A month-by-month recap of 2016

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January

- · Ronald Roy Horsman, 68, of Long Creek died in a fire that destroyed his resi-
- Rod Carpenter killed a trophy buffalo on a hunt in the Henry Mountains of Utah. The Boone and Crocket trophy club rated Carpenter's buffalo in the top 10 for Utah, scoring 124.
- · Professional rodeo photographer and John Day resident Lindsey Wyllie was awarded "The Competitor News" magazine's 2015 Photographer of the Year, for the fifth consecutive year.
- · Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer met in John Day with members of two groups tied to the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.
- A helicopter pilot and his passenger were injured in a crash near Ritter Butte when their helicopter, which was being used to hunt coyotes, ran out of fuel. Both men survived, but the helicopter was deemed a total loss.
- · Ammon and Ryan Bundy and three other refuge occupiers were arrested by the FBI and Oregon State Police on Highway 395 north of Burns and a sixth member of the group was shot and killed during the encounter. The men were headed to a meeting at the John Day Senior Center.

February

- After being convicted of kidnapping and abusing a woman, Matthew Eric Sagaser, 31, Mt. Vernon, was sentenced to a total of 271 days in jail and 36 months of supervised probation with no contact with the victim. He was ordered to pay a \$600 fine and \$6,728 in restitution to Blue Mountain Hospital.
- Brian Johns of Prairie City was injured after a 55-gallon drum he was welding exploded outside his Bridge Street home.
- The Grant Union Prospector wrestlers placed second with 158.5 points at the 1A/2A Special District Wrestling Tournament. Clay Johnson (132 pounds) and Antonio Dancer (138) were district champions, and Andrew Copenhaver (152) qualified for state with a sec-



The Eagle/Sean Hart

Cody Wilson stands in the doorway for the crowded Grant County Court session Feb. 17 and discusses a proposed resolution condemning the occupation of the Malheur refuge.



Jim Sproul speaks out in favor of an investigation into the Canyon Creek Complex fire at the Grant County Court meeting Feb. 24. After listening to testimony, the commissioners ultimately decided not to fund the investigation.

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• At least eight people filed formal complaints against Sheriff Glenn Palmer with the state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. The department sent the complaints to the Oregon Department of Justice, recommending an investigation.

• Peggy Gray, who served as John Day city manager

since 2001, announced plans to retire July 1. She said her time with the city had been "great ... and a real educa-

City were seriously injured in a fatal crash near Pilot Rock. Alexxyss L. Therwhanger, 20, dead at the scene of a head-on wreck on Highway 395 south

March

• The Grant County Court opted not to fund an investigation into the Canyon Creek Complex fire at the behest of the Public Forest Commission and some community mem-

· Brennon Witty, 26, formerly of John Day, pleaded guilty to a Class A violation of Taking a Threatened/Endangered Species for shooting a radio-collared wolf in October 2015. He was fined \$1,000, ordered to pay restitution of \$1,000 to ODFW, and the firearm used in the incident, a Savage Arms .223 rifle with scope, was forfeited to the state.

• The Grant County Court passed a resolution condemning the armed occupation of

Darlene Yan of Multiverse speaks to a Grant County crowd in August about next year's solar eclipse.

> the Malheur National Wildlife An overwhelming majority of voters, about 90 percent, in Malheur County rejected

the idea of a national monu-

ment in a corner of southeast

Oregon known as the Owyhee Canyonlands. • Monument High School junior Cauy Pool won first place at the Challenge of

Champions junior bull riding competition in Prineville. • The Oregon Department of Justice opened an investigation into a complaint against Grant County Sheriff

Glenn Palmer.

 Blue Mountain Hospital CEO Randall Mee parted ways with the hospital's contracted management provider.

 Scott Willingham, who was linked to the refuge occupation, was arrested in Mt. Vernon after reportedly threatening to shoot federal law enforcement agents if he was not taken to jail.

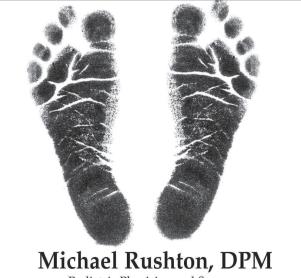
• An elk joined the fun at Dayville's Bunny Hop 5K. He completed the course on South Fork Road, keeping pace with the other participants, all the way into Dayville City Park but stopped just short of crossing the finish line.

· Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer deputized Roy Peterson, who was set to begin trial in Grant County Circuit Court on felony theft charges stemming from the acquisition of equipment for a fire district.

April

- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shot and killed four Imnaha Pack wolves in northeast Oregon involved in five confirmed livestock attacks.
- Sheriff Glenn Palmer gave notice he intends to sue the city of John Day and its employees for a list of allegations stemming from actions related to the occupation of

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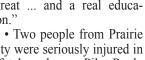
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Earl C. Perry, 68, of Mt. Vernon passed away Tuesday, Dec.

20, at Blue Mountain Hospital. A celebration of life was held

are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon

Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To leave a condolence, visit drisk-

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Monday



Sunday

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Richie Colbeth/ Owner/Operator

Tuesday

LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Last week's temps	
JOHN DAY	HI/LO
TUESDAY	46/26
WEDNESDAY	34/20
THURSDAY	39/19
FRIDAY	39/25
SATURDAY	30/25

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Weather Forecast for the week of Dec. 28-Jan. 3

Saturday

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Chance of snow	Mostly sunny	Chance of snow	Mostly sunny	Chance of snow	Chance of snow	Very cold
34	33	30	24	31	36	22
21	24	3	12	21	19	9