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## Dissecting the Oregon Standoff trial

A member of the Pacific Patriots Network at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in January. Many wonder if the verdict in the Oregon occupation trial will embolden militia groups to take up armed land battles throughout the West.



OPB/Dave Blanchard

Jury: 7 defendants not guilty of felonies related to refuge occupation

By Bradley W. Parks  
Oregon Public Broadcasting

Just as quickly as the defense proclaimed a victory for rural America, occupation opponents dubbed the result an embarrassing loss for the prosecution. And

supporters of other movements — #BlackLivesMatter and #NoDAPL to name two — wondered aloud about the meaning of justice.

But 41 days and eight months later, the leaders of the armed occupation in eastern Oregon were found not guilty by a jury of peers.

Still, questions remain: How did it happen? And what happens next?

### The Charges

Ammon Bundy, Ryan Bundy and five others were charged with

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# DREAM HUNT

## Hurler syndrome doesn't slow down 12-year-old's pursuit of bull elk

By Sean Hart  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Pursuing a small group of elk that broke away from a large herd on a recent hunt in Grant County, 12-year-old Daniel Bosch crawled on his belly for 15 yards to position himself for a shot without spooking the animals.

"When he hit the ground, he was moving," his father, Mike Bosch, said.

Daniel said he was "amazed" when he peered through his scope at the five-by-four-point bull elk.

From Michigan, where only a small herd of elk can be found in the entire state, Daniel said he'd never seen an elk so big, except on television. This time, with a videographer and guides, Daniel was the star of the show.

Diagnosed with Hurler syndrome at 4 months of age, Daniel overcomes adversity with every step he takes. When he was born, his body did not make an enzyme that breaks down certain sugar molecules. Although a bone marrow transplant when he was 7 months old helped his body create the enzyme,



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Daniel Bosch and his father, Mike, pose with an elk antler shed found during a recent bull elk hunt in Grant County. Daniel was diagnosed with Hurler syndrome as an infant, but he accomplished a dream of hunting elk with his father, thanks to the Outdoor Dream Foundation.

LEFT: Daniel Bosch, 12, had a good shot at this five-by-four-point bull elk during a hunt in Grant County, helped by local volunteers and a nonprofit providing hunts for children with life-threatening illnesses.

"It's a really neat organization that takes these kids on these hunts fulfilling these dreams that they've had. It was my pleasure to help. It's pretty amazing the foundation's offering this opportunity for these kids. It's pretty special."

Gale Wall  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

## Farm Service Agency returns to John Day

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Farm Service Agency is re-opening a satellite office in the Grant County U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center in John Day.

The last agency office in John Day shut down in 2012 because of budget cuts, Grant and Baker County Executive Director Trent Luschen said, and the new office will help reduce travel time for those working with the agency.

"It's going to be nice to have that office open over there," Luschen said. "It's a lot more convenient so producers don't have to drive as far."

Luschen said demand from local ranchers and farmers spurred the office's return, and



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

Tracy Griffith poses for a photo in the recently re-opened Farm Service Agency office in John Day on Friday, Oct. 28. Griffith said it is her second week working in the office and she likes it so far.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden's office and field representative Kathleen Cathey helped facilitate it. In a statement, Wyden lauded the opening of the office.

"Oregon farmers have faced major challenges in re-

cent years, including drought and raging wildfires," he said. "That's why I am so glad my work with Senator Merkley to reopen John Day's Farm Ser-

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## Complaint filed against campaign to re-elect sheriff

By Sean Hart  
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A finance complaint has been filed against people campaigning to re-elect Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer.

In the complaint received by the Oregon Secretary of State's office Oct. 13, Kimberly Resly states an active campaign in support of Palmer has been operating in the county "for many months," but no committee is registered with the state.

"There have been no con-

tribution/expense activity reported despite a campaign that has lawn signs and large signs posted throughout the county," Kelly said in the complaint.

"Two full-page ads have run in the local paper paid for by 'Citizens of Grant County and Beyond in Full Support of Sheriff Palmer' ... At the present time, there is no such PAC registered with ORESTAR."

According to ORESTAR, the Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting, only one

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