

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

- Bryan Paul Martin was found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicants and refusal to test for intoxicants and issued a suspended sentence of 18 months probation, 80 hours of community service, driver's license suspended for one year and fined \$2,655.

Oregon State Police

- Dillon Michael Griffith, 20, was charged with second-degree theft on April 24 after OSP received a report of a stolen road sign adjacent to the state police outpost.

- A John Day fish and wildlife trooper recovered a dead osprey after receiving a report it had been shot. No penetrating wounds were found on the animal, and it did not appear the bird had been shot.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 20-26:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 13
- Average inmates: 12
- Bookings: 5
- Releases: 6
- Arrests: 1
- Fingerprints: 13
- Civil papers: 12
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 2
- Search and Rescue: 2

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 131 calls during the week of April 24-30. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

John Day Police Department

April 24: Received a report of possible child abuse in Prairie City.

April 25: Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver.

April 26: Responded to a report of a theft.

April 27: Took a report of a stolen vehicle in Prairie City.

April 28: Arrested a John Day resident on a parole board warrant.

April 30: Responded to a report of a theft.

Grant County Sheriff's Office

April 24: Took a report of a trespass in Mt. Vernon.

April 25: A caller called to report a toddler walking down the street in his pajamas. The child was turned over to his grandparents.

April 27: Took a report of criminal mischief in Canyon City.

John Day ambulance

April 27: Responded to a call of a trembling woman with a fever.

Oregon State Police

April 26: Notified along with John Day Police of a vehicle driving through the flashing lights on a stopped school bus.

April 29: Advised of the possible illegal shooting of a bird of prey.

Prairie City Fire Department

April 29: Responded with John Day Police Department to a house fire in Prairie City.

Moles pleads not guilty to sex crimes

Indictment: 13 felony charges for incidents with single victim

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

Bradley David Moles will be going to trial after pleading not guilty Thursday to 13 sex crimes.

An April 7, 2016, grand jury indictment accuses the Mt. Vernon resident of 13 felony charges for incidents with a single victim between Feb. 1, 2016, and April 1, 2016.

The indictment includes three counts of first-degree rape, three counts of first-degree sexual penetration, three counts of second-degree sodomy and one count of incest.

After retaining attorney Foster Glass in place of his former court-appointed counsel, Moles pleaded not guilty to all of the charges in Grant County Circuit Court Thursday.

Judge William D. Cramer Jr. said all pretrial motions must be filed by May 26.

Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter said the state was prepared to call eight witnesses at trial and ex-

pected the state's case to take three days.

Glass said he expected the trial to last at least six days.

Cramer scheduled a six-day trial to begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, and to continue through the following week. Cramer said he would preside over the pretrial motions, but another judge would be assigned to preside over the trial because of the dates. He said he was currently unaware which judge would be assigned.

Moles is scheduled to appear again in court for a status hearing at 10:15 a.m. June 22.



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

A model welcome sign for the city of John Day created by David Paddock.

John Day could see \$35,000 in profit from eclipse rentals

25 RV sites to be added for eclipse weekend

Blue Mountain Eagle

The city of John Day could see roughly \$35,000 in profits from this August's eclipse.

This money would come from RV and tent sites at the industrial park rented to visitors during the event, City Manager Nick Green said in an April 25 John Day City Council meeting.

The city has rented out 93 RV sites and 90 tent sites and is looking at adding an additional 25 RV sites.

During the meeting, the council was presented with a model "Welcome to John Day" sign by David Paddock of Nomad Sign Art. Paddock said the idea was to make John Day a more welcoming place to new residents and visitors.

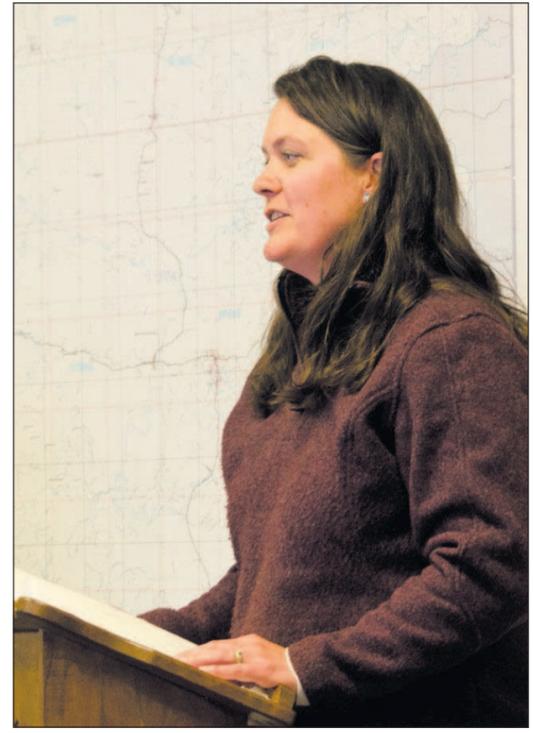
Though Paddock didn't have a specific place in mind for the sign, he said it would be most effective if prominently displayed near the entrance of town.

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Mayor Ron Lundbom said he liked the model, but no action was taken in the meeting.

Green also said the state Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 327, which provides recreational immunity to landowners. Green said he was confident it would also pass in the House.

He said the city will be meeting with Oregon Solutions May 11 to work toward a project benefiting the whole community.



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

Grant County Airport Manager Haley Walker speaks to the Grant County Court about a number of issues at the airport, including the need for new airport weather observation system maintenance and underground storage tank fuel monitoring system.

Airport system maintenance approved

County supports transportation funding package

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County Airport Manager Haley Walker inquired about funding for a number of issues during an April 26 Grant County Court meeting.

The first was an airport weather observation system in need of maintenance. Walker solicited three bids from different companies in the area, and the court authorized her to grant the maintenance contract to Summit Power Systems for \$4,750.

The court authorized Walker to hire Grand Ronde Petroleum to perform repairs on an underground storage fuel tank monitoring system in need of repair.

The court also:

- reviewed and approved an intergovernmental agreement to provide the Oregon Department of Forestry with office space at the airport during the upcoming fire season.

- signed a letter of support for a transportation funding pack put forward by the Association of Oregon Counties.

- signed an agreement to trade \$5,000 worth of road materials and services to Prairie City in exchange for a snowplow for the airport.



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

Grant County Judge Scott Myers speaks during a Grant County Court meeting on Wednesday, April 26.

Commissioner Jim Hamsher recused himself from voting because he is the mayor of Prairie City.

- signed an amendment to an OHA agreement that increased funding to the school health center by \$6,500 while cutting the safe water drinking program by \$1,250.

- reviewed a draft of a proposed Grant County volunteer policy, which would reduce liability by documenting volunteers.

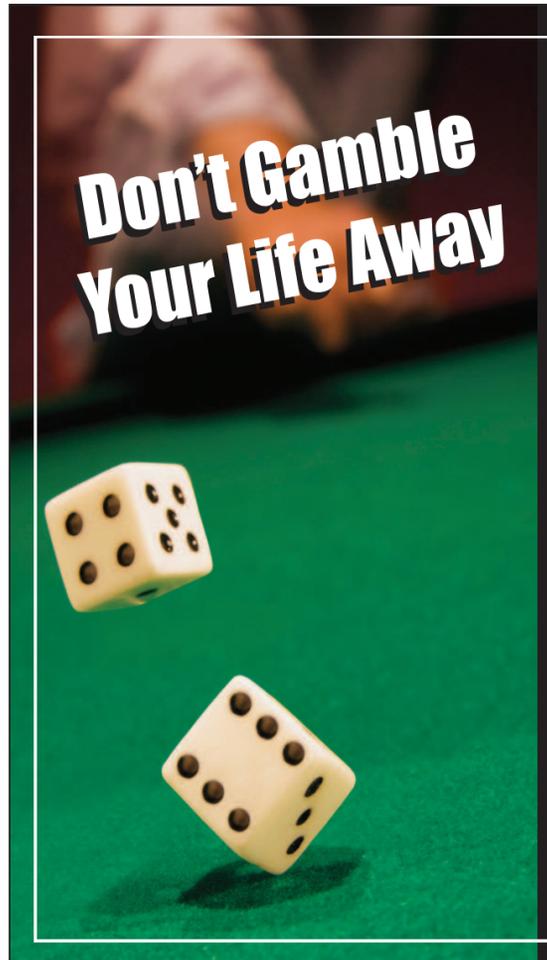
- signed a Quitclaim Deed transferring a portion of highway managed by the Oregon Department of Transportation to the control of the Grant County Road Department.

- signed a letter of support for grant funding for 19 miles of snowmobile trail restoration by the Grant County Snowballers.

- discussed the possibility of conducting a court meeting in Monument.



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