

Federal board denies county's proposed geographic names

Wiwaanaytt creek and meadow near Grant-Baker county line will remain

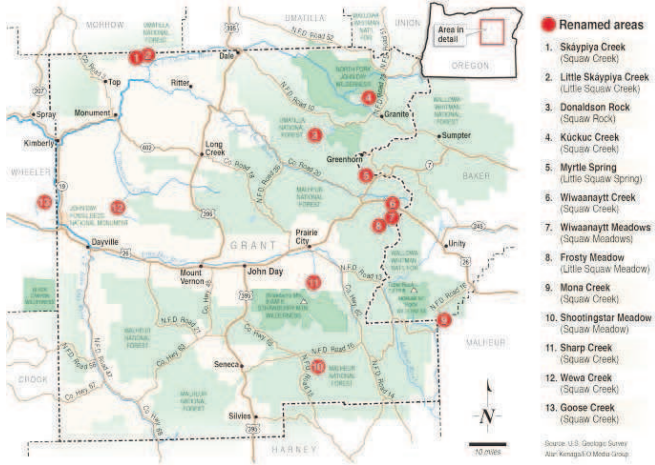
By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names denied Grant County's most recent request to change names of two geographic features formerly known as Squaw Creek and Squaw Meadow.

In a Nov. 1 letter to County Judge Scott Myers and Commissioners Chris Labhart and Boyd Britton, U.S. Board on Geographic Names Executive Secretary Lou Yost said the board had already changed

the names for the creek and meadow near U.S. Highway 26 near the Grant-Baker county line to Wiwaanaytt Creek and Wiwaanaytt Meadow at a meeting April 14.

At the April 14 meeting, the board changed the names of 13 features in Grant County that previously contained "squaw" in the name. Seven of the names were proposed by the county — Donaldson Rock, Myrtle Spring, Frosty Meadow, Mona Creek, Shootingstar Meadow, Sharp Creek and Goose Creek — and six



of the names were proposed by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation — Skaypiya Creek, Little Skaypiya Creek, Kuck-

uc Creek, Wiwaanaytt Creek, Wiwaanaytt Meadow and Wewa Creek.

As of the April meeting, the county had proposed re-

taining the names Squaw Creek and Squaw Meadow for the two features near the Grant-Baker county line. The county submitted proposals to change those names to Sullens Creek and Sullens Meadow June 8.

In the recent letter denying the Sullens proposals, Yost said the board considered the proposals before denying them.

"The BGN briefly discussed the proposals for Sullens Creek and Sullens Meadow at its July 14th meeting, and again in more detail at its August 11th and October 13th meetings," Yost said in the letter. "At the October meeting,

the BGN voted unanimously to not accept the proposals since the Grant County Court's recommendation at the time of the BGN's April 14th decisions was to retain the names Squaw Creek and Squaw Meadow, and because the County submitted the new proposals after the decisions had already been made."

Britton, the commissioner who led the county's effort to propose names intended to be more authentic to the locations and easier to pronounce for the majority of the local population, said he was disappointed with the board's decision and the "tone" of Yost's letter.

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.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Nov. 27-23:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 15
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 6
- Arrests: 1
- Fingerprints: 3
- Civil papers: 10
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 5

Justice Court

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

- Exceeding the speed limit: Richard Lane Garaventa, 69, Reno, Nevada, 51/35 zone, Nov. 11, fined \$160;

Julie Anna Brown, 71, Bend, 58/45 zone, Nov. 7, fined \$135.

- Violation of the basic rule: Michael J. Deblois, 41, Westwood, California, 75/55 zone, Nov. 9, fined \$160.
- Driving While Suspend- ed: Caitlin Michelle Hulsey, 21, Pendleton, Aug. 30, fined \$435.
- Criminal possession of rental property: Hanna Ann Reilly, sentenced to 48 hours in jail, 12 months probation and 20 hours community service and fined \$1,089.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 150 calls during the week of Nov. 21 to 27. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

John Day Police

Nov. 23: Received a report of a menacing male subject acting very aggressive in downtown John Day.

Nov. 25: Possible hit and

run in the Len's parking lot. Responded to a report of a domestic assault and arrested a 41-year-old John Day resident. Police arrested Kristopher Michael Goodwin, 26, for violation of a release agreement after he was seen in contact with a person the court had ordered him not to contact. Responded to a report of someone shooting golf balls at a residence.

Nov. 26: Responded to a report of a subject who was walking in traffic on East Main Street.

Grant County Sheriff

Nov. 22: Transported an inmate to and from Blue Mountain Hospital.

Nov. 24: Responded to two reports of possible shots fired four hours apart. Responded to a report of a party involving underage persons at the pit and then responded to a report of a lost person an hour later.

Nov. 25: Responded to a report of a possible burglary on Golf Club Road.

Responded to report of a rollover accident with injuries on Ingle Creek Road and arrested a 22-year-old John Day resident for DUII.

Nov. 27: Performed a traffic stop and cited four subjects for minor in possession. Responded with search and rescue for a lost hunter near Seneca. Responded with OSP to a report of an assault.

John Day ambulance

Nov. 24: Responded to two calls of different subjects coughing up blood.

Dispatch

Nov. 22: Assisted a woman in getting a tow for a woman who drove off the road and hit a tree near Monument.

John Day Fire Department

Nov. 23: Advised of a hot water heater problem.

Oregon State Police

Nov. 24: Advised of a possible drunk driver between John Day and Mt. Vernon.

Nov. 25: Report of a stolen vehicle sighting on Highway 395.

Public Forest Commission members continue to urge appeal of nullification

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

People who were elected to the Public Forest Commission continue to urge Grant County to appeal the circuit court opinion to nullify the measure that created the commission.

Grant County Circuit Court Judge William D. Cramer Jr. ruled the measure creating the commission should not have been placed on the ballot in 2002 because the measure sought to assume control of public lands in the county, which conflicts with paramount state and federal law.

At the Grant County Court meeting Wednesday, Nov. 23, elected forest commissioner Jim Sproul informed the audience of a letter he sent to county court members, stating, "To the county court concerning the Cramer decision on Grant County Forest Commission. Constructive notice is hereby given that the Grant County Court shall appeal the circuit court decision on nullifying the Public Forest Commission on behalf of the Grant County Public Forest Commission and the affected citizens of Grant County."

County Judge Scott Myers said he sent the letter to the county's legal counsel, Ron Yockim, for review. He said no action would be taken until Yockim responded.

Commissioner Chris Labhart reiterated his stance against the appeal.

In other Grant County Court news:

- The court approved a decision to hire Mindy Winegar to replace Fair Manager Mary

Weaver, who is retiring. Myers said Winegar, who was the fair office assistant, will start at her new position Dec. 26.

• District Attorney Jim Carpenter announced Deputy District Attorney Matt Ipson's replacement will be Mara Houck.

• The court approved the hire of a new appraiser for the county, Stephanie Williams, who will begin training in December.

• The court finalized the date of the county's Christmas potluck which is to be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Dec. 14.

• The court approved an intra-fund transfer to the Road Department to cover cost of three new defibrillators.

• The court approved a budgeted transfer to the unemployment reserve.

• The court approved a request for \$1,412 for two new computers in the District Attorney's Office.

GRANT UNION FIRST-QUARTER HONOR ROLL

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Reimers and Tegan Wright.

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Makenna Adair, Rebecca Batease, Hailey Carter and Manao Kanazawa.

3.5-3.99 GPA: Jessica Carter

3.0-3.49 GPA: Reita Wyllie, Reannah Lemons, Declan Jensen, Natalie Stearns, Mickayla Coalwell, Trejan Speth, Dauna Bishop and Nicholas Springer.

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Jay Goldblatt, Duane Stokes and Annie Wall.

3.5-3.99 GPA: Cauy Weaver, Fallon Weaver, Zack Deiter, Maggie Justice, Diamond Workman, Jozie Rude and Reagan Shelley.

3.0-3.49 GPA: Jesse Paulson, Mariah Moulton, Joshua Carpenter, Whitney McClellan, Elijah Humbird, Cameron Hallgarth, Mariah Wright, Hadley Boethin, Daniel Carpenter, Ely Carniglia, McKenna Elliott, Ty McDaniel, Kayana McLean, Tressa Ranft, Wade

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Heather Armantrout, Victoria Coalwell and McKeely Miller.

3.5-3.99 GPA: Danielle Goldblatt, Anastasiya Hozhenko, Madison McKrola, Aidan Broemling, Sydney Brockway, Roen Langum, Kade Blood, Aline Chobo, Andrea Comer, Bailley Moss, Savanna Randleas and Hailie Wright.

3.0-3.49 GPA: Oaklee Clark, Tanner Elliott, Danielle Girvin, Avery Hughes, Marissa Smith, Kaylee Wright, Cody Combs, Tiana Allen, Alyssa Hoffman, Nicole Jones, Avaley Mortimore, Macy Strong, Trinity Hutchison, Dana Schojor, Kori Jo Girvin and Celine Hicks.

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Gage Brandon, Erika Dickens, Drew Lusco, Donovan Smith and Madalyn Way.

3.5-3.99 GPA: Fallen Bolman, Makenna Culley, Emily Springer, Emilie Updegrave, Tiler Voigt, Samantha Floyd, Tyler Blood, Samantha Buckhaults, Sier-

ra Cates, Taylor Hunt, Kaytlyn Wells, Arron Glimpse, Ellie Justice, Shaine Madden, Megan McManama, Elisha Sheedy, Kellen Shelley and Angelo Towers.

3.0-3.49 GPA: Jasmine Barker, Sarah Barker, Baylee Coombs, Jonathan Desjardin, Angel Oliveira-Sanchez, Russell Hodge, Taylor Allen, Rylee Browning, Cole Deiter, Kohlen Jones, Kimberly Teague, Cinch Anderson, Caleb Dilley, Kolby McDaniel, Brittani Moss, Warner Robertson, Cody Bowden and Charlee Wolf.

Eighth grade

4.0 GPA: Abigail Lusco and Payton Neault.

3.5-3.99 GPA: Kenna Combs, Christian Glimpse, Jordan Hall, Devon Stokes, Quaid Brandon, Rhea Mead, Sophie Brockway, Leah Comer, Jesaka Culley, Kevin Duvall and Eithan Hatfield.

3.0-3.49 GPA: Clara Carr, Parker Manitsas, Logan McCluskey, Jesse Randleas, Levi Carpenter, Madison Spencer, Kee-sha Bliss, Michael Dilley, Quinten Hallgarth, Ethan

Moor, Sydnie Moss, Kayla Callighen, Brianna Majors and Matthew Musgrove.

Seventh grade

4.0 GPA: Ashley Henry and Riley Robertson.

3.5-3.99 GPA: Jacey Cash, Soren Caudill, Paige Gerry, Carson Weaver, Paige Weaver, Allie Clark, Mariah Kerr, Maverick Miller, Lauryn Pettyjohn, Grace Taylor and Parker Neault.

3.0-3.49 GPA: Cole Ashley, Emily Davis, Audrey Walker, Kendra Hatkoff, Dakota Ballou, Harli Grove, Katelyn Hughes, Sam McCracken, Austin McKrola, Casey Vaughan, Skular Watson-Vogel, Justin Hodge, Zinny Locke and Billy Radinovich.

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SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON - THURS (4:00) 7:00

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