

Partnership to develop community project

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

The city of John Day is partnering with Oregon Solutions to develop a community project.

Oregon Solutions is a nonprofit organization that works with local residents to crowd source a community enhancing project.

During a Feb. 28 John Day City Council meeting, councilors voted to approve a \$1,200 expenditure to Ore-

gon Solutions to help the city survey occupants to learn what single community project will benefit residents most.

The partnership would include a two-day meeting between community leaders and Oregon Solutions to choose a project benefiting the community.

The total cost of consultation would be \$9,800, which John Day City Manager Nick Green proposed splitting equally between the city, county, hospital and school dis-

trict. A \$5,000 grant from the Ford Family Foundation would also be used.

Green said he is hoping for a project that will help grow the city by providing better recreational opportunities, housing improvements or infrastructure.

During the meeting, the council also agreed to draft a letter of support for a new county library. Green said the new facility would be "an asset to the community."



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs
John Day City Manager Nick Green (left) and Mayor Ron Lundbom discuss partnering with Oregon Solutions during a city council meeting on Tuesday Feb. 28

Convicted sex offender loses appeal

Blue Mountain Eagle

A man convicted of sex crimes in Grant County will not be able to contact the victim while incarcerated after losing on appeal.

On March 1, the Oregon Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's judgment ordering Bobby Wayne Lampton, 65, to have no contact with the victim or the victim's family after being convicted by a jury of two counts of first-degree sodomy, one count of first-degree sexual penetration and two counts of first-degree sex abuse June 24, 2015, in Grant County Circuit Court, according to a press release from Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter.



Bobby Wayne Lampton

Carpenter said the victim was 9 at the time of the crimes and had "a grandparent/grandchild type relationship" with Lampton, from Bradford, Arkansas.

"Lampton's crimes against a child with whom Lampton had a special relationship are particularly heinous," Carpenter said in the release. "The decision of the Court of Appeals is a relief to the victim (now 16), the victim's family, and those that worked so hard preparing and trying the case against him, including former District Attorney, Ryan Joslin, and the entire DA staff."

After being convicted, Lampton was sentenced to 30 years in prison and lifetime parole. He was ordered to register as a sex offender and to have no contact with the victim.

Lampton filed a notice of appeal Aug. 3, 2015, arguing the trial court did not have the authority to impose conditions upon him while incarcerated, Carpenter said, but the appeals court affirmed the trial court's judgment without opinion.

Carpenter said Lampton may petition the Oregon Supreme Court for review, but the court rarely allows review of cases affirmed without opinion by the appeals court.

Victim assistance program facing potential cuts

Fairgrounds equipment failing

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County may be without a victim assistance director in 2018.

District Attorney Jim Carpenter asked the Grant County Court for \$29,000 to help pay for Victim Assistance Director Andrea Officer's salary during a county court meeting on Wednesday, March 1. The position is currently covered

by a grant for which funding will run out in December.

Officer aides roughly 250 victims annually, according to Carpenter. The services Officer provides are mandated by the state but not fully funded, according to Grant County Judge Scott Myers.

During the meeting, the court also heard an update from Amy Stiner and Elise Delgado of the South Fork John Day Watershed Council's recent activities. The watershed council, which covers the area between Dayville and Izee, has been clearing junipers, combating noxious weeds and enhancing

riparian areas, among other projects.

The court granted Grant County Fair Manager Mindy Winegar's request to begin fundraising. Winegar also sought the court's advice on the best way to replace or repair the fairgrounds tractor. An essential piece of machinery for the fairgrounds, the tractor has a damaged bucket, engine problems and failing hydraulics. The court urged her to search for a used tractor to replace the current machine.

Former county judge Mark Webb inquired about the current status of county

ordinance 2013-01, an ordinance stating the county court and sheriff must sign off on any road closures in the county. Webb said the ordinance was unconstitutional because it conflicted with state and federal law. He asked for the ordinance to be rescinded because he saw it as complicating and hindering interagency cooperation. Myers said he would consult with county attorney Ron Yockim and get back to Webb.

The court also:
• reviewed and signed an amendment to an Oregon Health Authority agreement

to cap the funds the county could be reimbursed, for programs such as Women, Infants, and Children, at \$550,000.

• approved payment of annual dues to the National Association of Counties, which lobbies on behalf of counties for federal money such as Secure Rural Schools and Payments in Lieu of Taxes funding.

• reviewed and approved a property tax refund for a Grant County resident.

• approved Roadmaster Alan Hickerson's request to the court for funding to purchase additional radios.

COPS AND COURTS

March 5. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• **John Day Police Department**

Feb. 28: Arrested a 30-year-old John Day man on a restraining order violation.

March 1: Notified with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife of a cougar sighting in Prairie City.

March 3: Responded to a report of people fighting in a moving vehicle on Main Street.

March 4: Responded to a report of a man knocking on doors asking for residents

for their wifi passwords.

March 5: Took a report of possible child abuse in the Meadowbrook apartments. Took a report of a stolen bicycle in Prairie City.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

Feb. 28: Received a report of a subject being threatened by his neighbor.

March 3: Received a report of an adult harassing a child.

March 2: Responded to a report of someone trying to get another driver pulled over by screaming and yelling at them.

March 4: Springfield Police arrested a 47-year-old on multiple Grant County warrants.

• **John Day ambulance**
March 2: Dispatched for a 74-year-old female with difficulty breathing.

March 3: Responded to a report of a 52-year-old man who had fallen off a stool and was unconscious.

March 5: Responded to a report of a car wreck in Prairie City with GCSO, JDPD, and the Prairie City ambulance; transported a patient to the hospital for Airlink transport.

• **Oregon State Police**
Feb. 27: Advised of a 18-wheeler stuck on highway 395C near milepost 13.

• **Prairie City Fire Department**
Feb. 27: Warned a person for illegal burning.

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

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Feb. 23 to March 1:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 10
- Average inmates: 11
- Bookings: 9
- Releases: 12
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 7
- Civil papers: 15
- Warrants processed: 8
- Asst./welfare check: 1
- Gary McArthur, 69, Canyon City, was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, open container violation and refusal to test for intoxicants.

Justice Court

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

Exceeding speed limit:

David L. Thomas, 69, John Day, 75/65 zone, Nov. 17, fined \$160; Ricky Lee Becker, 35, Bend, 79/65 zone, Feb. 17, fined \$260; Christine Lynn Phillips, 52, Parma, Idaho, 74/65 zone, Jan. 27, fined \$110.

Violation of the basic rule: Hannah Melissa Stephen, 25, Waltherville, 68/55 zone, Feb. 7, fined \$160.

Careless driving: Lawrence Savary, 46, Rochester, New York, Jan. 8, fined \$260.

Dog as a public nuisance: Karen R. Broemelung, 60, John Day, Jan. 30, fined \$130.

Driving uninsured: Ashley Nicole Long, 22, John Day, Dec. 2, fined \$260.

Semi-trailer exceeding 53 feet: Mack Christian Branan, 32, Manchaca, Texas, Dec. 30, fined \$110.

Failure to maintain seatbelt: Thomas R. Taylor, 50, Canyon City, Feb. 20, fined \$95.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 119 calls during the week of Feb. 27 through

ELTRUM HISTORIC THEATER
1009 First Street • Baker City • (541) 523-5439
BARCAIN MATINEE IN 10 Adults \$7 ALL FILMS \$6 ON TIGHTWAD TUESDAY
MOVIE SCHEDULE MARCH 10-16

KONG: SKULL ISLAND PG-13
Explorers and soldiers travel to an island in the Pacific, unaware they are crossing into the domain of monsters, including the mythic Kong.
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:50
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON-THURS (4:00) 7:00

LOGAN R
A weary Logan cares for an ailing Professor X in a hide out on the Mexican border, when a young mutant arrives being pursued by dark forces.
FRI & SAT (3:45) 6:45 9:40
SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45
MON-THURS (3:45) 6:45

BEFORE I FALL PG-13
Stuck reliving her last day over and over, Sam unravels the mystery around her death and discovers everything she's in danger of losing.
FRI & SAT 7:10 9:45
SUN-THURS 7:10

THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE PG
Bruce Wayne deals with the criminals of Gotham City and raising a boy he adopted.
FRI & SUN (4:10)

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

Your Rural Family Health Clinic

Grant County HEALTH Department
528 E. Main, St. E.
John Day

Monday - Thursday
7am - 6pm
Friday 8am - 5pm
Mendy Sharpe FNP
Appointments available

Call and schedule your appointment today!
TOLL FREE
888-443-9104
or 541-575-0429

Services Provided:
• Primary Care
• Acute Care
• Women's Health Exams
• Men and Children Exams
• Immunizations
• Family Planning
• Contraception
• Pregnancy Testing & Referrals
• HIV Testing & Referrals
• Cocoon
• WIC
• High Risk Infants
• Maternity Case Management

Grant County Health Department does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services and activities, or in employment.

Live In Concert – Direct From Nashville!

Blackwood Legacy Quartet

www.BlackwoodLegacy.com or visit us on Facebook

FRIDAY—MARCH 10, 7 PM
John Day Seventh-day Adventist Church
110 Valley View Dr—John Day
Info: 541-575-1216

Non-denominational event – the public is encouraged!
Admission is free – An offering will be received.

eOMEDIA group
The most valuable and respected source of local news, advertising and information for our communities.
eomediagroup.com

Grant SWCD Weed Control Dept. Working for You in 2017

Thanks to the Grant County Court and Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee, Grant Weed Control is able to offer **Noxious Weed Control on Private Grazing Lands**, through a Title II funded Grant Project. This program will provide a maximum \$5,000 of noxious weed control services to qualifying landowners. To be eligible for participation, the treatment property must not be irrigated and be primarily managed for livestock grazing, minimum of 20 acres in size, located within Grant County, and must contain priority noxious weed species. Applications for this limited weed control assistance opportunity will be ranked and funded according to a priority noxious weed list. **Contact the Grant Soil and Water Conservation District office at 541-575-1554 or visit 721 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845 for applications and additional information.**

The application deadline for this program is April 7, 2017.

BABY STEPS
Birth & Beyond

We believe having a baby means so much more than just labor and delivery. Prenatal classes help parents feel calm and confident with the birthing process, while reducing the duration of labor. Parents also gain a profound awareness of the importance of their role. The first 1,000 days of a child's life provide the foundation for success in school and in life.

This prenatal class will cover:

- Touring the family birthing unit
- Prenatal and postpartum nutrition
- Relief of common discomforts during pregnancy
- Creating a birth plan
- Stages of Labor
- Comfort Measures & relaxation tools during labor

Please call **FAMILIES FIRST** to register, 541-575-1006

For more information **CALL 541-575-1006**

Blue Mountain Hospital
www.bluemountainhospital.org

Families First PARENT RESOURCE CENTER
Teresa Aasness ffedta@gmail.com or Katrina Randleas fthvkat@gmail.com