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This deer was poached in Union County.

Public help sought in Union County poaching case

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The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help in locating the subjects who shot and left to waste a mature mule deer buck in the Starkey Wildlife Management Unit in Union County.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, an elk hunter notified OSP that he had located the carcass of a deer, according to an OSP press release. Senior Trooper Kris Davis responded to the scene to investigate. It is believed the deer was killed on the evening or night of Oct. 27 or the morning of Oct.

28. During this time the first Rocky Mountain elk season was open. Only the antlers and skull cap were removed from the deer. All of the meat was left and was wasted. The deer was killed off the 21 road, 500 and 410 spurs. This location is near Dark Canyon, west of the Spring Creek area off Interstate 84 outside of La Grande.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Davis at the La Grande Patrol Office, 541-805-4757. Callers can also stay anonymous by calling the Turn In Poachers hotline at 1-800-452-7888.

Firewise programs to benefit from federal funding

By Richard Hanners
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Grant County doesn't allow recreational marijuana sales, but it benefits from sales elsewhere in Oregon.

Treasurer Julie Ellison told the County Court on Nov. 8 that they needed to approve a supplemental budget resolution to receive \$14,597 in state marijuana revenue. She noted that the funding was not restricted, and a member of the audience suggested that the money be used to educate the public about drug issues.

In other news, the court obligated \$85,531 in federal Secure Rural Schools funding. According to Sally Bartlett, the Title III administrator at the county's economic development office, the county initiated the funding in August, and no public comments were received on how the funding will be spent.

The court approved spending the money on three projects: \$40,531 to support the Firewise Communities



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Grant County Commissioner Jim Hamsher

program in John Day, Canyon City, the Laycock Creek area and Dayville; \$10,000 for search and rescue and

emergency services in the county; and \$35,000 for updating the county's Community Wildfire Protection Plan

in coordination with the Forest Service.

The court voted 2-1 to allow Kimberly Lindsay of Community Counseling Solutions to sign some mental health contracts on behalf of the county after County Judge Scott Myers has reviewed them.

Myers said the change would simplify the process and address delays in getting certain contracts approved. Commissioner Jim Hamsher voted against the change, saying he wanted to review the contracts.

The Grant County Planning Department received a noncompetitive \$4,000 grant from the Grant Young Memorial Fund, named for a popular state planner who had worked on Eastern Oregon land-use issues. Use of the money is not restricted, County Planner Hilary McNary told the Eagle.

Airport Manager Haley Walker reported that the Forest Service will expand its lease at the regional airport by about 7,792 square feet, providing the county with an additional \$1,246 in annual revenue. She said the Forest Service had already been using the space and will be billed retroactively to June.

Forest Service proposes removing dangerous trees

Extensive ponderosa pine mortality cited

By Richard Hanners
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The Emigrant Creek Ranger District has proposed a dangerous tree re-

moval project that could include about 500 miles of the district's 700 miles of arterial and collector roads, along with campgrounds. Most of the work will take place in Harney County.

Forest planner Lori Bailey told the Grant County Court Nov. 8 that the project was proposed by the Harney County Restoration Collabora-

tive because of widespread and high levels of ponderosa pine mortality.

Bailey said a pine butterfly epidemic caused defoliation in 2010-2012. This was followed by drought in 2012-2015 and then large populations of western and mountain pine beetles.

Hazardous trees within about 200 feet of roads and

outside of designated old-growth areas, research natural areas, inventoried roadless areas, riparian habitat conservation areas, heritage sites and sensitive plant sites would be included in the project area, which totals about 30,000 acres, Bailey said.

The project is too large for categorical exclusion,

so an environmental assessment will be completed. The draft EA could come out in May 2018, which would start the public comment period.

The annual project could last five to 10 years, and work could start next spring, Bailey said. The timber could be made available for commercial or firewood

sales, but no board-foot calculations have been completed, she said.

Bailey noted that according to Forest Service regulations, safety takes precedence over biology, so the agency will drop dangerous trees or close the roads.

"But we won't close the roads," she noted.

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

Glen W. Wadley, 57, Mt. Vernon, was convicted Nov. 9 of violating probation conditions relating to a 2014 sentence for misdemeanor assault and felony possession of a firearm. He was convicted of failing to pay financial obligations, failing to complete substance abuse evaluation and for use or possession of controlled substances. He was sentenced to 100 days in jail and two years of supervision and ordered to pay \$75 in probation violation fees.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Oct. 26 to Nov. 1:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 5
- Releases: 6
- Arrests: 0
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 3
- Civil papers: 11
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 3
- Search and Rescue: 1

Justice Court

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

Violating the basic rule: Kayla D. Lambeth, 23, John Day, Oct. 23, 84/55 zone, fined \$220.

Exceeding speed limit: Steve C. Allen, 55, Mt. Vernon, Oct. 15, 60/45 zone, fined \$135; Joseph O. Dame Jr., 67, Coos Bay, Oct. 27, 58/35 zone, fined \$260.

Failure to stay within lane:

Brian F. Clemons, 55, Canyon City, Oct. 14, fined \$220.

Oregon State Police

Nov. 6: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office to Forest Service Road 2400 for a report of hunting equipment stolen from hunting camps. Numerous items were recovered. Billy W. Wells, 54, Seneca, and Justin W. Wells, 33, Seneca, were arrested and charged with theft, burglary and unlawful entry into a motor vehicle.

Nov. 9: Advised of a cattle drive on Highway 395 near Ritter junction.

Nov. 9: An elk hunter self-reported that he mistakenly killed a mule deer buck in the Beulah hunting unit. A state Fish and Wildlife trooper seized the deer. The hunter was cited for unlawful taking of a buck deer. Restitution for processing charges will be sought.

Nov. 10: Report of livestock on Highway 26 near Dixie Creek Road.

Nov. 11: Complaint of livestock on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road.

Nov. 11: Picked over a pickup truck with a heavy load of firewood that was impeding traffic on Highway 26. The driver did not have a valid firewood cutting permit. Charles C.L. Paulson, 40, John Day, was cited for unlawful cutting and transporting of special forest products.

Nov. 11: Picked over a vehicle traveling 72 mph in a 55 zone. Danny L. McBride, 69, Tygh Valley, was cited for driving with a suspended license and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 178 calls during the week of Nov. 6-12. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police Department

Nov. 6: Report of a shoplifter at a grocery store in John Day.

Nov. 8: Calls received about goats on Highway 26 east of downtown.

Nov. 8: Advised about a domestic dispute in John Day.

Nov. 9: Cited Adrian Couey, 32, John Day, for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Nov. 9: Report of a hit-and-run accident on Bridge Street in John Day.

Nov. 9: Responded to a report of an assault in John Day.

Nov. 9: Responded to Northwest Second Avenue in John Day for a report of a walking domestic. Raymond McDonald, 52, was arrested for violation of conditional release.

Nov. 10: Responded to Southwest Hillcrest Road in John Day for a report of a burglary.

Nov. 11: Report of a theft on Main Street in John Day.

Nov. 12: Responded to a report of children playing in a dumpster outside a motel in John Day.

Nov. 12: Responded to Main Street in John Day and pursued a subject. Steven M.

Warrington, 28, John Day, was arrested and charged on multiple warrants.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Nov. 6: Dispatched to former Oregon Pine site in John Day for report of a theft.

Nov. 6: Advised of a theft at Starr Summit Campground.

Nov. 6: Responded to Humbolt Street in Canyon City and arrested Jeanne Moles, 31, John Day, on a Grant County warrant.

Nov. 7: Responded to Scotty Creek Lane in Seneca to follow up on a theft report.

Nov. 7: Report of shots fired near the Grant County Museum in Canyon City.

Nov. 8: Responded to a report of a theft in Canyon City.

Nov. 8: Report of a theft on Hansen Lane in Mt. Vernon.

Nov. 8: Made contact regarding a theft report on Childress Loop in John Day.

Nov. 9: Responded with John Day police to Highlan Drive in Mt. Vernon for a report of a theft.

Nov. 10: Responded to

Long Creek School for a report of sexual abuse.

Nov. 10: Responded with Oregon State Police to Second Street in Monument for a report of a dispute. Earl McNally, 52, Monument, and Shannen Kyriess, 41, John Day, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Nov. 11: Responded to Main Street in John Day. Justin Wells, 33, Gaston, was arrested on a felony parole board warrant.

Nov. 11: Responded with John Day police to Humbolt Street in Canyon City for a report of a verbal dispute.

Nov. 12: Assisted corrections officers with a suicidal subject.

• **John Day ambulance**

Nov. 6: Dispatched to Southwest Fourth Street in John Day for a man with possible heart attack.

Nov. 6: Responded with Seneca ambulance to Seneca for a man with neck pain.

Nov. 6: Dispatched outside John Day for a dehydrated elderly man.

Nov. 8: Responded with Seneca ambulance to Seneca for an 89-year-old woman.

Nov. 8: Responded to West First Street in Prairie City for a woman with leg pains.

Nov. 9: Dispatched to Daley Avenue in Prairie City for an elderly woman in severe pain.

Nov. 9: Dispatched to Main Street in Unity for an intoxicated man who had fallen and was semi-conscious.

Nov. 10: Responded with Seneca ambulance to Scotty Creek Lane in Seneca for a man with a diabetic issue.

Nov. 10: Dispatched to Main Street in John Day for a 65-year-old man.

Nov. 11: Responded to 12th Street in Prairie City for a man with possible alcohol poisoning.

Nov. 12: Dispatched with Monument ambulance and fire to Monument for a 70-year-old man with diabetic issues.

• **Dayville fire**

Nov. 8: Dispatched for a grass fire.

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ALL FILMS \$6 ON TIGHTWAD TUESDAY
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FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:40
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON & TUES 7:00
WED & THURS (4:00) 7:00 9:40

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FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:45
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON & TUES 7:10
WED & THURS (4:10) 7:10 9:45

THOR: RAGNAROK PG-13
FRI & SAT (3:45) 6:45 9:35
SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45
MON - THURS 6:45

COCO PG Opens Wed, 11/22.
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\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth \$5

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