$393.41 restitution to one of the victims.
- Exceeding the speed limit: Waiming Mak, 62, Vancouver, Wash., 77/65 zone, May 17, fined \$220; Glenn Wilbur Hescocock, 81, Baker City, 46/30 zone, May 28, fined \$160; Shawna Marie Jakomeit, 41, Nampa, Idaho, 75/65 zone, May 18, fined \$160.
- No resident angling license: Soozee Spokely, 57, Fossil, May 10, fined \$75.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 168 calls during the week of June 6-12. Along with

the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police:

June 6: Hit-and-run reported at the Prairie City Cemetery.

June 7: Theft reported in the Southwest First Avenue area; hit-and-run reported at Blue Mountain Hospital.

June 8: Report of a prowler at Riverside Mobile Home Park.

June 9: Theft reported at a John Day business; harassment reported at Bare Bones in John Day.

June 10: Report of a shoplifter at Len's Drug in John Day.

• Grant County Sheriff:

June 6: Theft reported in Seneca.

• John Day ambulance:

June 6: Responded to a woman possibly suffering from heat stroke.

June 7: Responded for a 61-year-old woman.

June 8: Responded to an accident on Middle Fork Road; responded for a 62-year-old man with a diabetic problem.

June 9: Responded for a 45-year-old woman with a broken ankle.

June 10: Responded to Seneca for an 89-year-old man with chest pains.

• Prairie City ambulance:

June 10: Responded for a 90-year-old woman with a shoulder injury.

• U.S. Forest Service:

June 8: Forest fire reported on South Fork Road.

June 9: Forest fire reported in the Galena area.

Small Claims

- Accounts Receivable Inc. v. Terry Kilby. Money judgment awarded to Accounts Receivable Inc. for \$5,290.13.

Cowboy Chapel Hour

KJDY,
Sunday, 7 a.m.
"Remember the 7th Commandment"

OTEC warns of phone scam

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OTEC members are receiving phone calls from someone who claims to be a representative of OTEC and demands money over the phone or their electric service will be disconnected, according to a press release from the electric cooperative.

Such calls are not legitimate, and people should not give any personal or financial information to anyone over the phone, OTEC warns. People should contact local police if they receive a call.

If you are concerned

about your electric service and receive a call that service is going to be disconnected, make sure it originated from one of the OTEC offices. You can always hang up and call one of the local offices back. Customer service representatives will give you all the information you need to know about your account as well as provide you the various payment options available to you.

OTEC district office phone numbers: Baker District, 541-523-3616; Burns District, 541-573-2666; John Day District, 541-575-0161; La Grande District, 541-963-3155.

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...and all the fantastic community members for their contributions and continued support.

STOP THE BARKING

Owners love to hear their beloved dogs bark, it's music to their ears; however, to the rest of the community suffering through the racket, it's a headache. But how to stop it? I have dealt with this doggie dilemma successfully before and I would like to share how I did it with you if you're interested.

1. Dog owners, for the most part, are good people and they wouldn't intentionally aggravate their neighbors; they just don't realize they are bothering people so in a very kind, gentle way, let them know. Knock on their door if you can without the mouthy mutt stopping long enough to take your arm off, and tell them. Note time, date and response. If the response is positive, your work there is done and maybe you've made a friend, but you certainly have with other neighbors with the headaches. If you're told you're a bad person and to mind your own business or something to that effect, go to step two.

2. If in John Day, call the police department at 541-575-0030; the dispatchers there are very friendly and understanding. They will take your report and dispatch an officer to investigate your complaint; at that point it's pretty iffy what the responding officer will do, probably nothing which is understandable; they are very busy people with higher priority felons on their agenda. All you're doing here is starting a log so note the time and date of your call. They record all their calls which are public records so if you can call from your cell near the out of his mind K-9, the racket will be recorded and can be used as proof of offense at a later date if need be.

2A. The officer could talk to the offending party and if the response is positive, your work there is done and maybe you've made a friend, but you certainly have with the other neighbors with the headaches.

2B. If the officer is told he's a public servant and she pays his salary and to mind his own business or something to that effect, he can issue her a \$500.00 citation I understand; never seen it actually happen but it can and I wish it would more often.

3. I recommend calling police dispatch about three times, recording dates and times. Now it is time to ask your neighbors to call because no government agency will waste the time of day on a single complainant, in fact even possibly accusing you, the victim, of being the nuisance. Have each person call three times recording dates and times. If the howling continues, which at this point in your seeking silence it probably will, it is time to work through the headache and get serious.

4. Write a very nice letter to the dog owners and tell them your story. Don't ask your offended neighbors to write, you could be charged with RICO or FACE or inciting gang violence, only the authorities know; they can get pretty ingenious sometimes depending on who the dog owner is.

5. Of course, your letter will be discarded and that's O.K., it was just a formality anyway. I don't mean to give legal advice, but what I have done is write another letter to the dog's owner and demand that they please put a bark collar or something on their dog(s) to comply with local noise ordinances by a certain date or you will sue them in Small Claims Court.

6. If the dogs rave on, get a copy of the police recording, your neighbors for witnesses and take 'em to court; I don't know if you will prevail or not, I've never had to take it this far because most dog owners are nice, reasonable people and they don't like someone yelping in their ears either - gives them a headache.

I paid a lot of money for my little piece of Heaven here by the river to retire in and to live a quiet life and you have too; maybe this is the frontier, but we don't need dogs to warn us of savages or bears coming at us any more so I don't think it's unreasonable to expect my neighbors to turn down the volume of their dogs partying incessantly at the tops of their lungs. Do you? Of course not, so get involved. Right? Thank you.

Chaplain Richie

Paid for by Richie Colbeth

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