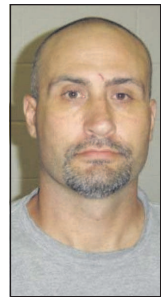


# Prairie City man arrested on meth charges



Thomas Pfeifer

**Police: Pfeifer possessed meth, oxycodone, bags and scale**

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

A Prairie City man was arrested on multiple drug charges Thursday.

John Day police officers arrested Thomas Pfeifer, 47, and charged him with possession of methamphetamine, delivery of

methamphetamine, manufacture of methamphetamine and possession of oxycodone in John Day Thursday night.

Pfeifer is currently being held in the Grant County Jail. Bail is set at \$70,000.

Pfeifer was arrested after John Day Police Chief Richard Gray received a call from dispatch about

a suspicious subject passed out in a tan sedan in Len's Drug parking lot at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Gray woke Pfeifer and commented an investigation that led to Pfeifer handing over roughly 13 grams of meth and oxycodone for which he did not have a prescription, as well as scales and plastic bags. Gray described

13 grams as "a large amount for a person to have." Pfeifer was compliant during the arrest.

Pfeifer was charged with delivery and manufacture based on the items found in the car and statements he made, Gray said.

Pfeifer is currently serving three years of probation, stemming from a burglary conviction in 2015, according to court documents.

# Heidi Wright named COO of EO Media Group

Blue Mountain Eagle

Heidi Wright has been named chief operating officer of EO Media Group, which owns the Blue Mountain Eagle. Wright succeeds John S. Perry, who is retiring after 44 years in the newspaper industry, including the last 12 with EO Media Group.

Wright comes to EO Media Group from Western Communications, owner of the Bend Bulletin and other newspapers in Oregon and California. She is Wescom's chief financial officer and



Heidi Wright

Steve Forrester, President and CEO of EO Media Group, announced Wright's hiring: "Our executive committee – composed of Kathryn Brown, Susan Forrester Rana and me – is pleased to find a successor to Perry with the leadership capabilities to help our company prosper in the digital age.

human resources director. She will join EO Media Group on June 1.

Her prior experience with family-owned companies in our region is especially relevant."

Prior to joining Wescom, Wright was publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, owned by Pioneer News Group. She also worked as a publisher in Montana for Lee Enterprises. She has an undergraduate degree and an MBA from the University of Montana.

"Heidi has a lifetime of experience in the West," noted Kathryn Brown. "Her experience at newspapers in Butte, Klamath Falls and

Bend make her well-suited to understand the communities that EO Media Group serves in rural Oregon and Washington – as well as the extraordinary reach of the Capital Press, our agricultural weekly."

As chief operating officer, Wright will direct the business operations of EO Media Group and supervise publishers and corporate staff. The company's headquarters are in Salem.

"It's an honor and privilege to be joining EO Media Group," said Wright. "While I will miss my friends and

colleagues at Western Communications, I am excited to become a part of the EO Media Group family. My husband, Richard Schuurman, and I are looking forward to calling Salem home in the near future."

EO Media Group publications include the Blue Mountain Eagle of John Day, Cannon Beach Gazette, Capital Press, Chinook Observer, Coast River Business Journal, Daily Astorian, East Oregonian, Hermiston Herald, Oregon Coast Today, Seaside Signal and Wallowa County Chieftain.

## 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 not guilty of one charge of harassment and one count of strangulation by a 12-person jury May 4.

**Oregon State Police**  
Cited Anthony Westlund, 43, John Day, for violating Measure 91's personal allowance of marijuana after investigating a residence with John Day Police May 2.

Arrested Dominick Jacobellis, 35, Gladstone, on a Yamhill County warrant and issued him a citation for violation of the basic rule, 74/55 zone, and driving while suspended. Jacobellis was housed in the Grant County Jail.

**Grant County Sheriff**  
The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 27 through May 3:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 11
- Average inmates: 13
- Bookings: 4
- Releases: 4
- Arrests: 1
- Fingerprints: 5
- Civil papers: 10
- Warrants processed: 4
- Asst./welfare check: 1

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

Failure to notify department of name or address change: Darrell Wilfred McKrola, 40, Mt. Vernon, March 3, fined \$110.

No resident angling license: Joshua C. Stiffler, 31, Weston, April 2, fined \$95.

Hunting on another's cultivated or enclosed land: Jason M. Weller, Vernonia, fined \$435; Craig T. Weller, Vernonia, fined \$435; Byron James Weller, Vernonia, fined \$435.

Exceeding the speed limit: Haley Lynn Walker, 38, Canyon City, May 1, 73/65 zone, fined \$135; Adrian Leah Couey, 32, John Day, April 21, 80/65 zone, fined \$220; Steve Dwaine Sim-

mons, 58, Bend, April 6, 59/45 zone, fined \$160; Ricky Lee Bissonnett, 48, Baker City, April 7, 40/25 zone, fined \$135.

Violation of the basic rule: Michael Gene Jackson, 52, New Plymouth, Idaho, April 6, 70/55 zone, fined \$135; Gerald P. Bailey, 69, Portland, April 18, 80/55 zone, fined \$220; Trey Danner Shores, 18, Prineville, March 17, 79/55 zone, fined \$220; Chloe Jade Casto, 20, Vale, April 23, 74/55 zone, fined \$160; Devin Ali Sezgen, 39, Redwood City, California, April 6, 75/55 zone, fined \$160.

Violation of the speed limit: Yaquelin Garcia Delgado, 20, Gresham, April 6, 47/30 zone, fined \$135; Gordon Bryan Hartgrove, 60, Evensville, Indiana, April 6, 43/25 zone, fined \$160.

Driving while suspended: Kevin John Rapp, 31, John Day, March 24, fined \$435; Harry Samuel Nordstrom, 37, John Day, March 24, fined \$435.

Failure to register vehicle: Kevin John Rapp, 31, John Day, March 24, fined \$110.

Driving uninsured: Jason Dole, 35, Canyon City, April 15,

fined \$130; Adrian Leah Couey, 32, John Day, April 7, fined \$130; Adrian Leah Couey, 32, John Day, April 21, fined \$260.

No seat belt: Chenise Cheryl Anne Mutchler, 21, John Day, April 22, fined \$95.

Ray Klein Inc. V. Walt Sharp. Money judgment awarded to Ray Klein Inc. for \$296.32.

**Dispatch**  
John Day dispatch worked 148 calls during the week of May 1-7. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

**• John Day Police Department**

May 1: Took a report of a house being egged in Prairie City.

May 2: Cited a 33-year-old John Day resident for possession of marijuana. Received a report of someone driving away from the Sinclair station without paying for fuel.

May 3: Responded to a report of the back window broken out of a vehicle.

May 5: Responded to a dog

left in a hot vehicle at Chester's Thriftway. Arrested a 50-year-old John Day resident for probation violation and misuse of 911 after he called and asked for a ride from under a bridge.

May 6: Took a report of a burglary in John Day.

May 7: Warned a person for stalking.

**• Grant County Sheriff's Office**

May 3: Received a report of a daughter possibly assaulting her mother.

May 4: Responded with John Day Police to a report of shots fired in the Meadowbrook Apartments; it was just fireworks.

May 5: Responded with John Day Police to a group of people fighting. Arrested a 50-year-old Bend resident for reckless endangerment after receiving a report of a reckless driver on Highway 26. The Grant County Emergency Manager was notified of high water in Canyon City.

**• John Day ambulance**  
May 7: Responded with John Day Police to a lifeline activation.

## PROPERTY

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The sites combined create an 83-acre complex Green has called the John Day Innovation Gateway.

### Present plans

The purchase would allow for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant to be built outside the floodplain and allow uninterrupted operation of the current plant during construction.

Once the new plant is completed, the current plant could be cleared, allowing access to 30 acres of riverfront property. Green said this land could then be used for a variety of purposes. The current plant's permit to operate, issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, expired in 2007 and will not be reissued

due to the plant's age and proximity to the river.

To improve connectivity in the city, Green also wants to extend Seventh Street through the new lot to Patterson Bridge Road and to create over a mile of trail along the north side of the John Day River to restore public access.

The property also includes an industrial scale shop, which could be used by the city's public works department to store its equipment indoors. This would allow the city to redevelop the parcel of land adjacent to the Seventh Street Complex park, where the department is currently housed.

### Future possibilities

Green has high aspirations for the property.

He wants to beautify it by adding a welcome sign and botanical gardens at the western end of the property to create

a more welcoming entrance to the city on Highway 26. He said this space could also be used for commercial development, such as showcase greenhouses, a local market, a restaurant and a microbrewery.

Green said the property could be used to house hydroponic greenhouses to provide year-round growing opportunities using reclaimed water from a proposed wastewater treatment plant, which is scheduled for a feasibility study this summer.

The site could potentially house an amphitheater, an agricultural experiment and research station, a visitor center or a new school.

The land purchase is part of Green's growth strategy for the city. He said with well-placed investment and development the city could attract new residents including digital commuters, young families and

active retirees.

To facilitate the influx of new residents he is focusing on digital marketing and branding, improving recreational amenities, improving broadband connectivity and developing new housing options.

### Establishing priorities

To best determine what development projects will benefit residents, the city, county, hospital and school district are working with Oregon Solutions, a group that crowd sources solutions to local problems. On May 11, representatives from the groups will have their first meeting to discuss priorities and goals. Results of the community survey will be made public July 17.

Over the next three months, the groups will work with Or-

egon Solutions to survey residents preferences for a project. Green's priority is the new wastewater treatment plant.

## LETTERS

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### 'God is back'

To the Editor:

God is back. 2 Chronicles 7:14. God bless America and President Trump.

Richie Colbeth  
John Day

### Gov. Brown responsible for May Day march mayhem

To the Editor:

After seeing what happened in Portland with the May Day march, I believe the responsibility lies 100 percent with Gov. Brown. She has declared our state a "sanctuary state." This gives every anarchist a license to destroy, pilage and burn the private and public property of our state. When the governor tells people that they do not need to obey the laws of our country, then you see the results of that action. It was on full display May 1.

I believe that any public official that declares their community a "sanctuary" community is not really working for the safety of that community. Portland was definitely not safe. I am appalled that our politicians are lumping immigrants and illegal immigrants in the same category. I believe the people of Oregon are for immigration, but they are not for illegal immigration. When the politicians say you can ignore the law when it comes to illegal immigration, then the anarchists believe they have a license to do just what we saw on May 1.

I believe that any public official that declares their community a "sanctuary" community, and that goes all the way to the governor, should resign, be recalled or voted out of office now.

Nicky A. Sprauve  
Canyon City



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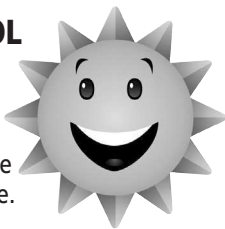
### PUBLICATION FOR SONSHINE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Sonshine Christian School will be accepting pre-registrations for the 2017/2018 school year. Registration fee for students is \$75.00.

Pre School students must be 3 years of age before September 1 of the school year and able to attend to toileting without staff assistance. Their classes will be offered 2 days a week from 9-11am.

Pre-Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age before September 1 of the school year. Their classes will be offered 3 days a week from 9-11:30am.

Registration packets can be picked up at the church office, 521 E Main Street, John Day. The office is open Tuesday-Thursday 9am-3pm. For information call (541) 575-1895 or e-mail Trace at the church e-mail address, judy@johndaynazarene.com



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