

Firefighters extinguish log blaze in JD

Blue Mountain Eagle

John Day firefighters extinguished a fire in a log in John Day Friday, Sept. 2.

Firefighters Rhonda and Carl Metler and Chief Ron Smith responded to the call near the east gate to the Grant County Fairgrounds on the walking trail along

the river, John Day Police Chief Richard Gray said. The fire was contained to the log.

Gray said he discovered a burnt cigarette butt that is believed to have started the fire.

"It's still very high fire danger," he said. "Make sure that burning embers are dead out."



John Day firefighters extinguish a log on fire along the walking trail near the river in John Day Friday, Sept. 2.

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Police officers recovered this pickup that was stolen overnight in John Day Aug. 30 on County Road 62 later that 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:

- Sheryl Griffith was convicted of theft in the first degree on Sept. 3. Griffith is sentenced to 2 years of probation with 200 hours of community service and is required to pay a \$5,000 fine to the victim and \$500 in court fees as well as having no contact with the victim and no entry into Blue Mountain Mini Mart.
- Russell Leroy Williams was convicted of violating probation on Sept. 1. Williams admitted to violating terms of probation and was sentenced to complete treatment by Feb. 1.

Grant County Sheriff
CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Aug. 25 through Sept. 1:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 6
- Average inmates: 12
- Bookings: 6
- Releases: 9
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 2

- Fingerprints: 7
- Civil papers: 9
- Warrants processed: 5
- Asst./welfare check: 3
- Search and Rescue: 1

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

- Exceeding the speed limit: Amy Marie Groves, 32, Orchard, Colorado, 75/65 zone, Aug. 10, fined \$160; Erik Locke Teel, 27, Prairie City, 80/65 zone, Aug. 6, fined \$220; Alyssa Naomi Lambeth, 17, Canyon City, 77/65 zone, Aug. 6, fined \$135; Timothy Theim Nguyen, 38, La Grande, 75/65 zone, Aug. 11, fined \$160; Lorenzo Daliana, 51, Portland, 64/45 zone, Aug. 5, fined \$160; John Alan Stave, 78, Meridian, Idaho, 77/65 zone, Aug. 11, fined \$260; James Brian Thompson, 40, Canyon City, 78/65 zone, Aug. 19, fined \$220; Brenna Dawn Balding, 37, Bend, 73/65 zone, Aug. 11, fined \$160.
- Violation of the basic speed rule: Caden David Powell, 23, Pendleton, 75/55 zone, Aug. 10, fined \$135; Liam Cuyler Whalon, 19, Apple Valley, California, 75/55 zone, Aug. 30, fined \$160; Sara Lee Lambeth, 56, John Day, 71/55 zone, Aug. 24, fined \$160; Kimberly A. Gilsdorf, 45, Athena, 74/55 zone, Aug. 10, fined \$160;

Jonathan Ching Cheung, 34, Vancouver, British Columbia, 89/55 zone, Aug. 18, fined \$435; Dean Russell Drolet, 45, New Westminster, British Columbia, 92/55 zone, Aug. 18, fine \$435.

- Failure to properly use safety belts: Lisa Faye Miller, 54, Mount Vernon, Aug. 11, fined \$110.
 - Illegal U-turn: Rafael Bajorera Nieto, 21, Paterson, Washington, Aug. 2, fined \$160.
 - Violation of city of Mt. Vernon ordinance: Andy A. Vogt, 46, Mt. Vernon, July 29, fined \$250; Sonny A. Dryden, 48, Mt. Vernon, July 29, fined \$100.
 - Passing in no-passing zone: David K. Johnson, 53, Moscow, Idaho, July 25, fined \$220.
 - Failure to obey traffic control device: Dillon Glenn Winters, 19, John Day, July 8, fined \$230.
 - Dog as a public nuisance: Mary P. Rowell, 37, Prairie City, July 1, fined \$260.
 - Operating a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle while carrying firearm or bow: Gabino Ponce Jr., 55, Prineville, Aug. 1, fined \$220.
- Dispatch**
John Day dispatch worked 267 calls during the week of Aug. 26 to Sept. 5. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, failure to obey traffic control complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police: Aug. 27: Assisted with emergency rations due to a water problem in a residence on West Main Street.

Aug. 30: Arrested a 26-year-old man for menacing and disorderly conduct after responding to a report of a subject who was possibly wielding a knife.

Sept. 4: Received a call of a "goat at large."

Received a report of a runaway.

• Grant County Sheriff: Aug. 26: responded to a burglary on Middle Fork Lane.

Aug. 29: Responded to a report of a fatal accident on Highway 395 near Ritter Junction.

Sept. 1: Responded to a report of shots being fired on Harper Creek Road; arrested a woman for possession of methamphetamine.

Sept. 3: Portland Police arrested a 44-year-old Hillsboro woman on a Grant County warrant; Jefferson County deputies arrested a 53-year-old Mt. Vernon man on a Grant County warrant.

• John Day ambulance: Aug. 27: Responded to a rollover accident on Highway 26 near the fish farm.

Sept. 2: Ambulance dispatched for a report of a female subject suffering either an overdose or a stroke in the Meadowbrook Apartments.

Stolen pickup recovered

Burke arrested on several charges

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Police recovered a pickup Tuesday, Aug. 30, that was stolen in John Day.

The owner of the white GMC pickup stolen from the 100 block of Second Avenue reported the vehicle stolen at 1 a.m. Aug. 30 when she returned home after being out of town, John Day Police Chief Richard Gray said.

Later that morning, police received a tip the vehicle was in Prairie City, he said, but it was on the move before officers arrived.

Oregon State Police Trooper Cody Weaver locat-

ed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop at milepost 1 on County Road 62, Gray said.

John Day police also responded, Gray said, and the two occupants of the vehicle were detained.

The driver of the vehicle, David Wesly Burke, was later arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, possession of methamphetamine and first-degree criminal mischief. He is set to appear in court at 1 p.m. Sept. 7.

The passenger of the vehicle, a 26-year-old John Day man, was released.

Gray said tips from the public led to the recovery of the vehicle.

"I would really like to thank the public for being involved and giving us information," he said.

Rail Fire nears containment

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The Rail Fire is 41,716 acres and is 85 percent contained, according to a press release from the management team.

Mop-up and repair assignments are nearing completion as firefighters are being demobilized for rest and reassignment to other fires. Crews are using heavy equipment to repair roads and fire lines as well as building water bars and reworking side-slopes to prevent erosion.

Rain Tuesday was expected to help containment lines hold. Areas around the fire remain closed as do parts of

Forest Road 16 and Forest Road 2652.

The fire is currently staffed by 624 people: 18 crews, 13 engines, one dozer, 16 water tenders, one masticator and four helicopters.

Malheur National Forest officials reduced the Industrial Fire Precaution Level to Level III on Tuesday and reduced the fire danger rating to High.

Campfires are still not allowed; only liquid and bottle gas stoves and heaters are permitted. Chainsaw use is prohibited. No internal combustion engine operation is permitted, with the exception of motor vehicles.

Electrical generators are allowed only if the generator is placed in an area 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of flammable material, or is fully contained within a pickup truck bed. Recreational vehicles with generators must have the exhaust discharge centered in a 10-foot area that is cleared of flammable material.

Off-road/off-trail vehicle travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material is not allowed. Vehicle travel on Forest Service roads that are closed is not allowed.


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and developed recreation sites or when stopped in an area cleared of all flammable material.

For more information call 541-446-3592 or email Railwildfire@gmail.com.


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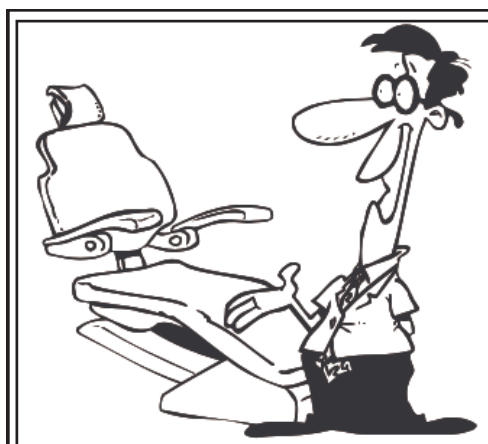
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Start time 10am
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