

Two arrested on assault, child negligence charges

Child under 1-month-old

Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested two people after responding to reports of child abuse in Mt. Vernon.

Dillon Myers, 20, Mt. Vernon, is charged with one count of third-degree assault after he allegedly attacked a 1-month-old child on June 2, according to court documents.

The child appears to be Myers' son, Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter said. Myers' release is still being negotiated. If family in the area are willing to take him in, he will be released. If not, his bail will be set at \$30,000.

He was ordered to have no contact with the child or child's mother. His plea trial is set for June 30.

The child's mother, Alyson Nichole Taylor, 19, Mt. Vernon, was charged with second-degree child neglect after leaving the child with Myers, according to court documents. Taylor was released and ordered to have no contact with Myers or the child. Her plea trial is scheduled for July 13.

Innovation Gateway project moves forward

City hires project manager

By Rylan Boggs
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Plans for creating and funding a wide variety of city of John Day improvement projects are progressing.

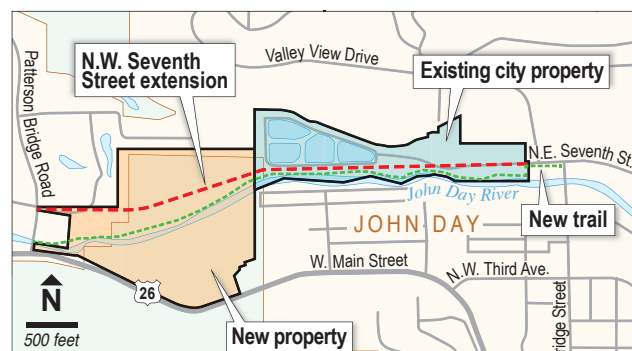
The John Day City Council reviewed the purchase agreement for the Oregon Pine property during a May 23 city council meeting and gave city manager Nick Green permission to close the \$519,000 deal. The acquisition of the 53-acre property for the John Day Innovation Gateway was met with overwhelming support when unveiled to the public during a May 9 city council meeting.



Nick Green

The city is receiving a loan for the full price of the property through Business Oregon's Infrastructure Finance Authority. The \$519,000 loan has an annual interest of 3.78 percent, which equates to the city paying approximately \$2,350 a month. This money will come from the city's sewer fund, as the city intends to build a new wastewater treatment facility on the property.

The city also announced the hire of Aaron Lieuallen as the senior project manager for the Innovation Gateway. Lieuallen is from central Oregon and has a construction management



John Day Innovation Gateway
The city of John Day is purchasing 50 acres of property to open a trail along the river and to integrate community, technology, education and commerce in a single complex.

Source: City of John Day

Alan Kenaga/EO Media Group

degree from Oregon State University. He is starting July 1 and is excited to be rejoining the workforce after several years as a stay-at-home dad. He will be working part time, surveying underground utilities, and will increase in hours as funding becomes available.

After closing the deal with DR Johnson Lumber Company on May 24, the company will have 90 days to remove equipment, such as a conveyor belt, debarker and saw, and finish site cleanup and remediation.

As part of its due diligence process, the city contracted with Mark Yinger and Associates to provide an environmental assessment. The \$2,300 assessment identified six potential problems that were "localized and limited areas of contamination that do not present an unacceptable risk to hu-

man health, safety, welfare and the environment."

The lumber company remediated several of the findings, but three more will need further assessment and remediation.

The issues include determining where the floor of the mechanic's pit drains and if it is affecting ground water quality, a reddish-orange stain on a concrete pad thought to be ink used to stamp lumber products; and a 15 square foot oil-stained area thought to be oil from electrical transformers.

The city plans to pay for cleanup of the site using a \$60,000 Department of Environmental Quality grant with a 10 percent match requirement.

The city is working to annex the property into the city limits. It is currently in the urban growth boundary. As a condition of the sale, six acres on the



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

The Bob Miles Trail near the John Day River.

northern end of the property will be sold to Iron Triangle for the same price per acre the city paid. The west tax lots will need to be widened through a land exchange with Clark's Disposal to accommodate the Seventh Street extension and Clark's vehicles. Additionally, local businesses like Mill's Building Supply are asking for lot line adjustments to allow them to retain the use of property they are encroaching on. No decision was made, but city council members were open to working with landowners on a case-by-case basis. Most business owners were looking to buy roughly half acre parcels of land already being used by the business.

To facilitate projects like connecting Seventh Street to Patterson Bridge Street, the city is applying for a transportation and growth management grant through the Oregon Department of Land Conservation

and Development. If received, the grant would be awarded in August for between \$75,000 and \$200,000. The money would be spent to provide planning assistance for projects such as a trail system on the north side of the property, bridge maintenance, improved parking and a street extension connecting Valley View Drive to the property.

The city is conducting a local income survey through Portland State University to determine if John Day is eligible for federal community development block grants. Green is confident the city will qualify and could apply for up to \$1.5 million in funds. These funds could be used to create the new wastewater treatment facility or any number of proposed projects including commercial scale greenhouses, an academic campus and botanical garden.

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.

Oregon State Police

Arrested Kris Rae Klemmetson, 64, Hanson, Idaho, for driving under the influence of a controlled substance and failure to drive within lane after receiving a report claiming he was impaired and observing signs of driving under the influence.

Cited Samuel Colton Loshbaugh Gilbert, 19, Pendleton, for minor in possession of alcohol after stopping him for driving with passengers improperly restrained. Loshbaugh Gilbert admitted to drinking a beer before driving but passed field sobriety tests.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of May 26-June 1:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 15
- Bookings: 15
- Releases: 14
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 3
- Civil papers: 11
- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 2

Cited Ethelene Yazzie, 49, of Canyon City for dog as a nuisance.

Justice Court

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

Exceeding the speed limit: Darcy Diane Gabriel, 56, Stanfield, 79/65 zone, May 14, fined \$220; Charles Oscar Pollock, 58, Culver, 75/65 zone, May 29, fined \$135; Linda Palmer Patterson, 79, Sisters, 78/65 zone, May 26, fined \$260; Colleen Ann Taylor, 64, Baker City, 61/35 zone, May 22, fined \$220.

Violation of the basic rule: Rodney L. Robertson, 59, La Grande, 74/55 zone, May 21, fined \$160.

Driving while suspended: Jonathan Dean Moffatt, 37, South Beach, May 1, fined \$435; Jonathan Dean Moffatt, 37, South Beach, May 6, fined \$435.

Driving uninsured: Jonathan Dean Moffatt, 37, South Beach, May 1, fined \$260; Dakota Stout, 20, John Day, April 14, fined \$130.

No operator's license: Dakota Stout, 20, John Day, April 14, fined \$130.

Failure to report an accident: Jonathan Dean Moffatt, 37, South Beach, May 1, fined \$435.

Illegal stopping standing or parking: Gurpreet Singh, 24,

Fresno, California, Feb. 27, fined \$110.

No resident's angling license: Donald Ray Frey, 52, Milton-Freewater, April 2, fined \$95.

Leo B. Buzzard pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal mischief and was sentenced to 96 hours in jail, 18 months probation and fined \$950.

Raymond E. Hall v. Mike Stovall Concrete Construction Inc. Money judgment awarded to Raymond E. Hall for \$1,051.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 102 calls during the week of May 31 to June 4. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police Department

May 31: A caller reported they are receiving fraudulent checks.

June 2: Advised of a non-injury hit and run accident near the Prairie City Post Of-

vice. Advised to be on the lookout for suspicious subjects in a white Chevrolet.

June 3: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office deputies to a report of an unwanted subject at a residence on Canyon Boulevard. Subject was warned for trespassing.

June 4: Cited a 41-year-old John Day woman for pointing a firearm at another person.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

May 31: Responded to a report of suspicious circumstances.

June 1: Arrested a 69-year-old John Day resident on a warrant.

June 2: Took a report of child abuse and arrested a 20-year-old Mt. Vernon resident and an 19-year-old Mt. Vernon resident for assault.

Responded to a report of an assault on Main Street.

June 4: Responded with John Day police to a domestic dispute in the John Day Trailer Park.

• John Day ambulance

June 1: Received a call of a possibly septic 61-year-old female.

June 4: Responded to a man who had dropped a saw on his foot.

HAS WHITETOP INVADED YOUR AREA?

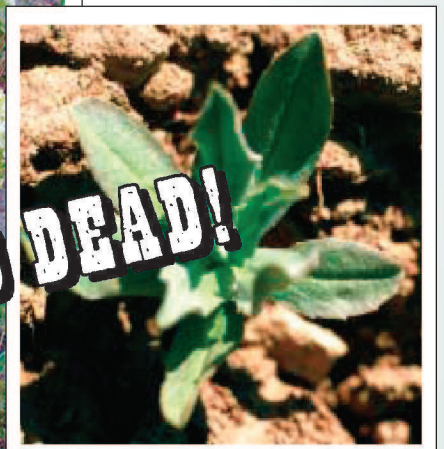
Whitetop is a List B Oregon Noxious Weed requiring eradication wherever it is found. Whitetop is a deep rooted perennial that thrives in both upland and irrigated ground. This aggressive noxious weed was introduced to the U.S. from Europe in the late 19th Century and has invaded nearly every State in the lower 48.



Whitetop

(Cardaria draba)

Whitetop in the rosette stage of growth can be identified by its jagged leaves.



Whitetop is spreading throughout Grant County. Act today to protect your property, livestock, native plants, and wildlife.



For more information call
Grant SWCD Weed Control
541-575-1554

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.

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Pre School students must be 3 years of age before September 1 of the school year and able to toiletting 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