



**Kim McDonald, left, and Cory Jewell Jensen stand outside the Grant County Regional Airport on Tuesday, Nov. 15.**

# The science of sex offenders

Presentation provides tools to prevent child predators

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Child sex abuse is often difficult to talk about, but Cory Jewel Jensen has centered her career around just that.

Jensen, the co-director at CBI Consulting, drew a crowd of roughly 80 people to the Grant County Regional Airport for a presentation about sexual predators on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Judges, lawyers, police officers and others learned how sex offenders think and operate. The presentation showed the selection, engagement and seduction of children and adults by sex offenders.

Jensen explained scientifically why sex offenders become offenders, how they groom victims and how to identify them.

Andrea Officer, victim assistance director at the Grant County District Attorney's Office, attended the presentation and said Jensen had "an amazing wealth of information." Officer said the presentation would help her perform her job by giving her additional tools, information and contacts. She said she was impressed with the range of people at the presentation.

Officer said she learned during the presentation of offenders often molest many children before being caught. Jensen identified exposure to pornography at a young age as a common thread for offenders.

They reviewed research on what kind of interview techniques work with offenders, learned about factors that contributed to confessions

## Facts about sex offenders

- 35 to 40 percent of sexual crimes against children are committed by juveniles.
- 52 percent of adult sex offenders say people knew they were offending and failed to report them.
- One in five women and one in 71 men will be raped during their lifetime.
- Children who have been molested are more likely to be re-abused by a new offender.
- 4 to 7 percent of the population are child sex offenders.

Information from Cory Jewel Jensen's Nov. 15 presentation in Grant County.

and heard testimony from those who confessed.

Jensen said very few sex offenders are treatable, but support systems can be built around them. She said it requires a lot of treatment for them to not be a danger to society.

Jensen previously served as the executive director at the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. She was the recipient of Oregon's Commercial Crime Prevention Award and has been a featured guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Jensen donated her time, and the presentation was free for those who attended.

She said she enjoys working in her field, but there is a high demand for more people due to a high burnout rate among workers.

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# DeWitt Museum added to endangered list

Restore Oregon provides grant to form preservation plan

By Rylan Boggs  
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The DeWitt Museum has been named one of Oregon's most endangered places by Restore Oregon, a nonprofit committed to preserve historical sites.

The museum, once the old Sumpter Valley Railway Depot, has been preserved as a railroad museum and RV park. It houses a collection of items left from the railroad that once ran through the John Day Valley, as well as other artifacts from the past.

The railway depot is leftover from a time when the railroad was the backbone of the John Day Valley. The locomotive was slowly pushed out by the automobile as personal transportation became more accessible to the average person and more roads were built.

The Prairie City Depot was constructed in 1910 and used to help transport supplies and personnel for logging, mining and ranching activities from Baker County to Prairie City.

Later in its life, the depot was used for passenger service to Prairie City but was abandoned in 1933. The Olp family moved into the depot in the early 1940s,



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**The DeWitt Museum in Prairie City has been named one of Oregon's most endangered places by Restore Oregon, a non-profit committed to restoring and preserving historic places.**

and in 1947, the tracks were pulled up, according to Museum Curator Bob Shive. The Olp family lived there until 1973.

Following their departure, the depot fell into disrepair and was almost torn down. However, a local group gathered donations and awareness by hiking the old rail line to preserve the building, according to Shive.

The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, and the museum moved into the building in 1983. In 1984, Prairie City assumed control of the museum from Grant County.

Though the museum is in need of a number of repairs, the situation could be worse, Shive said. The museum has tremendous support from the community, and he isn't worried about the

building being torn down anytime soon. "We certainly haven't given up because back in the '70s it was in really bad shape," Shive said.

As well as railroad memorabilia, the museum is also home to the remainder of the DeWitt family collection, consisting of everything from horse tack to medical instruments and medicine from past eras.

Restore Oregon compiles a yearly list of endangered places selected from nominations sent in from across the state. Each location is historically significant and in danger of being lost through development, demolition or neglect. Each endangered place receives assistance from Restore Oregon and a seed grant for preservation.

The DeWitt museum will receive a \$2,500 seed grant from Restore Oregon to form a preservation plan and budget for repairs. Shive said the building is structurally sound but needs a new coat of paint, repairs to the siding on the building and, most of all, volunteers. Volunteering at the museum is "a great way to study the area, history and learn more about it," Shive said.

One such volunteer is newly elected Prairie City City Council member Frank Primozić, who has been volunteering at the museum since 2005.

Primozić said he started volunteering because he enjoys history and the museum helped him appreciate it.

"The railroad opened up the John Day Valley to the 20th century," he said.

# Helen Bogart awarded for senior center service

Seniors applaud Bogart's contributions

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

A full house of diners at the John Day Senior Center's Nov. 17 Thanksgiving meal applauded Helen Bogart for her years of service at the facility.

Chris Labhart presented a plaque to Bogart, on behalf of the seniors and people of Grant County.

"This is for her outstanding and dedicated service to the John Day Senior Center," he said. "She and Ken had a vision of what could be to make it the wonderful facility we have today."

The plaque hangs in a place of honor at the center, alongside her late husband Ken's plaque, next to the American flag.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

**Helen Bogart receives applause and a plaque, presented by Chris Labhart, for her dedication and outstanding service to the John Day Senior Center at the Nov. 17 Thanksgiving luncheon at the facility.**

Helen, 93, said she was taken by surprise when presented the award.

"It kind of threw me," she said.

Helen said she's loved "being with the group and helping

calling for sponsors to provide meals.

Helen and Ken opened a trust fund for the center's building construction and operating costs before it was built 39 years ago.

Several founders and contributors to the trust fund helped make the senior center a reality, donating \$100 to \$1,000 to get the building project off the ground. Volunteers also helped with many fundraising events.

Grant County senior programs manager Veanne Weddle said Helen has been an example to her over the years.

"I hope that I will be at least half as active at her age," Weddle said. "She's one of the most selfless people I've ever worked with. It has never been about Helen, but about the senior center and the people who go there."

out and helping decorate." But she's done much more than decorating the tables for all the holidays and seasons and

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