

## 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

Regina Scott, 41, pleaded guilty to one count of strangulation committed on or about March 3, and was issued a suspended sentence of 24 months probation and 10 days in jail and fined \$100. Two counts of harassment were dismissed.

Jeffery Doyle Porter, 51, pleaded guilty to one count of furnishing alcohol to a person under 21 committed on or about March 17 and was issued a suspended sentence of 24 months probation, 20 hours community service and four days in jail and fined \$600.

Jay Grant Williams, 26, pleaded guilty to criminal driving while suspended or revoked committed on or about March 6, and was issued a 30-day jail sentence with credit for time served and fined \$100.

Robert Henry Bryant Sr. pleaded guilty to one count of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle committed on or about Aug. 24, 2016, and was sentenced to 18 months in prison and 12 months post-prison supervision and ordered to pay \$2,008 in restitution. One count of second-degree criminal mischief was dismissed.

## Oregon State Police

Deana Kay Steach, 54, John Day was arrested for driving under the influence of a controlled substance and failure to obey a traffic control device after being stopped by a Wheeler County Sheriff's Office deputy. An Oregon State Police officer responded, arrested Steach and transported her to the Grant County Jail where it was determined she was under the influence of marijuana.

## Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 6-12:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 5
  - Average inmates: 10
  - Bookings: 3
  - Releases: 4
  - Citations: 1
  - Fingerprints: 4
  - Civil papers: 12
  - Warrants processed: 2
  - Asst./welfare check: 3
- Cited Delgado Garcia, 20, Gresham, for violation of the basic rule.

## Justice Court

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

Violation of the basic rule:

Riley Anne Maxwell, 23, Redmond, 79/55 zone, March 28, fined \$220; Travis Wiley Harrison, 22, La Pine, 69/55 zone, March 23, fined \$135; Sky Rebecca Schilling, 41, John Day, 75/55 zone, March 16, fined \$160.

Exceeding speed limit: Harve Milton Nye, 68, Canyon City, 59/45 zone, March 31, fined \$135.

Unlawful entry on state wildlife area: Aaron John Hicks, 34, Ridgefield, Washington, March 23, fined \$110.

Driving Uninsured: Christine Noel Daum, 28, Canyon City, March 24, fined \$130.

## Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 121 calls during the week of April 10-16. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

## • John Day Police Department

April 10: Responded to a hit and run.

April 11: Dispatched for a report of teens at the skate park smoking and harassing other children.

April 12: Received a report of animal abuse. Received a report of a dog killing chickens.

April 13: Arrested a 19-year-old John Day resident on a Grant County warrant.

April 14: Arrested a 28-year-old Canyon City resident on a Grant County warrant. Responded to a report of drivers racing on Hillcrest Road.

April 15: Arrested a 33-year-old John Day resident for probation violation and issued citation for driving while suspended and no insurance.

## • Grant County Sheriff's Office

April 10: Responded to a possible burglary.

April 13: Received a report of someone trespassing and cutting timber near Granite.

April 16: Responded to a report of drug paraphernalia found in a residence. Responded to a report of a domestic dispute with John Day Police and Oregon State Police.

## • John Day ambulance

April 12: Dispatched for a male subject with hot and cold flashes, tremors and a twitching eye.

## • Grant County Road Department

April 10: Assisted dispatch and Gilliam County Sheriff's Office in locating runaway teenagers.

## • Prairie City Fire Department

April 10: Responded to a flare up at a previous house fire on South Bridge Street.

## County court discusses future of Keerins Hall

## Rodeo royalty purchases apparel

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Keerins Hall building at the Grant County Fairgrounds could see repairs in the future.

Grant County Commissioner Jim Hamsher said at the April 12 Grant County Court meeting the building is in need of work.

County Judge Scott Myers said the building was "a dear place to a lot of people."

Renovating the building would require working with the city of John Day. The building is structurally sound, according to Hamsher, but he wants to replace the roof of the building to prevent water damage. Additionally, the wiring of the building is in need of replacement, and portions of the building, such as sidewalks, bathrooms and entryways, need to be upgraded to accommodate those with disabilities.

During the meeting, the court also heard updates on the Camp Lick and Ragged Ruby projects on the Malheur National Forest. The Ragged Ruby project includes prescribed burning on 34,000 acres, increasing the length of trails and decommissioning roughly 2 miles of road. The Camp Lick project would thin approximately 8,700 acres of forest, apply prescribed burns on 32,000 acres and close almost 26 miles of road. The



Grant County Commissioner Jim Hamsher shuffles his notes during a Grant County Court meeting Wednesday, April 12.

comment period for the Camp Lick project closed April 7, and the Ragged Ruby Project comment period ends April 24.

The court also:

- approved a request from fairgrounds manager Mindy Winegar for the purchase of rodeo chinks for the Grant County rodeo court. The rodeo court has raised roughly \$20,000, and the chinks are \$750 each.

- appointed new members to volunteer committees including John Morris and M.T. Anderson to the Wildlife Advisory Board and Tracey Blood and Gail Beverlin to the College Advisory Board. Six vacancies remain on the Extension and 4-H Service District Advisory Board.

- approved an agreement

between John Day Canyon City Parks and Recreation District and Grant County to provide security at the Grub & Grog at the Park June 23 at the Seventh Street Complex.

- approved an agreement between the Grant County Road Department and Oregon Department of Transportation allowing the state to use county roads to transport oversized or heavy loads.

- approved a resolution joining other counties in voicing opposition to \$10 million worth of cuts to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs included in Governor Kate Brown's proposed budget.

- approved an agreement between the Oregon Department of Revenue and the coun-



Hannah Smith, a NEPA planner for the Malheur National Forest, gives a presentation about the Camp Lick project during a Wednesday, April 12, Grant County Court meeting.

ty to fund the county assessors office.

- approved an agreement between the Grant County Extension Service District and Oregon State University for the university to continue working in the county.

- reviewed quotes and approved the purchase of a speaker system and four microphones for the courtroom.

- authorized the county treasurer to write checks to the Oregon Department of Revenue for manufactured dwelling fees.

- reviewed an amendment to an Oregon Health Authority agreement to receive an additional \$612 for reproductive health.

## Peterson sentenced to five more days in jail

By Sean Hart  
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Roy Peterson will spend five more days in jail after violating probation.

In Grant County Circuit Court Thursday, April 13, Peterson, who was convicted in 2016 of three felony charges related to theft from the Monument Rural Fire District, admitted to violating his probation by committing the crime of illegally recording a conversation with his probation officer.

The prosecutor, Senior Assistant Attorney General Daniel P. Wendel, said the violation was a "crime of dishonesty" and requested Peterson be taken into custody to begin serving the five-day sentence immediately.

"This is a serious viola-



Roy Peterson

tion," he said. Peterson's attorney, Benjamin Boyd, requested Peterson be able to serve the time on weekends so he could continue to work and support his family. He said Peterson complied with the other terms of probation, completed his required community service early and paid his fines in full.

Judge William D. Cramer Jr. said he would allow Peterson to serve the 120-hour

sentence on weekends and ordered him to report to the Grant County Jail at 6 p.m. Friday.

Cramer said he expected Peterson to communicate openly and honestly with his probation officer and to be available.

Grant County Communications Director Todd McKinley said Peterson's supervision had been transferred to Tri-County Community Corrections in Moro through a courtesy arrangement. Peterson's former probation officer, Mike McManus, who was the subject of the illegal recording, sug-

gested the transfer.

Peterson was originally sentenced to 60 days in jail and two years of formal probation, in addition to fines and community service, after a jury found him guilty of first-degree aggravated theft, first-degree theft and possession of a stolen vehicle.

The charges stemmed from Peterson's acquisition of resources — money and equipment — for fire protection in Monument and his subsequent refusal to turn over the resources to the Monument Rural Fire District, which was formed by voters in November of 2012.



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GRANT Program

John Day Community Garden  
• Needs community support for its Seeds of Change® Grant Applications

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• John Day Community Garden at the Grant County Fairgrounds, located in John Day, OR, has entered the Seeds of Change® Grant Program and is asking the community to vote for its application on the brand's website. Seeds of Change® is awarding \$310,000 in total grants to 24 garden projects around the county because they understand the value of food, farming, sustainability and nutrition education.

John Day Community Garden at the Grant County Fairgrounds

• Submitted an application highlighting how they would use a Seeds of Change® Grant to grow their gardening programs and nourish a healthier, greener community. From now through April 19, the community can vote to support their local gardening and farming programs and visiting the Seeds of Change® website ([www.seedsofchangegrant.com](http://www.seedsofchangegrant.com)) and voting once per day.

For more information about Seeds of Change® Grant Program, please visit [www.seedsofchangegrant.com](http://www.seedsofchangegrant.com). Residents can also follow the conversation on Facebook and Twitter using #SeedsOfChangeGrant.



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