

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.

Oregon State Police

Sept. 26: OSP received a report of a headless antelope carcass on private land. An ODFW trooper from John Day responded and found the remains had been scattered by bear activity. The property would not have had any hunters on it during antelope season. The investigation is open.

Sept. 30: Arrested 26-year-old Adam Garrett Jennings on a Grant County arrest warrant for failure to appear. He was transported to and lodged in Grant County Jail.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of: Sept. 29.

- Concealed handgun

licenses: 5

- Average inmates: 15
- Bookings: 11
- Releases: 9
- Fingerprints: 7
- Civil papers: 19
- Warrants processed: 4
- Asst./welfare check: 3

Justice Court

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

- Sarah Lynn Ake admitted to violating probation on Sept. 28. Her probation was extended to Sept. 28, 2017 and required to perform 20 additional hours of community service with 10 hours being suspended if 20 hours are completed and submitted to the court by Jan. 7 and fined \$205 with \$100 suspended if all monthly payments have been made on time.
- Failure to obey traffic control device: Nichole Rule, 50, Mt. Vernon, Sept. 15, fined \$220.
- No seat belt: Brandon Cross, 26, Prineville, Sept.

25, fined \$95.

- Exceeding speed limit: Joshua Lee Gertsen, 35, Ridgefield, Wash., 79/65 zone, Sept 21, fined \$220.
- Violation of the basic rule: Calvin T. Piquet, 72, Winnemucca Nev., 77/55 zone, Sept. 13, fined \$260.
- Violation of the speed limit: Candace Nichole Boban, 28, Bend, Sept. 18, 47/25 zone, fined \$260.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 200 calls during the week of Sept. 26 - Oct. 2. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- John Day Police: Sept. 26: A woman called dispatch because she had lost her prescription glasses.
- Sept. 27: Dispatch received a report of baby goats in the highway near Holliday State Park.
- Sept. 28: Cited a 19-year-old Seneca resident for possession of marijuana,

two juveniles for possession of marijuana and a juvenile for possession of tobacco.

- Sept. 29: Cited a 40-year-old John Day woman for failing to stop for a school bus. Arrested a 21-year-old on a Grant County warrant.
- Oct. 2 JDPD and OSP responded to multiple reports of shots being fired just before midnight in Prairie City. A 32-year-old Prairie City woman was cited for disorderly conduct.

Grant County Sheriff:

- Sept. 30: Dispatch was notified of a possible phone scam. Arrested a 26-year-old John Day resident on a warrant for failure to appear.
- Oct 1: Received a call of a subject from Canyon City transporting a female to Blue Mountain Hospital for a dog bite.
- Oct. 2: Arrested a 25-year-old man for telephonic harassment.
- John Day Ambulance: Sept. 27: Performed a Life-flight transport.



Canyon City Courthouse.

Eagle file photo

PETERSON

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Daniel Kehr, Peterson's neighbor; and Troy Cox, whose family owns property near Peterson's.

The charges stem from Peterson's acquisition of resources — money and equipment — for fire protection in Monument and his subsequent refusal to turn over the resources to the Monument Rural Fire District, which was formed by voters in November of 2012.

Wendel said in his closing argument at the trial the first-degree theft charge was for submitting a fraudulent invoice in excess of \$1,000 with a grant application to the Oregon Department of Forestry on or about Feb. 15, 2013. Wendel said Peterson used white out to submit the same invoice on different grant applications in 2011 and 2012.

The first-degree aggravated theft and possession of a stolen vehicle charges were for withholding fire vehicles and equipment in excess of \$10,000 from the Monument Rural Fire District on or about Feb. 21, 2013.

After an investigation by the Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Justice began in May 2013, police served a search

warrant in October 2013 at property in the Monument area and seized fire vehicles and evidence for the case.

The indictment count for possession of a stolen vehicle lists "a 1970 Ford, a 1974 Freightliner, a 1983 Ford L9M, a 1993 Ford F350, a second 1993 Ford F350, a 1965 Western States, a 1966 Ford 900, a 1974 Western States, a 1986 Ford Econoline, and a 1988 International."

For about a decade, Peterson was a vocal advocate for establishing a rural fire protection district in the Monument area. He was chief of Monument's city department at one time and also acted as chief of the rural district that was yet to be formalized.

After the rural district was formed by voters in November 2012, the newly installed board and Peterson differed on its management and operation. Noting challenges with meeting procedures, operations, equipment and leadership, all of the board members resigned in December 2012.

The board was re-established in January 2013 when the Grant County Court appointed new members. The new chief of the district asked Peterson to return the equipment to the district, but he did not.

LETTERS

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The Malheur refuge protest trial

To the Editor:

The trial of USA v. Ammon Bundy et. al. is progressing much faster than Judge Anna Brown first estimated.

The prosecution has finished making their case, and the defendants are now testifying to make their case. Jeff Banta, one of the last four defendants to leave the refuge, testified last Thursday. His description of the last night and morning at the refuge was riveting, even with the constant objections of the prosecution, many of which were sustained by the judge.

Judge Anna Brown has insisted that testimony involving the conduct of the FBI, the Hammonds' court case, property rights, the U.S Constitution, title of the refuge and adverse possession not be brought into the present case.

With those restrictions, it has been very difficult for the defense to make their case. It also is making it hard for the judge to make it seem that she is allowing "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." Ammon Bundy is scheduled for as early as Monday, Oct. 3, with many of the other defendants to follow within a week or two.

Judge Anna Brown is suggesting that the trial will probably be finished and the jury will be ready to go into their deliberations by Oct. 12.

The Bundy supporters meet daily in Chapman Park, starting at about 7:30 a.m., just across the street from the Hatfield Federal District Court in downtown Portland.

Some prefer to hold signs in support of the defendants on the street, but many of the supporters are now watching the trial in the observation room on the 13th floor of the courthouse.

The lunch hour finds many of the supporters and defendants across the street in Chapman Park for their lunch break.

Terry Noonkester
Myrtle Creek

Sheriff has 'created a variety of messes'

To the Editor:

I just read that Sheriff Palmer pled the Fifth Amendment 51 times in his recent court deposition. Fifty-one times our sheriff apparently thought that answering the question being asked under oath might lead to him being charged or possibly convicted of a crime.

It's his constitutional right to not answer those questions, of course. But this is not some shady criminal trying to hide the truth — this is our Grant County sheriff!

Most of us voters in Grant County have voted one or more times in the past for Sheriff Palmer. But Sheriff Palmer has clearly changed.

He now seems to care a lot more about pushing his political views than he does about the duties of being a good sheriff who serves all of us equally and fairly. And meanwhile he has successfully created a variety

of messes for Grant County, and divided the community. He has tarnished the reputation of Grant County.

Lucky for us, we have a well-qualified candidate who understands the job and the county and its values, and is ready to be the sheriff we deserve and need. I'm enthusiastically voting for Todd McKinley.

Jim Kelly
Kimberly

An open letter to the 'Losers'

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to those who think they are being smart, funny and cheap. What I'm talking about are the can trailers for the students who are working hard to earn funds for their educational trip to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Thanks to the caring and generosity of the many people and parents who are behind the kids 100 percent they are surely and slowly making their trip money.

Then we have those who seem to think this is just an easy place to dump their household garbage. Anything goes, from spoiled food, dirty diapers, empty food cans, and yes, even TV sets.

It shows me just how cheap and insensitive people can be. Who do you think has to pay to haul this garbage off? The parents do, because they are about their kids! Please, from now on, show a little pride in yourself and for a change help some kids who are working hard to achieve their goal. It could possibly make a better person of yourself. Instead of thinking how smart and cheap you are and bragging how you pulled a fast one, does the word loser come to mind? It should!

Jan Lowry
Mt. Vernon

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THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN PG-13
Seven gun men in the old west gradually come together to help a poor village against savage thieves.
FRI & SAT (3:45) 6:45 9:30
SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45
MON-THURS 6:45

MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN PG-13
Jacob discovers clues to a mystery that spans different worlds and times and finds a magical place known as Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children.
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:40
SUNDAY (4:30) 7:00
MON-THURS 7:00

MASTERMINDS PG-13
Comedy. Night guard armored car company organizes a bank heist.
FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:45
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON-THURS 7:10
\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Oct. 15
8AM - 1PM
Celebrate the fall with our annual Harvest Festival, a fun filled end to our Farmers Market season.

There will be fruits, vegetables and pumpkins galore. Baked goods, confections, honey, treats and more. Sewn goods, jewelry, wooden items, etc. There will be games and crafts for the kids. Great music. Our main attraction, the cider press, will be working hard all morning. Just bring your apples.

For more information
Call Dale Rininger @ 831-596-0656
or visit us on Facebook
@JohnDayFarmersMarket

Beyond Burns
the growth of the Patriot movement in Oregon

Friday, OCT 7 - 7:00 PM
Canyon City Community Hall, 123 S Washington St

Join us for a presentation by the Rural Organizing Project on what the Patriot movement looks like in Oregon and across the country. We will learn the political and economic roots of the Patriot movement, and the impact Patriot groups have caused in communities across the state, including Harney, Josephine, Crook and Baker Counties. Grant County is one of eight counties to benefit from the tour of this presentation.

Sponsors: Grant County Positive Action and Blue Sage Ecumenical Ministries
Contact: gcpoitiveaction@gmail.com

YOU CAN STOP THE CYCLE

OCTOBER 2016 Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

Are you or someone you know the victim of physical or emotional abuse?
Do you find yourself being abusive toward your partner?

GET HELP TODAY AND COMMIT TO BETTER LIFE FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILDREN.
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
HEART OF GRANT COUNTY: 541-620-1342
GRANT COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: 541-575-4026
CALL NOW OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER FOR THE HELP YOU NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE.

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