



Deja Amsden leans out of her crib to give two children a scare at the Canyon City haunted house on Halloween.



Grant County Deputy Clerk, Julie Ellison (left) and Grant County Human Resource Manager, Laurie Wright (right) pose for a photo in the Grant County Courthouse on Halloween.

HALLOWEEN

Eagle photos by
Rylan Boggs



Trick-or-treaters exit the Canyon City haunted house Monday.



Katie Nicolato (left) and Jeff Nelson, dressed as Dr. Zoidberg and Bender from the television show Futurama, pose for a photo after winning first place at The Outpost's costume contest on Saturday.



Bransen Keith gets quite a fright while holding the hand of his mother, Jenny Keith, as James Keith looks on at the Canyon City haunted house on Monday.



Valerie Luttrell answers the phone at John Day dispatch on Halloween. Luttrell won first place and \$50 in the city of John Day costume contest.



Tia Dille, a sales associate at Len's Drug, poses for a photo behind the cash register on Monday.

Bids less than expected for old fire hall

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

The city of John Day may not earn as much as expected from the sale of its old fire hall.

Offers have been significantly lower than the expected value of \$85,000, City Manager Nick Green said at the Oct. 25 City Council meeting. The low offers were attributed to renovation work needed on the building interior and roof.

The city still plans to sell the building while retaining the old city hall property nearby. Council members discussed installing a facade on the old city hall to make it less of an eyesore, or turning it into a parking lot. Councilors also said a well on the property was worth preserving.

In other council news:
• The council accepted a three-year contract between the City of John Day and the Grant County Police Officer's Association.

• The council discussed the status of an ongoing water dispute between John Day and Canyon City. Since July, Canyon City has been paying only a portion of the amount billed by John Day for the treatment of their wastewater. No action was taken, but the council seemed confident Canyon City would pay its bills by the end of the year.

• The council discussed working with the group Oregon Solutions on a long-term community project like a recreation and wellness center, wastewater treatment plant or new school bond. Oregon Solutions focuses on one long term project for a community, according to City Manager Nick Green.

• Green updated the council on a dog management ordinance currently being drafted. John Day Police Chief Richard Gray said the ordinance could not be effectively enforced as is. A teleconference between Green, Justice of the Peace Kathy Stinnett and city attorney

Jeremy Green is planned Friday, Oct. 28, and a draft of the ordinance will be presented to the council at the next meeting on Nov. 8.

• The council re-capped a prior meeting with state Sen. Ted Ferrioli. During the meeting, they discussed future funding for the dispatch center. Ferrioli said that increasing taxes, such as the 911 tax, was an unpopular position. Ferrioli was, however, optimistic the state Legislature could help finance a fiber optic system for the city and other capital improvement projects.

• Several grant deadlines were discussed, including

an ERA rural advantage grant, a DEQ recycling feasibility grant and a FEMA assistance to firefighters grant.

The next John Day City Council meeting will be Nov. 8 at the new fire hall on Canyon Boulevard.

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