

GRANT COUNTY COURT

Court appoints officers, committee volunteers



New Grant County Commissioner Jim Hamsher participates in his first Grant County Court meeting Jan. 4 at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City.

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Commissioner Hamsher takes part in first county court meeting

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Blue Mountain Eagle

County Treasurer Julie Ellison was appointed as budget officer for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and Assessor David Thunell was named tax collector. The appointments took place at the Grant County Court meeting Wednesday, Jan. 4 where new Grant County Commissioner Jim Hamsher took part in his first meeting.

The court also:

- approved order 2017-01, which authorized investments on local and state levels in institutions such as the John Day branches of U.S. Bank, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Umpqua Bank.

- reviewed and signed signature cards to bank institutions required by the court for moving large sums of money.

- accepted the audit for the 4-H and Extension office.

- approved a business phone for county Fair Manager Mindy Winegar.

- reviewed and approved Veanne Weddel to the Volunteer Community Advisory Council.

- approved Robert Watt, Robert Bagett, Ron Lundbom, and Scott Myers to a one-year term on the Airport Commission.

- appointed Amy Kreger to a two-year term on the Budget Committee.

- discussed the lack of applications for the three vacancies on the College Advisory Board.

- appointed Donna Palmer, Lucas Moore and J.C. Oliver to two-year terms on the Fair Board.

- appointed Mike McManus, Scott Myers and Katy Cary to the Mental Health Advisory Board.

- appointed Marge Walton, Hailey Boethin and Dan Driscoll to three-year terms on the Planning Commission.

- appointed Nick Green and Boyd Britton to two-year terms on the South East Area Commission on Transportation.

- appointed Andy Day and Mike Kilpatrick to two-year terms on the Wildlife Advisory Board.

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 Dec. 29 to Jan. 4:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 6
- Average inmates: 7
- Bookings: 9
- Releases: 8
- Arrests: 1
- Fingerprints: 4
- Civil papers: 9

- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 2

Justice Court

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

- Failure to obey traffic control device: Alyssa Naomi Lambeth, 18, Canyon City, Dec. 18, fined \$220.
- Careless driving — accident: Frank Hart Cordelle, 74, Prairie City, Dec. 16, fined \$370.
- Jordan W. Downing, 19, Canyon City, was found guilty of minor in possession of alcohol and minor in pos-

session of marijuana and sentenced to a suspended drivers license for two years and fined \$520.

- Charles J. Born, Long Creek, was found guilty of a wildlife violation and fined \$685.

- Thomas Rick Taylor was found guilty of keeping a dog as a public nuisance and fined \$1,000, ordered to have no contact with the victim and required to prove that the dog in question is current on all vaccinations, post signs warning of a dangerous dog on his property, ensuring the dog is leashed and muzzled when not on the property and

ensuring the dog is leashed and muzzled when any person under the age of 18 is on the property.

- Ray Klein Inc. vs. Darla R. Davis and Corey D. Davis. Money judgment of \$969.37 awarded to Ray Klein Inc.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 131 calls during the week of Jan. 2-9. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police**
Jan. 5: Responded to a possible case of child abuse.

Arrested a 39-year-old Mt. Vernon resident on a Grant County warrant. Received a report of possible animal neglect.

- **Grant County Sheriff**
Jan. 2: Responded with JDPD to a report of a vehicle that had hit a deer on Highway 26.

- Jan. 4: A 47-year-old was arrested in Springfield on a Grant County Warrant.

- Jan. 7: Responded to a complaint of an aggressive dog running loose. Was advised of suspicious circumstances at a residence in Mt. Vernon. Responded to a report of a vehicle blocking

someone from leaving the Grant Union High School parking lot.

- Jan. 8: Responded to a report of a motorist stranded in the Middle Fork of the John Day River.

- **John Day ambulance**
Jan. 6: Responded with the Prairie City ambulance to a report of a 57-year-old female with low temperature.

- **Oregon State Police**
Jan. 2: Responded to a vehicle slide off on Highway 26.

- **John Day Public Works**
Jan. 6: Responded to a report of frozen water mains.

Report big game hunt results by Jan. 31

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife officials are asking hunters to remember to complete a report for each 2016 deer, elk, bear, cougar and pronghorn tag purchased.

Even if hunters weren't successful, ODFW asks that reports be made online at www.reportmyhunt.com or call 1-866-947-6339. People who do not report will be forced to pay a penalty when purchasing a 2018 license.

Two die in fatal crash following reported kidnapping in Ontario

Reported victim from Weiser, unrelated driver from Vale dead after collision

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Two people died after a crash following a reported kidnapping in Ontario Monday, Jan. 9.

With officers in pursuit, an alleged kidnapper crashed into another vehicle, killing the reported victim and the driver of the other vehicle, according to an Oregon State Police press release.

The woman who was reportedly kidnapped, Anita S. Harmon, 40, of Weiser, Idaho, was found dead inside

the vehicle, though the cause of her death remains under investigation.

The man who reportedly kidnapped Harmon, Anthony Wayne Montwheeler, 49, of Nampa, Idaho, received serious injuries and was also transported to an area hospital.

David Joseph Bates, 38, of Vale was pronounced deceased after the collision. Bates' passenger, Jessica Sara Bates, 35, of Vale was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries and was in stable

condition Tuesday afternoon.

Ontario Police Department responded to a report of a kidnapping in progress at about 6:45 a.m. at a convenience store in Ontario, and as they arrived on scene, Montwheeler fled in a black 2014 Dodge pickup, according to the release.

Officers received information Harmon was being held against her will in the pickup and pursued the Dodge in the city and then south on Highway 201.

Traveling southbound, Montwheeler crossed the center line and collided with a northbound 2001 Ford Excursion, driven by David Bates.

Highway 201 near milepost 29 was closed for more than six hours Monday while investigators processed the scene.

The Oregon State Police, Malheur County Sheriff's Office and Ontario Police Department are continuing the investigation with assistance from the Idaho State Police, Washington County

Sheriff's Office and Weiser Police Department, as needed.

School official says no to fundraiser during Finicum event

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A Grant Union Junior-Senior High School fundraising group will not accept proceeds from a spaghetti dinner set to take place during a meeting in John Day hosted by the family of LaVoy Finicum, the refuge occupier killed by police en route to John Day Jan. 26, 2016.

The group of students and parents have been raising money for a spring 2017 trip to Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C., since the summer of 2015, but Grant School District No. 3 Superintendent Curt Shelley said the spaghetti fundraiser had not been approved as required.

"This was not approved formally through the administration and will not be supported by our district," he said. "The proceeds will not go to the school district as this was not approved, nor do we want to get involved in this political arena. We would like to stay neutral on these kinds of issues."

According to an Eventbrite listing, the itinerary for "Finicum Family Presents: The meeting with LaVoy Finicum that never happened in Oregon," planned for 4:30-10:30 p.m. Jan 28 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day, includes topics such as "The importance of Constitutional Sheriffs," "Property Rights," and "How The media was established to be the watch dog for the people

but has become the lap dog for the federal government."

"As many of you know, LaVoy was on his way to a meeting the day he was shot and killed," an event description on Eventbrite states. "We are honoring his memory by holding the meeting that never happened that day."

Planned speakers include Bill Norton, Krisanne Hall, Garrett Smith, Kate Dalley, Trent Loos and Morgan Philpot, according to the Eventbrite listing. Finicum, a spokesman for the occupation the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in early 2016, was en route to a meeting in John Day with several others when Oregon State Police and FBI agents attempted to stop the vehicle he was driving. Fin-

icum refused to stop, stating he was going to meet Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer, and fled with officers in pursuit when he encountered a roadblock.

Finicum exited the vehicle and was fatally shot by Oregon State Police officers who told investigators Finicum was reaching for a concealed pistol in his

coat, according to former Malheur County District Attorney Dan Norris who investigated the police shooting. Norris said the Oregon State Police officers who shot Finicum did not violate protocol, but shots fired by an FBI Hostage Rescue Team that did not strike Finicum were under further investigation.

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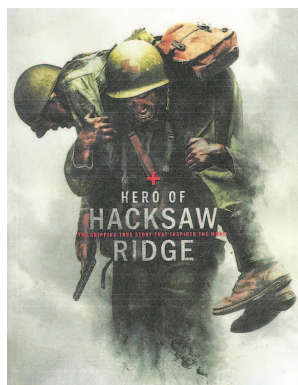
PATRIOT'S DAY R
An account of Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis's actions in the events leading up to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and the aftermath.
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SUN & MON (3:45) 6:45
TUES-THURS 6:45

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Based on a true story. A team of African-American women provide NASA with important mathematical data needed to launch the program's first successful space station.
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:40
SUN & MON (4:00) 7:00
TUES-THURS 7:00

WHY HIM? R
FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:35
SUN & MON (4:10) 7:10
TUES-THURS 7:10

\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

You have seen or heard of Mel Gibson's acclaimed film, Hacksaw Ridge. Now you can experience "THE REST OF THE STORY" with a FREE 101 minute documentary featuring interviews with Desmond Doss, the hero of the film, and those who served with him. Doss was the first non-combatant to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The documentary will be shown at:



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