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**Elected officials sign their name on the dotted line at the swearing in ceremony, including Surveyor Mike Springer, left, Sheriff Glenn Palmer and Treasurer Julie Ellison.**

# Grant County elected officials are sworn in

Blue Mountain Eagle

Three newly elected and two incumbent Grant County officials were sworn in Friday morning at the circuit courtroom at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City.

County Judge Scott Myers led the ceremony as Surveyor Mike Springer, Assessor David Thunell, Treasurer Julie Ellison, Sheriff Glenn Palmer and County Commissioner Jim Hamsher agreed to their duties.

The courtroom was filled with more than 50 people in the audience.



**Grant County Judge Scott Myers welcomes the audience to the Friday morning swearing in ceremony.**

# Oregon Senators urge officials to renew Secure Rural Schools funding

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U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley urged federal officials to make much-needed federal timber sales payments as quickly as possible to Oregon counties in need of funding for schools, roads and law enforcement, according to a press release from Wyden's office.

In letters to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, the senators noted that congressional failure to reauthorize Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding puts a premium on ensuring the federal timber payments are sent in a timely fashion to Oregon counties.

Counties no longer receiving an SRS payment as of Jan. 1 will instead receive payment under a federal act

that provides them 25 percent of the federal timber sale revenue from national forestlands generated in each county, the senators wrote Vilsack.

In 2015 when SRS was not reauthorized until after the 25 percent payments were made, the 25 percent payment was \$50 million nationwide compared to about \$300 million from SRS the previous year.

"Without the certainty of SRS payments, schools, libraries and jails close, roads go unpaved and become unsafe, mental and physical health services are scaled back or even ended and fewer and fewer law enforcement officers patrol larger and larger areas," Wyden and Merkley wrote. "We have talked to counties in Oregon experiencing these hardships,

which will be made even worse if the remaining 25 percent payments are delayed."

In their letter to Jewell, the senators made a similar point urging that the 18 Oregon O & C counties receive their payments in a timely fashion under the 1937 O & C Lands Act and 1939 Coos Bay Wagon Road grant fund providing counties with 50 percent of the revenue from O & C federal timber sales.

When SRS was not reauthorized in 2015, those counties received \$18 million from those federal timber sales and an additional \$19.9 million after SRS was reauthorized.

Wyden and Merkley are continuing to work on reauthorizing the SRS program, which has brought almost \$4 billion since 2000 to Oregon's timber counties

and schools all across the state.

Last year's SRS funds were paid to the counties in March 2016 and include payments from the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. In Oregon, 33 counties received a total of \$95 million in

Secure Rural Schools payments earlier this year.

Wyden co-authored the

original SRS legislation in 2000 with then-Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

## 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.*

### Circuit Court

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

- Delbert Baldwin Newman, 54, was convicted with second-degree-disorderly-conduct, sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$100.
- Shawn Coleman Kite, 48, was convicted of fourth-degree-assault constituting domestic violence, interference with making a report and driving under the influence of intoxicants and sentenced to 54 months probation, 17 days in jail, 80 hours community service, required to install an interlock ignition device, one year suspended drivers license and fined \$1,255.

### Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of: Dec. 29.

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 7
- Bookings: 5
- Releases: 7
- Fingerprints: 8
- Civil papers: 1
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 1

### Justice Court

CANYON CITY — The

Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Violation of the basic rule: Kailey Nicole Neal, 20, Prairie City 70/55 zone, Nov. 11, fined \$160.
- Driving while suspended: Benjamin Lee Keith, 36, Canyon City Nov. 8, fined \$435.
- Exceeding the speed limit: Gabriel Kirk Macleod, 45, La Grande, Dec. 14, fined \$135.
- Pass in no passing zone: Gregory Ronald Greb, 38, Pendleton, Nov. 24, fined \$220.
- Careless driving - accident: Jason H. Clark, 35, Baker City, Dec. 10, fined \$435.
- Careless driving: Gregory Ronald Greb, 38, Pendleton, Nov. 24, fined \$220.
- Driving while revoked: Kent Arthur Vaught, 48, Gold Hill, Nov. 9, fined \$435.
- Truck exceeding speed limit: Isaac Humphries Otto, 54, Dec. 20, 70/60 zone, fined \$110.
- Driving Uninsured: Richard Scott Cavens, 59, Bend, Nov. 12, fined \$260.
- Driving while suspended: Richard Scott Cavens, 59, Bend, Nov. 12, fined \$435.
- Small claims: Diane Hastwick vs. John Day River Veterinary Center, monetary judgment of \$1855.29 awarded to John Day River Veterinary Center.
- Probation violation: Caleb Vielma, five concurrent days in jail.
- Telephonic harassment: Adam Leland Gilliam,

Bend, issued a suspended sentence with 12 months probation of 72 hours jail time with credit served, 80 hours community service, no contact with victims fined \$450.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 115 calls during the week of Dec. 27 - Jan 2. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:** Dec. 30: Responded to a report of a suspicious person at 1188 Brewing Company and arrested a 46-year-old Wisconsin resident for criminal trespass. Received a report of "speed racing" on Highway 26 near Pine Creek. Jan 1: Arrested a 20-year-old Seattle resident for DUII.
- **Grant County Sheriff:** Dec. 27: Responded to a report of shots fired on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon. Responded to a report of a domestic dispute between an intoxicated subject and a minor. Dec. 29: Responded to a report of a snow plow vs. elk accident on Highway 402.
- **John Day ambulance:** Dec. 27: Responded to a 41-year-old female with sharp pain in her head. Dec. 28: Responded for an unconscious female subject with possible alcohol poisoning.
- **Oregon State Patrol:** Dec. 27: Responded to a Semi that slid off Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

# Magone Project objection period began Dec. 28

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The 45-day objection filing period for the draft record of decision for the Magone Project on the Blue Mountain Ranger District began Dec. 28, 2016, with publication of a legal notice in the Blue Mountain Eagle, according to Forest Service press release.

Individuals and entities who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during the scoping period or the 45-day comment period on the draft environmental impact statement may submit an objec-

tion.

The project documents can be accessed on the Forest Service website at: fs.usda.gov/

project/?project=44907, or you can request a copy by contacting Sasha Fertig at 541-575-3061 or sashafertig@fs.fed.us.

## John Day Taxi

541-620-4255

Eve said she wanted to walk; Adam said he wanted to call a taxi saying, "Hey! I wear the plants in the family." You never need a taxi until you need one; put my card in your wallet or purse.



Richie Colbeth/ Owner/Operator

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## JUNIPER ARTS COUNCIL/GRANT COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION IS SEEKING GRANT PROPOSALS FOR OREGON CULTURAL TRUST GRANT AWARDS

The coalition has \$6,000 from the Oregon Cultural Trust to distribute in Grant County to organizations for projects relating to culture. Projects may be related to the visual or performing arts, heritage, and/or humanities.

Applications are available from Karin Barntish, 131 W. Main Street, John Day or call Kris Beal at 541-932-4892 for more information or an application.

Grant applications will be accepted until January 13, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

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FRIDAY 7:00  
SATURDAY (4:00) 7:00 9:35  
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00 9:35  
MON - THURS 7:00

**ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY PG-13**  
The Rebellion makes a risky move to steal the plans to the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow.  
FRIDAY 6:45 9:30  
SATURDAY (3:45) 6:45 9:30  
SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45  
MON - THURS 6:45

**SING PG**  
A koala tries to save his theater by producing the world's greatest singing competition.  
FRIDAY 7:10  
SATURDAY (4:10) 7:10 9:40  
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10  
MON - THURS 7:10  
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Did you know there may be VA benefits available for you as a result of your spouses' military service?

See your Grant County Veteran Services Officer today for more information, located at Grant County Court House.

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- Sunday January 8th - Snow Oval Registration Starts @ 7:00 AM Race Time is @ 10:00

For any questions regarding rules or any additional information call

**Bill 208.870.8216**  
or  
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