News

COPS AND 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 Circuit Court

• JT Lee Knutson was convicted of unauthorized use of a vehicle, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, possession of methamphetamine and failure to appear on a criminal citation and was sentenced to 50 days in jail with credit for time served, 54 months probation and 160 hours community service, and fined \$700.

• One count of possession of methamphetamine and 22 counts of felon in possession of a firearm from Sept. 2, 2015, against Krista (Wilhelmina) Friedman were dismissed Dec. 9, 2015.

• Michael T. Heard was convicted of menacing constituting domestic violence and issued 18 months probation and fined \$200.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of March 30 to April 5:

· Concealed handgun licenses: 8

- Average inmates: 10
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 9
- Fingerprints: 7
- Civil papers: 7

• Warrants processed: 2 • Asst./welfare check:2

Justice Court

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

Driving while suspended or revoked: Brendan L. Conner, John Day, 18 months probation, 48 hours jail, 60 hours community service, fined \$828

Driving while suspended misdemeanor: Nicolle Leppert, Echo, 24 months probation, fined \$1,245.

Minor in possession of alcohol: Tyrel Lee Ash, driver's license suspended for 1 year, required to attend victims impact panel, fined \$260.

Operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile phone: Kaitlyn McKenzie Slinkard, 22, John Day, Feb. 23, fined \$135.

Exceeding speed limit: Josva Timothy Halseide, 38, Eugene, 85/65 zone, April 2, fined \$220.

Driving uninsured: Kevin John Rapp, 31, Prairie City, Feb. 7, fined \$260; Benjamin Lee Keith, 36, Canyon City, March 16, fined \$260; Benjamin Lee Keith, 36, Canyon City, Feb. 15, fined \$260; Leo B. Buzzard, 52, Canyon City, March 10, fined \$130; Kristen Marie McGrew-Nodine, 31, Mt. Vernon, March 18, fined \$130; Mackenzie Ray Clark, 22, Prairie City, March 12, fined \$130.

Violation of the speed lim-

it: Mitchell Dawain Long, 36, John Day, 82/65 zone, March 8, fined \$260.

Failure to renew registration: Mackenzie Ray Clark, 22, Prairie City, March 12, fined \$95.

Exceeding max weight limit: Jeromey D. Lesperance, 44, Irrigon, Feb. 10, fined \$750.

Driving while suspended: Kevin John Rapp, 31, Prairie City, Feb. 7, fined \$435; Benjamin Lee Keith, 36, Canyon City, March 16, fined \$435; Benjamin Lee Keith, 36, Canyon City, Feb. 15, fined \$435; Leo B. Buzzard, 52, Canyon City, March 10, fined \$335.

Violation of the basic rule: Fernando Aremendariz, 63, Grandview, Washington, March 29, fined \$160.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 143 calls during the week of April 3-9. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police Department

April 3: Arrested a Lebanon man on a Linn County warrant following a 911 hang up.

April 4: Dispatched to a report of a child playing on a Main Street roof.

April 6: Received a report of a possible drunk driver throwing cans out their window; the driver was sober and the cans were from bags in the back of their truck. Cited a juvenile female for criminal mischief after receiving a report of someone stealing flowers from graves in the cemetery. Received a report of a cougar near the intersection of Bridge Street and Sixth Street

April 7: Arrested a 19-year-old John Day resident on a warrant after performing a traffic stop. Responded to a report of juveniles "speed racing" on Valley View Drive and contacted their parents.

April 9: Arrested a John Day resident on Grant, Crook and Deschutes county warrants.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

April 4: Responded to a report of a physical dispute on Canyon Boulevard.

April 8: A caller expressed concern about a dog pooping in her yard. She was told to limit 911 calls to emergency situations.

• John Day ambulance

April 5: Responded to a report of a male subject vomiting blood.

April 7: Responded to a 64-year-old female with heart problems.

April 9: Transported a patient to the airport.

 Prairie City Fire Department

April 9: Responded to a house fire on Bridge Street.

Oregon Promise application open through July 3

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The Higher Education Coordinating Commission Office of Student Access and Completion has announced a new toolkit of informational materials to help Oregonians learn about and apply for Oregon Promise.

The application for the Oregon Promise grant is open through July 3 for students (or complete a GED) in spring 2017 and attend community

school graduate or GED recipient, have at least a 2.5 cumulative high school GPA, reside in Oregon for at least 12 months prior to community college attendance, attend an Oregon community college at least half time within six months of graduating high school and meet any other specific requirements.

Students must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.gov or the Oregon Student Aid Application at oregonstudentaid.gov and list at least one Oregon community college on the FAFSA or OR-SAA. For more information, contact info@oregonpromise. org or 541-687-7400.



Eagle file photo

Cammie Haney, one of the dispatchers at the John Day Dispatch Center, works last year. April 9-15 is Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Brown declares statewide dispatch week

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In recognition of the services dispatchers and other telecommunication professionals perform, Gov. Kate Brown has proclaimed April 9 through 15 Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

"Several hundred dedicated telecommunication professionals answer nearly two million emergency calls a year and serve residents and visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," the proclamation said.

The proclamation comes at a time when Grant County's only emergency dispatch center is in danger of being outsourced due to inadequate funding. The center currently employs six dispatchers.

"It is hard to put into words the appreciation that I have for all that you give of yourselves to your profession," John Day Interagency Dispatch Manager Valerie Maynard said. "Please know how much you are appreciated day in and out. Thank you for being the calming voice on the line when all else seems to be falling apart. You are the unsung heroes on the other end of the line."

Local officials have been working with state officials to try to secure additional funding for the center and have also considered proposing a local option tax to the public to fund the center.

(541) 932-4888

egonstudentaid.gov to apply.

Oregon Promise is a state grant that covers most tuition at any Oregon community college for recent high school graduates and GED recipients. Provided the Oregon Legislature continues funding for the program, it will be available again to Oregon students for fall 2017. Students, families, school leaders and counselors are encouraged to

Pre-buy raffle tickets for a gun and door prizes!

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April 15th

John Day Elks

Lodge

Doors open at 4 pm to view auction items

Dinner at 6 pm -Pulled Pork • No Host Bar

Some of the auction items: Cow Elk Hunt • Youth Turkey Hunt • 2 Guided Fishing Trips • Prime Rib **Dinners • And Much More**

For donations or more information contact Walt Kight at 541-620-1227.

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