

# Bomb plan in place for county government

## Forest plan revision expected in mid-August

By Rylan Boggs  
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Grant County is one of a handful of other Eastern Oregon counties with a bomb plan in place.

Emergency Management Coordinator Ted Williams informed the Grant County Court about the plan and answered questions at a Grant County Court meeting June 28.

Because of the plan's nature, it is not a public document, and Williams was unable to go into specific details. He said the plan covers the courthouse and corrections building across the street but could be expanded to include other buildings in the area.

Williams said he created the plan after seeing the circuit court's plan for such an incident and realizing the rest of the courthouse was not covered. He also cited a changing geopolitical climate, what he called unvetted immigrants and white supremacist groups with a



Grant County Judge Scott Myers reads from a document during a Grant County Court meeting Wednesday, June 28.

history of violence, as reasons for creating a bomb plan.

"We don't know who some of these people are," Williams said.

Williams said he is qualified for creating such a plan because of his years of experience creating plans for ven-

ues all over the world including 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle.

The document contains a continuity of operations plan, which will keep local government running in the event of a bombing.

Williams said bomb threats, once thought of as a

prank by some, would be taken seriously.

Also at the meeting, Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin gave an update on the forest plan revision for the Malheur National Forest. He said the completion time frame has been pushed back to mid-August.

He also gave a brief update on the Forest Service's activities at the Rainbow Gathering and said there were approximately 3,600 people with 30 law enforcement officers. As of June 28, he said there had been 120 incidents, 56 violations and eight arrests in connection with the Gathering.

The court also:

- approved the purchase of two radios for the sheriff's office for \$800 each.

- adopted the extension and 4-H budget for the coming fiscal year.

- approved county treasurer budget resolutions for each county department.

- approved an agreement between the county and the Oregon Health Authority for a representative for tort liability coverage for county psychiatric services.

- approved payment of dues to the Local Government Personnel Institute, which offers assistance with personnel issues.

- approved a request from Grant County Fairgrounds Manager Mindy Winegar for the purchase of 105 posts from Parma Post and Poles for the fairgrounds.

- approved a \$6,800 bid for the NPRA Rodeo on Sept. 8-9.

- approved a contract with the Old Time Fiddlers for the Grant County Fair.

- approved an annual airport backup generator maintenance agreement for \$350.

- approved a transfer from personnel services to the Grant County Library for \$2,100.

# Bill to require advance notice of work schedule heads to governor

By Paris Achen  
Capital Bureau

Oregon is poised to become first in the nation to adopt a statewide law to require advance notice of employees' work schedules.

"It's going to be a national model," said Rep. Ann Lininger, D-Lake Oswego.

The House of Representatives voted 46-to-13 Thursday, June 29, to pass the legislation. The Senate approved the measure 23-to-6 June 22.

Gov. Kate Brown's signature is the final step to enact the law.

The legislation requires employers in the retail, hospitality or food service sectors who have 500 or more employees to give at least seven

days' notice of a work schedule. The law would take effect July 1, 2018. By July 2020, the amount of required notice would increase to 14 days. Employers are exempt from the requirement when there are weather conditions beyond their control.

The notice gives workers more time to arrange child or elder care and juggle schedules for multiple jobs and school.

"I think that there is wide agreement that we want families to be able to provide for themselves. We want families to be able to have and to be able to sustain a job, and I believe this bill will make that easier," Lininger said.

Employers may not schedule workers for shifts without a minimum of a 10-hour re-

prieve in between.

"I think it promotes safety as well as people's good health," said Rep. Janelle Bynum, D-Clackamas, who owns two McDonald's franchises in Portland. "On the business side, I support this because I believe it will make Oregon a leader in the development of this policy."

When employers fail to give the mandatory notice, they will be required to pay penalty compensation to the employee.

Employees who wish to work last-minute shifts or shifts that are closer than 10 hours apart to earn more income may join a standby list. Employees on the standby list who voluntarily pick up last-minute shifts will not re-

ceive the penalty compensation.

Workers who think their employer has violated the law may file a complaint with the Bureau of Labor and Industries or a civil complaint.

Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, who voted against the bill, said Oregon's policies are "picking winners and losers."

"In this regard, maybe a Plaid Pantry that has a different model in the way it is set up and has more than 500 employees is different from say a 7-Eleven that has the individual stores," Barreto said. "Whether they have a certain number of employees, we pick and choose. Whether they are in retail, hospitality and food service versus other industries, we pick and choose."

# Wallowa rancher shoots wolf legally

By Steve Tool  
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A Wallowa County cattle rancher shot and presumably seriously wounded or killed a wolf June 25 in the act of chasing livestock. It is the first incident of its kind in Wallowa County and the second in the state.

The rancher and his wife, who had suffered numerous instances of wolves harassing their cattle, saw a wolf chasing a herd of cows.

The rancher called county commissioner Todd Nash, who is chairman of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association Wolf Committee, for advice. Nash told the rancher he could legal-

ly shoot the wolf. The man did and the animal limped away.

Nash and Wallowa County chief deputy Fred Steen, who later contacted Oregon State Police, responded to the scene. The team did not find the wolf and further investigation indicated the rancher acted within his legal rights.

The rancher's identity was not released.

"This is just to show you can do this and have anonymity," Steen said. "It's absolutely legal to do such, and we've always believed it's the rancher's right to protect his livestock as private property. People need to know this is an option."

## 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

Michele Loretta Trimble was convicted of one count of harassment and issued a sentence of three days in jail and fined \$200.

Benjamin Woods pleaded guilty to one count of fourth-degree assault and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$145.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of June 23-29: concealed handgun licenses, 13; average inmates, 21; bookings, 30; releases, 31; arrests, one; citations, three; fingerprints, seven; civil papers, nine; warrants processed, one; and asst./welfare check, five.

Gordan Black, 83, Canyon City, was charged with operating a vehicle without driving privileges.

Dillon Winters, 19, John Day, was charged with failure to carry insurance and violation of the basic rule, 55/30 zone.

Stephanie Lindsley, 53, Trail, was warned for violation

of the basic rule, 75/65 zone and driving uninsured.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 228 calls during the week of June 26-30. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

#### • John Day Police Department

June 26: Took a report of a suspicious subject in Prairie City. Responded with Oregon State Police, John Day Fire Department and Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative to a tree on a power line. Received a report of possible animal abuse in John Day.

June 27: Received a report of domestic violence in John Day. Responded to a report of a male subject walking into traffic. A business owner requested police contact and remove subjects from their property.

June 28: Received a report of a squatter on private property. Conducted a traffic stop and cited a 26-year-old Prairie City resident.

June 29: Responded to a report of assault of domestic violence. Received a report of a man yelling and cursing at cars if they did not offer him a ride.

A local business reported a large number of subjects loitering near Chester's.

#### • Grant County Sheriff's Office

June 26: Responded with OSP to a report of a runaway from John Day. The runaway was located later in the day and returned home. Dispatched to people sleeping under a bridge. Responded to a report of an alarm at Rocky Mountain Dispensary.

June 29: Received a report of a suspicious subject who seemed to be hiding.

#### • John Day ambulance

June 26: Responded with John Day Police and Grant County Sheriff's Office to a female at King's Discount.

June 29: Responded to a report of a seizure at the Rainbow Gathering.

#### • Oregon State Police

June 29: Responded with the Grant County Sheriff's Office and John Day ambulance to the Rainbow Gathering.

#### • John Day Fire Department

June 26: Responded to a grass fire with Monument Fire Department, John Day Fire Department and Oregon Depart-

ment of Forestry.

#### • Monument Fire Department

June 26: Responded with Oregon Department of Forestry to a grass fire.

#### • United States Forest Service

June 26: Advised of a lightning strike near Highway 395.

June 27: Law enforcement responded to an injured dog at the Rainbow Gathering.

#### • Prairie City Fire Department

June 26: Advised of a tree that fell on a house in Prairie City.

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