

REVIEW

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the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

- Dayville resident Julie Carr collected signatures in an effort to recall Grant County Commissioner Boyd Britton.

- Blue Mountain Hospital employees IRS Form W-2 information was compromised in an email phishing scam, but no patient data was affected.

- The Grant County Court chose not to immediately support a proposal to change the sheriff's office dispatch center from the current service provider, the city of John Day, to a company in Wheeler County.

- Thirteen natural features in Grant County were re-named, replacing "squaw" titles for new monikers proposed by the Grant County Court and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

May

- Jacob DeRosier, 29, John Day was accused of shooting two men in a John Day trailer park.

- Hannah Brandsma and Rayne Houser, both 2014 graduates of Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, and seniors Taylor McCluskey from Grant Union and Jamie Waltenburg from Dayville each received \$5,000 in Oregon Trail Electric Co-op scholarships.

- The Lady Prospector softball team beat the Umatilla Vikings 25-0 and 27-1 at the Seventh Street Complex.

- The FBI arrested Michael Ray Emry, 54, of Idaho in John Day for possessing an unregistered machine gun with the serial number removed.

- Grant County officials threatened to sue over a federal board's decision to rename geographic features that contained the word "squaw."

- The cast of the reality TV show "Gold Rush" were special guests at a Grant County Chamber of Commerce meeting.

- Prairie City Mayor Jim Hamsher was elected to serve as a Grant County Commissioner starting in 2017.

- Haley Walker was hired as the new manager of the Grant County Regional Airport in John Day.

- A ransomware attack on Grant County Education Service District shut down county and school email and internet operations.

- The same day Sheriff Glenn Palmer's attorneys re-



The Eagle/Sean Hart

Tidewater Contractors employees, including Prairie City resident Hal Gilliam, right, finish paving the parking lot for the new John Day fire hall on South Canyon Boulevard May 10. The new facility features more bays and more area for firefighters to perform maintenance and safety checks on the equipment.



Contributed photo/Sheriff Glenn Palmer

The wreckage of a 1988 Enstrom helicopter was found near Ritter Butte Lookout in northern Grant County. The crash was reported the morning of Jan. 13. The pilot of the helicopter, Cliff A. Hoeft, 60, Pilot Rock, and a passenger, Cody Cole, 34, Monument, were transported by ambulance to Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. Hoeft was later transferred by aircraft to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

sponded to an allegation he deleted a public record, a lawsuit was filed asking a judge to force him to release other records.

- Grant County became the second in Oregon to be designated a "Purple Heart County."

- The Grant Union girls track team won the 2A OSAA Track and Field State Championship.

June

- John Day City Council members unanimously agreed to appoint Nick Green as city manager.

- Grant Union Junior-Senior High School Choir Director Mary Ann Vidourek announced her plans to retire after 25 years of teaching.

- William Allen Goodwin III was indicted on two sex crimes involving a minor.

- A Seneca man and his son on an Alaska fishing trip died when their boat overturned in Glacier Bay National Park.

- Fourteen stock and guard

dogs were poisoned with strychnine in southwestern Idaho, and 12 died.

- Authorities recovered the body of Cody Lane Watson, 16, of Monmouth who drowned in the John Day River near Spray.

July

- David Kodesh, 21, of Mt. Vernon was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a weapon, first-degree assault, menacing and second-degree disorderly conduct, following a shooting in John Day.

- County Clerk Brenda Percy said she certified 505 signatures to place the recall of County Commissioner Boyd Britton on the ballot during a special election.

- A Forest Service decision authorized salvage treatments for the Canyon Creek Complex fire.

- The John Day Swim Team placed fourth overall at the Lakeview Swim Meet.

- The Grant County Court



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Five-year-old Brooklynn Kimball of John Day races at the county fair Aug. 11.

voted unanimously to allow the placement of medical marijuana dispensaries in the county, outside of cities.

- Gov. Kate Brown unveiled a multi-pronged plan called "Oregonians United to End Gun Violence," aimed at decreasing gun violence in the state.

- The legal expense trust fund for Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer, who is being investigated by the Oregon Department of Justice, received more than \$20,000 in donations between April and June, including one from a fictional character with a false address.

- Seven-year-old Dylan Beede was found after spending the night alone in the Malheur National Forest after becoming separated from family and friends camped at the Elk Creek Campground.

- The Blue Mountain Eagle won 10 awards at the annual Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's 2016 Better Newspaper Contest.

- Ryan Payne, a military veteran accused of taking leadership roles in two armed standoffs involving federal authorities, pleaded guilty in Oregon to a conspiracy charge.



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A view of the Strawberry Mountains from Keeney Fork Road on the Malheur National Forest in Grant County. An additional \$1.5 million — for a total of \$4 million this year — has been awarded by the federal government for Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration projects on the Malheur forest.

August

- David Kodesh pleaded guilty to two charges stemming from a shooting in John Day and was sentenced to eight months in county jail with 24 months of post-prison supervision 18 months of supervised probation and 60 hours of community service for the misdemeanor.

- A judge granted a temporary restraining order against Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer, preventing him from deleting emails, after The Oregonian newspaper sued him to release records.

- Grant County voters chose to keep County Commissioner Boyd Britton in office, voting almost two to one against the recall attempt against him.

- Country legend Sammy Kershaw played to a packed arena at the Grant County Fair.

- At a public forum nearly a year after the 110,000-acre Canyon Creek Complex fire in 2015 that destroyed 43 homes, Forest Service officials said, in hindsight, they would have done some things differently but that weather conditions fueled the catastrophic fire, which could not be safely quelled due to a lack of available firefighters in the region.

- A 12-person jury convicted former Monument fire chief Roy Richard Peterson on three felony counts related to theft from the fire district.

- Dayville resident Cindy Bolman received four stitches after jumping in to rescue a dog being attacked by another dog in John Day.

- John Day City Manager Nick Green proposed an innovative solution to upgrading the city's out-of-date wastewater treatment plant by re-

placing it with a hydroponic treatment plant that would use reclaimed wastewater to help grow cash crops to offset the cost of the facility.

September

- Eva Dougharity was sworn in as mayor of Mt. Vernon.

- The Grant Union Prospector football team started its season with a shutout win over the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

- Sixteen-year-old Justin Baker's body was found in the Malheur National Forest a day after he disappeared.

- Scott Raymond Beard, 46, a former Deschutes County Sheriff's Office captain and resident of Deschutes County, was sentenced to five years in prison by U.S. District Judge Michael J. McShane for stealing over \$200,000 in public funds he was entrusted to manage.

- John Day residents told the city council they walk armed in fear of dog attacks.

- Chad Finley of Mt. Vernon placed first in calf roping with a time of 8.20 at the Grant County Rodeo, one of the last NPRA rodeos of the regular season.

- Norma Rynearson was honored for years of service to the Prairie City American Legion Unit 106 Auxiliary, which she joined shortly after World War II.

- Grant County Circuit Court Judge William D. Cramer Jr. nullified the citizen initiative that created the Public Forest Commission, stating it conflicted with paramount state and federal law.

- Canyon City resident Judy Kerr, who is also a special sheriff's deputy, shot a dog that attacked her while

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