

# County searches for new veteran service officer

Travel management plan rolls forward

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County is seeking a new veteran service officer.

Funding for the position has almost doubled, and the Grant County Court plans to increase the position from 20 hours to 30 hours a week, the commissioners said at the July 26 meeting. The increase in funds comes from Measure 96, an initiative approved by Oregonians in the November 2016 election, which gives 1.5 percent of lottery funds to veteran services.

In the interim, Harney County Veteran Services Officer Guy McKay has been filling in. Former service officer Jeff Wilcox left the position roughly a month and a half ago, Grant County Judge Scott Myers said.

Also at the meeting, Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin presented on the upcoming travel man-



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**Grant County Commissioner Jim Hamsher makes a point during a Wednesday, July 26, Grant County Court meeting.**

agement plan for the Malheur National Forest. Beverlin urged those in attendance to notify the Forest Service of dispersed campsites and other locations accessible by road that are important to them so the agency can be aware of them when creating the travel management plan.

During the meeting, the

court briefly discussed the merits of selling Community Counseling Solutions, the building they are currently renting at 528 E. Main St., John Day. The building is aging, and the county leases it to CCS for \$15,000 a year.

The court also:

- approved a union contract between the Grant Coun-

ty Road Department and the Operating Engineers Local 701.

- approved an intergovernmental grant agreement between the Oregon Health Authority and the county to help finance public health.
- approved an order from the Assessor's Office to designate the Blue Mountain Eagle as the newspaper of record.

- approved a property access permit for the Watermaster's Office to drill and install gauges on a bridge on the South Fork Road.
- approved a request from Shannon Springer to allow the Grant County Youth Livestock Auction Committee to use the Planning Department's printer.

- extended the expiration date of the agreement for financing of community disability development services.
- approved budget transfers for the county treasurer.
- approved a request from the fairgrounds to purchase a shade tent.
- paid dues to the Eastern Oregon Counties Association for 2017-18.

# Myers sentenced to 90 days in jail

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A Mt. Vernon man will serve three months in jail for assaulting his daughter.

Dillon Myers, 20, Mt. Vernon, was sentenced to 90 days jail, 72 months probation and 80 hours of community service July 26 in Grant County Circuit Court. He was fined \$300.

Myers pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree assault and one count of



Dillon Myers

fourth-degree assault July 13.

The charges stem from separate incidents between May 15 and June 3, where Myers admitted to unlawfully and intentionally causing injury to his infant daughter.

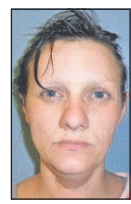
One charge of third-degree assault was dismissed.

# Fix pleads not guilty in death of Pilot Rock man

Angela Marie Fix, the 40-year-old Pilot Rock woman charged in the death of Larry Castro, pleaded not guilty to first-degree arson and second-degree manslaughter.

Fix entered the pleas Monday morning during her arraignment in Umatilla County Circuit Court. She remains in Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on \$500,000 bond.

A jury trial is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 11-12 before Judge Chris Brauer. A pre-trial hearing has also been



Angela Marie Fix

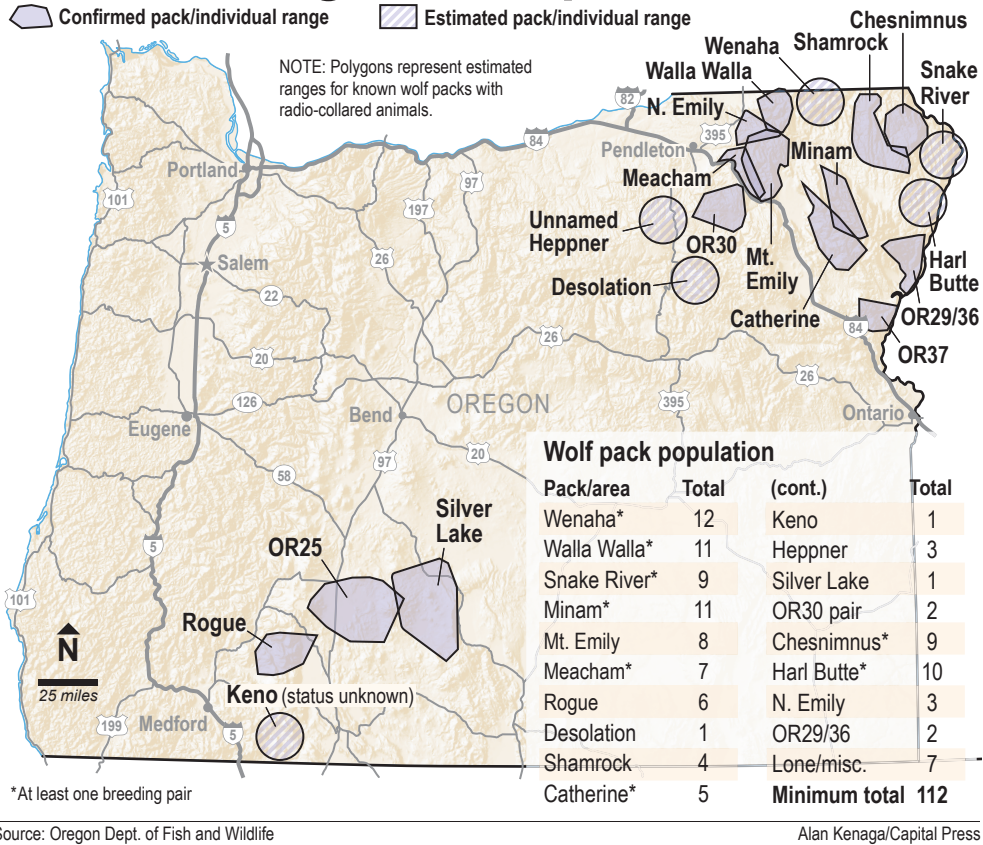
set for 8:15 a.m. on Aug. 24.

Fix was arrested July 16 for arson following a fire that ravaged Castro's home at 439 S.W.

Birch Place, Pilot Rock. Pilot Rock Police Chief Bill Caldera said Castro's body was inside the home. He was 72.

Fix has been assigned an attorney, Kara Davis, from Intermountain Public Defender.

# Known Oregon wolf packs



# Rancher asks ODFW to kill wolves after latest attack

By Eric Mortenson  
EO Media Group

A rancher in northeast Oregon's Wallowa County requested the state Department of Fish and Wildlife use lethal control against the Harl Butte wolfpack, which has attacked calves six times in the past year.

An ODFW spokeswoman said the department received the request Friday afternoon and will make a decision in the coming days. The request came after ODFW confirmed a calf found dead July 26 had been killed by wolves.

The calf was estimated to have weighed 400 to 500 pounds but had been mostly consumed by the time the carcass was discovered. Only the skeleton and hide were left. An ODFW investigator estimated the calf was killed July 20-22.

Data from a GPS tracking collar showed a wolf designated OR-50 was within 200 yards of the carcass four times from July 21 to 25. Bite marks on the carcass and fresh wolf tracks in the area contributed to the confirmation.

ODFW has confirmed six attacks on calves by the Harl Butte pack between July 15, 2016 and July 22, 2017. In addition to the calf found dead most recently, another calf was found alive July 21 with multiple bite marks, including one wound that was 4 inches long and 3 inches wide. That attack was estimated to have occurred about a week earlier. Both occurred on public land grazing allotments.

The Harl Butte pack also was blamed for killing a calf on private pasture in April.

Killing wolves is not a simple process, however. Un-

der Oregon's management rules, ODFW may authorize "lethal take" if there have been two confirmed livestock depredations by wolves in the area, or one confirmed depredation followed by three attempted attacks, which can include "testing or stalking," department spokeswoman Michelle Dennehy said in an email.

However, the person requesting lethal control must document that non-lethal protection has been unsuccessful, and the producer must show nothing was done that attracted wolf-livestock conflict and that he or she has complied with laws and conditions of any harassment or take permit.

ODFW may authorize lethal control to be done by its staff, by authorized agents or by USDA's Wildlife Services.

# 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

Robert L. Crosby, II, 30, pleaded guilty to one count of attempt to commit a class A misdemeanor and was sentenced to one year probation, 30 hours community service and 10 days in jail. He was fined \$300.

Cherith Rose Sheedy pleaded guilty to pointing a firearm at another and was issued deferred adjudication with a sentence of 24 months bench probation and 35 hours community service and a \$200 fine. Upon successful completion of probation, the charges will be dismissed without entering a judgment of guilt.

## Oregon State Police

Responded July 23 to a serious motorcycle-deer crash near milepost 172 on Highway 395. The driver was transported by ambulance to Blue Mountain Hospital.

Cited Ren Matthew Kirkpatrick Sr., 41, John Day, for driving under the influence and open container after he was pulled over and showed signs of impairment. Kirkpatrick had his 14-year-old child with him and admitted to previously smoking marijuana. He consented to a blood alcohol test and had a BAC of .12 percent.

## Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of July 21-27:

- Concealed handgun li-

- censes: 1
- Average inmates: 15
- Bookings: 13
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 3
- Civil papers: 16
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 5

## Justice Court

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

Exceeding the speed limit: Coleman Kerry Myers, 19, Happy Valley, 65/35 zone, July 7, fined \$260; Joan Devine, 73, Eugene, 57/35 zone, July 16, fined \$160.

Beegie Julius Smith, Klamath Falls, pleaded guilty to one charge of failure to install an interlock ignition device and one charge of driving while suspended and was sentenced to 24 months probation, five days in jail, suspended if probation is successfully completed, 80 hours community service and fined \$1,560.

## Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 178 calls during the week of July 24-30. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

## John Day Police Department

July 24: Responded to a report of illegal camping behind The Outpost restaurant.

July 25: Responded with the Grant County Sheriff's Office to a report of a domestic disturbance.

July 26: Dispatched to a report of a theft in the Riverside Trailer Park. Advised of a restraining order violation.

July 29: Responded to a report of kids jumping off the Patterson Street Bridge.

July 30: Received a complaint of an ATV rider speeding in a residential neighborhood in John Day.

## Grant County Sheriff's Office

July 25: Responded to a report of trespassers on private property near the Mullin Ranch. Responded to a report of telephonic harassment.

July 27: Responded to a report of shots fired on Laycock Road.

July 28: Advised of a restraining order violation in Mt. Vernon.

July 29: Investigated a report of harassment at the Rainbow Gathering.

July 30: Responded with Oregon State Police to a report of underage drinking at Magone Lake.

## John Day ambulance

July 27: Responded for a 62-year-old man with a head injury at Strawberry Lake.

## Oregon State Police

July 24: Responded to a report of an unwanted subject on Ritter Road.

July 25: Responded to a hay truck that lost its load near milepost 13.5 on Highway 395.

July 27: Received a report of a driver passing in no-passing zones and almost running cyclists off the road near milepost 186 on Highway 26.

## United States Forest Service

July 24: Advised of a forest fire near Fields Creek and Rooster Combs.

July 30: Advised of a forest fire on Highway 7.

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