# Greenhouse designs shaping up

# First harvest slated for mid-October

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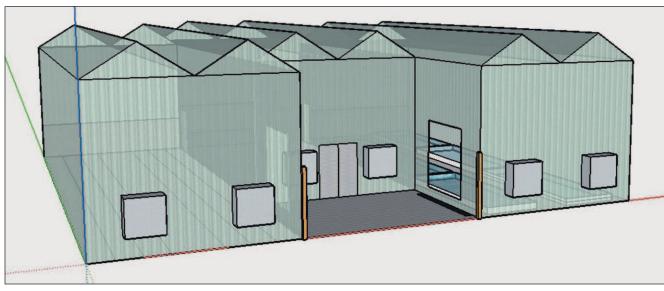
Grant County residents could see locally grown produce in grocery stores and public institutions this year, if the John Day Innovation Gateway greenhouse project proceeds as planned.

Matt Manitsas presented the latest plans for the commercial greenhouse project to the John Day City Council at their Dec. 12 meeting. The council authorized spending \$105,000 from the city's sewer fund to pay for a full-time employee to run the greenhouse and for related materials and services. Manitsas, a Grant Union High School and Oregon State University graduate, was hired to oversee the greenhouse project on Aug. 14.

The city has partnered with Sustainable Water of Glen Allen, Virginia, to build a 5,600-square-foot greenhouse at the former Oregon Pine mill site in John Day. The company is also involved in designing a new wastewater treatment plant for the city.

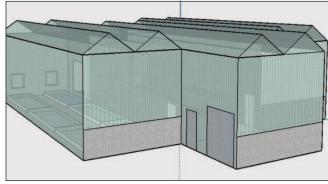
Greenhouse construction is slated to start in July, with first crop sales by mid-October. About \$50,000 for site preparation will come from the city's sewer and general funds, and the estimated \$350,000 cost for construction will come from a state

The council approved a loan application to Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority on Dec. 12. The city will also need about \$255,000 to cover the first year's oper-



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Initial designs for the city of John Day's greenhouse.





**Matt Manitsas** 

ating expenses. Business Oregon has agreed to reimburse the city as they incur operating expenses, City Manager Nick



**Nick Green** 

Green said. The city is also looking at other financing options, he noted.

The greenhouse is expected

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to meet 100 percent of John Day's produce demand, about 1,200 pounds of leafy greens, fruits and herbs per week, and

through produce sales. Green estimated the city would need to market at least three-quar-

the loans will be paid back

ters of the greenhouse harvest to meet loan payments.

"The greenhouse will be designed to operate as a breakeven venture in its first year of operation," he said.

The city has discussed produce sales with Chester's Thriftway, Huffman's Select Market, Blue Mountain Hospital and local schools, Green said. The pilot-scale greenhouse could be expanded, if successful, and transition from city water to reclaimed water from the wastewater treatment plant in the future.

Designs presented by Manitsas showed three 25-by-75-foot greenhouse bays lined up side-by-side, with the middle bay offset to provide viewing windows on an inlet between the outer buildings on the south side and an outlet for truck unloading doors on the north side.

In Manitsas' presentation, one side bay contained hydroponic tanks and the other side bay contained hanging plants. The 8-millimeter twinwall polycarbonate walls will provide some insulation, but in the future reclaimed water could heat the greenhouses in winter and cool them in summer. Reclaimed water is typically over 60 degrees, so the principle is comparable to geothermal heating and cooling, Manitsas said.

The greenhouse facility is expected to attract tourists passing by on Highway 26 especially when it's lit up at night, Manitsas said. Visitors will be able to view the interior through the south-side windows without entering the greenhouses and potentially contaminating the facility with noxious weeds or other pests. A portion of the greenhouse could be reserved for research purposes, Green said.

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

## **Grant County Circuit Court**

Charges against Thomas B. Alsup, 57, Prairie City, of felony possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor delivery of methamphetamine were dismissed without prejudice Jan. 3. The district attorney's motion for dismissal without prejudice cited an ongoing investigation and pending laboratory results.

Charges against Shannon L. Allison, aka Shannon L. Kreger, 47, Prairie City, of felony possession of methamphetamine and felony delivery of methamphetamine were dismissed without prejudice Jan. 5. The district attorney's motion for dismissal without prejudice cited an ongoing investigation.

## **Grant County Sheriff**

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Jan. 4:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
  - Average inmates: 18

- Bookings: 13
- Citations: 2

Jan. 3: Jason Wainwright, 28, Long Creek, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants, driving with a suspended license and failure to install an ignition interlock

Jan. 9: Numerous people from Grant County reported receiving fraudulent calls from someone claiming to be from the IRS. The sheriff's office advised people to hang up without giving any personal information.

fines and judgments:

- Driving while revoked:
- Driving while suspend-

- Releases: 18
- Arrests: 2
- Fingerprints: 1
- Warrants processed: 4
- Search and Rescue: 0

failure to renew.

device.

## **Justice Court**

- rule: John E. Robison, 73, John Day, Jan. 2, 80/55 zone, fined \$220.
- Christine N. Daum, 28, Canyon City, Dec. 3, fined \$1,000.
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The Grant County Justice Court reported the following

- Civil papers: 10
- Asst./welfare check: 6

- Violation of the basic

Jan. 2: Christine Daum, 28, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance and

Canyon City, Nov. 24, fined \$1,000, Nov. 24, fined \$1,000,

Nov. 25, fined \$1,000, and Dec. 3, fined \$1,000; Efrain G. Camacho, 29, Prairie City, Dec. 17, fined \$435.

- Driving while uninsured: Christine N. Daum, 28, Canyon City, Nov. 24, fined \$260, Nov. 25, fined \$260, Dec. 3, fined \$500, and Dec. 3, fined \$500; Efrain G. Camacho, 29, Prairie City, Dec. 17, fined
- Failure to renew registration: Christine N. Daum, 28, Canyon City, Nov. 25, fined \$110, and Dec. 3, fined \$125.
- · Registration sticker expired: Christine N. Daum, 28, Canyon City, Dec. 3, fined \$125; Efrain G. Camacho, 29, Prairie City, Dec. 17, fined
- · Operating with a nonstandard light: Tyrel L. Ash, 20, John Day, Dec. 11, fined

Joshua M. Semler, 40, John Day, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to 24 months probation, 72 hours in jail and 24.5 hours of community service, and fined \$200.

## **Oregon State Police**

Jan. 6: Received a report of shots fired on East Main Street in John Day.

Jan. 6: Robert H. Bryant,

20, Mt. Vernon, was arrested and charged with DUII/Drug after his Ford Taurus was pulled over for speeding and defective lighting on Highway 26 near Clyde Holliday State Park around 10 p.m. Two female passengers were cited for MIP Marijuana: Rilee Sherman, 20, John Day, and a 17-year-old juvenile.

# Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 116 calls during the week of Jan 1-7. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile com-

## plaints, these calls included: · John Day Police Department

Jan. 2: Investigated a report of an assault at a senior home in John Day.

Jan. 3: Christopher Keith, 36, Prairie City, was pulled over on west Highway 26 in John Day and cited for driving with a suspended license and

no insurance. Jan. 3: Responded to a report of a flue fire on South Canyon Boulevard in John

Jan. 4: Dispatched to a report of trespassing at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

Jan. 5: James Jewell, 35, Kimberly, was arrested on west Highway 26 in John Day and charged with DUII and cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Jan. 5: Received a report of a hit-and-run crash at the Department of Human Services in John Day.

Jan. 5: Dispatched with the sheriff's office and Oregon State Police to West Main Street in John Day for a dispute. Madison Duvall, 19, John Day, was arrested and charged with domestic assault.

Jan. 5: Received a report of a trespasser on South McHaley Avenue in Prairie City.

Jan. 5: Report of a hit-and-

run crash on West Main Street in John Day. Jan. 5: Responded to re-

port of a hit-and-run crash to a building at an apartment complex on east Highway 26 in John Day.

Jan. 5: Shawn C. Kite, 49, Prairie City, was cited for driving with a suspended license on North McHaley

## Street in Prairie City. • Grant County Sheriff's

Office Jan. 1: Responded with Oregon State Police to a report of a fight at a restaurant

on Main Street in John Day. Jan. 1: Dispatched to Adams Drive in Canyon City for a report of a trespasser.

Jan. 5: Responded for a welfare check on North Mountain Boulevard in Mt. Vernon and found one person wanted on a Jefferson County warrant.

Jan. 6: Dispatched to a report of menacing on West Franklin Avenue in Dayville.

Jan. 6: Justin Shaw, 24, Eagle Point, was stopped on Highway 26 near Moon Creek Road and arrested for DUII and driving with a suspended

### license. • John Day ambulance

Jan. 1: Dispatched for a male subject on North Washington Street in Canyon City. Jan. 2: Responded to an

apartment in John Day for a 55-year-old woman. Jan. 3: Responded to South Bridge Street in Prairie City

for a 73-year-old man with a

possible stroke.

Jan. 4: Dispatched to a senior home in John Day for an elderly woman with chest pain.

Jan. 4: Responded with Monument ambulance to Southeast Main Street in Monument for a woman with difficulty breathing.

Jan. 5: Dispatched to Northwest Bridge Street in Prairie City for a man with internal bleeding. Jan. 5: Responded to

John Day for a man with chest pain. Jan. 5: Dispatched to C Avenue in Seneca for a 61-year-

old man's allergic reaction.

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JUNIPER ARTS COUNCIL/GRANT COUNTY **CULTURAL COALITION IS SEEKING GRANT PROPOSALS FOR OREGON CULTURAL TRUST GRANT AWARDS** The coalition has \$7,000 from the Oregon **Cultural Trust to distribute in Grant County to** organizations for projects relating to culture. Projects may be related to the visual or performing arts, heritage, and/or humanities. Applications are available from Karin Barntish, 131 W. Main Street, John Day or call Kris Beal at 541-932-4892 for more information or an application. Grant applications will be accepted until February 2, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

