

K-9

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to detect — such as heroin, methamphetamine or LSD — in a locker, Chastain said Capa will sit, and he marks the locker for the school administrators to review.

No drugs were found at Prairie City School or Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, and administrators said the search helps provide a safe, drug-free school environment.

Prairie City School Superintendent/Principal Julie Gurczynski said the school is trying to be more security- and safety-conscious, which is why she contacted Gray to set up the K-9 search. She said the assembly afterward was also educational and helps promote positive relationships between the community and police.

"I thought it was a very productive assembly and worthwhile for the students to understand how a drug dog works and that it is a valuable officer in the police force," she said. "You could hear a pin drop when he was talking. They were all very attentive."



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Capa, a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois-German shepherd mixed breed drug K-9, enjoys a toy after sniffing lockers at Prairie City School March 7.

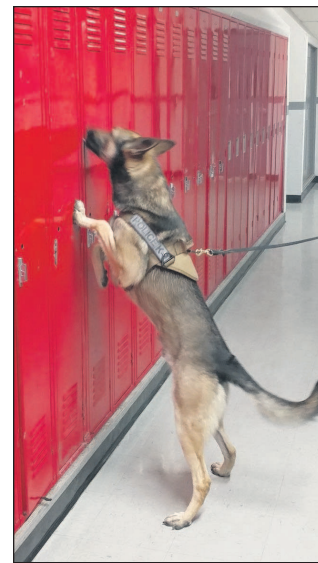
Grant Union Principal Ryan Gerry said the school wasn't able to schedule an assembly this trip but would like to have a K-9 search at least once per year.

"We're committed to providing a safe and healthy, drug-free educational environment at the school, and I think that this is one way we can make sure we don't have substanc-

es like that in our school," he said. "We want to do what we can."

Grant Union also implemented random drug testing this academic year for students

who participate in extracurricular activities. Positive drug tests result in suspension from activities and athletics, but the students are not penalized academically.



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Baker City Police Department K-9 Capa sniffs school lockers for drugs March 7.

Gerry said the test results are confidential, and he could not disclose whether any students tested positive for drugs.

The Grant School Board will continue discussion on a drug-testing policy for middle school students at the March 15 board meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at the district office.

ELECTION

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Michael Gibson are running for four open positions for Long Creek School District No. 17. For the ESD, Shilo Fretwell is running for Zone No. 2, and Robert Cockrell is running for Zone No. 3.

Linda Cook, Jim Jerome and Bryan Nelson are run-

ning for three positions for Grant County Transportation District. Doug Sharp and Lisa Weigum are the only candidates who have filed for three Parks and Recreation positions. Linda Ladd, Karla Averett and Ryan Gerry are running for three Blue Mountain Hospital District positions.

Todd McKinley, Bill Wilcox and Pat Holliday are running for three open

positions for John Day Rural Fire District. Mt. Vernon Rural Fire District has three open positions, and Homer Harrison, Willis Kimball and Dan Komning have filed to run. No candidates have filed for two open Prairie Rural Fire District positions.

Jacqueline Burnette and Valores A. Hall have filed to run for two open Long Creek Cemetery District positions, and Marlene Woodley has filed for the sole position for Prairie Cemetery District. James M. Moore is the only candidate who has filed for two open Mid-County Cemetery District positions. No one has filed to run for two positions for Fox Cemetery District and one position for Monument Cemetery District.

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TAXES

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serve on governing bodies and budget committees, Oregon law provides ample opportunities for public participation and comment during the budget process. Budget documents are public records, available for inspection, and meetings are open to the public.

Budget officer

Local governments are required to have a budget officer who, under supervision of the governing body, prepares and presents a proposed budget to the budget committee, according to an Oregon Department of Revenue local budgeting manual. The budget officer cannot serve as a member of the budget committee.

The proposed budget must be balanced — where resources match expenditures and other requirements for each fund — and estimates must be made in good faith.

The executive officer of the district is responsible for the preparation of a budget message and may delegate the task to the budget officer. The message must explain the

budget, describe financial policies and explain any changes. The budget message is presented to the budget committee at its first meeting.

Budget committee

Budget committees are comprised of the governing body of a district and an equal number of electors — who cannot be officers, agents or employees of the government entity for which they would serve — appointed by the governing body.

Districts must publish notice of the first meeting in a newspaper — such as in the Eagle's legal notices in the classifieds — or by hand or mail delivery to district residents. Some local districts have already published notices this year, and others must do so to complete the budget process by the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Budget committees meet as many times as necessary to revise and complete the budget, and at least one meeting must provide the opportunity for questions and comments from anyone who is interested. Once complete, the committee approves the budget.

Budget hearing

The governing body must then hold a budget hearing, at which anyone may provide testimony about the approved budget.

Beforehand, the body must publish a notice of the hearing with a financial summary in a newspaper or by hand or mail delivery.

Additional hearings may also be held, but all must be open to the public.

Budget adoption

After the hearing, the governing body may make changes to the approved budget before adopting it — or to the adopted budget before the fiscal year begins. The governing body must hold another budget hearing, however, if the changes increase taxes over the amount approved by the budget committee or increase the estimated expenditures in a fund by more than \$5,000 or 10 percent, whichever is greater.

After considering public feedback, the governing body formally adopts the budget, makes appropriations and levies property taxes.

Over the course of the fiscal year, when actual revenues and expenditures differ from amounts estimated in the budget, the governing body must adopt a supplemental budget to balance the differences.

Editor's note: This is the fourth entry in the Eagle's 2017 "Your Taxes" series, in which we will examine all 27 taxing districts in Grant County so you know where your property taxes are going.

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TIANA ALLEN
School: Grant Union
Grade: 10
Parents: Jeff and Elena Allen
Sport: Dance

What I like best about my sport: "I like watching all the girls learn their dance and progress throughout the year. We're extremely close, and we all love dance and have bonded through dance."

Coach's Comment: "She has an amazing positive attitude and has persevered for her team, really showing what it means to be a great athlete."
-Coach Kattie Piazza

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