

Mt. Vernon woman injured in ATV rollover Wednesday

20-year-old transported to Blue Mountain Hospital

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A Mt. Vernon woman was injured in an all-terrain vehicle rollover accident Jan. 24.

Jaiden R. Kerr, 20, rode over a steep incline when her Honda ATV flipped and pinned her underneath, Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer said in a statement. She was transported to Blue Mountain Hospital for injuries sustained in the rollover.

Kerr called to report she crashed her ATV on Blue Gulch at about 10:10 a.m. and said she was trapped under the ATV and unable to free herself.

Palmer said Kerr was disoriented and had trouble giving her exact location, but emergency responders located the site of the crash in a ravine between Grant County Regional Airport and Grant Union Junior-Senior High School. At about that time, Kerr was able to crawl out from under the ATV, he said.

Kerr was taken out on a



Contributed photo/Grant County Sheriff's Office
Grant County Sheriff's Office and Search and Rescue personnel transport Jaiden Kerr from a ravine where she had been pinned under an ATV Jan. 24.



Contributed photo/Grant County Sheriff's Office
Grant County Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue and ambulance personnel assist Jaiden Kerr after an ATV crash Jan. 24. From left are Nathan Gordanier, Kim Kell, Rebecca Rand, Ramy Jisha, Michael Snyder (driving) and Deputy Damon Rand.

backboard and carried part-way by Grant County Sheriff's

Search and Rescue members to an awaiting ambulance.

Former Vale city manager chosen to replace Rep. Bentz

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Vale's former city manager has been selected to fill former Rep. Cliff Bentz's seat in the Oregon House of Representatives.

Lynn Findley, who worked for the Bureau of Land Management before the city of Vale, was chosen Jan. 25 in Ontario by county commissioners from the five counties in House District 60: Grant, Baker, Malheur, Harney and



Sen. Cliff Bentz

Lake. Grant County Judge Scott Myers said the vote was unanimous. Findley was selected from a pool of three candidates nominated by Republican precinct committee persons from the counties. Myers said Dennis Hall of Vale and Tom Van Diepen of Baker City were

also nominated.

Bentz of Ontario was selected in a similar process to fill the state Senate seat vacated by former Sen. Ted Ferrioli, who was appointed to the Northwest Power Planning & Conservation Council. Bentz was sworn in as a senator Jan. 8.

It has not been announced when Findley will be sworn in as a representative. The short, 35-day legislative session begins Feb. 5.

Canyon City man arrested on firearm and attempted-kidnapping charges

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A Canyon City man was arrested the evening of Jan. 23 after a report of a person brandishing a firearm.

Grant County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Robert Lewis Crosby II, 31, of Canyon City on charges of felon in possession of a firearm and two counts each of menacing and attempted second-degree kidnapping, according to a statement from Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer.

At about 7:30 p.m., the



Robert Crosby II

sheriff's office responded to a report of a person brandishing a gun near the area of Canyon Mountain Trail Road just east of Canyon City. Crosby was taken into custody without incident and was lodged in the Grant County Jail, Palmer said.

The state is accusing Crosby of attempting to take Britt Wilcox and Jyla Hill

from one place to another, interfering with their personal liberty, and placing both in fear of imminent physical injury, according to information filed in Grant County Circuit Court by District Attorney Jim Carpenter.

The state is also accusing Crosby of unlawful possession of a firearm after felony convictions in Washington in 2011 of residential burglary and intimidating a witness, according to the information filed by Carpenter.

Palmer said the case is still under investigation.

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 Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Jan. 25:

Concealed handgun licenses: 4
Average inmates: 12
Bookings: 9
Releases: 7
Arrests: 3
Citations: 0
Fingerprints: 2
Civil papers: 14
Warrants processed: 3
Asst./welfare check: 7
Search and rescue: 1

Justice Court

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

- Driving while suspended: Christine N. Daum, 28, Canyon City, Dec. 31, fined \$1,000.

- Driving uninsured: Christine N. Daum, 28, Canyon City, Dec. 31, fined \$500; Andrew R. Copenhaver, 20, Canyon City, Jan. 12, fined \$265; Christopher M. Olsen, 30, Jan. 12, fined \$200.

- Violation of the basic rule: Jay P. Chappel, 40, La Pine, Jan. 10, 70/55 zone, fined \$140; Juliet D. Delgado, 47, Fruitland, Idaho, Jan. 14, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Kerry L. Metlen, 40, Ashland, Dec. 29, 2017, 84/55 zone, fined \$260; Chance R. Currey, 27, Mt. Vernon, Jan. 3, 87/55 zone, fined \$225; Raymond H. Field, 37, John Day, Jan. 12, 82/55 zone, fined \$265.

- Exceeding speed limit: Mike Kilpatrick, 65, Wrangell, Alaska, Jan. 16, 77/65 zone, fined \$225; Krista M. Ray, 36, Union, Jan. 13,

74/65 zone, fined \$165; Matthew S. Townsend, 25, Astoria, Washington, Jan. 3, 76/65 zone, fined \$265; Julio C. Barrios Jr., 25, Redmond, Jan. 12, 75/65 zone, fined \$140.

- Failure to renew registration: Christine N. Daum, 28, Canyon City, Dec. 31, fined \$250.

- Careless driving involving an accident: Richard M. Bakken, 76, Bisbee, Arizona, Dec. 24, fined \$435.

- Unsafe passing on the left: Calvin M. Henshaw, 57, Baker City, Jan. 11, fined \$225.

- No operator's license: Adam M. Ackerman, 26, Mt. Vernon, Nov. 27, fined \$260.

- Failure to drive within lane: Vicki D. Pollock, 69, Prineville, Dec. 30, fined \$160.

- Off-road vehicle on the highway: Adam M. Ackerman, 26, Mt. Vernon, Nov. 27, fined \$260.

Oregon State Police

Jan. 22: Report of cattle on Highway 26 near Moon Creek Road.

Jan. 23: Advised with Grant County Sheriff's Office for a suspicious person on Highway 26 west of Mt. Vernon.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 130 calls during the week of Jan 22-28. Along with the various traffic warnings, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- John Day Police Department

Jan. 22: Investigated a possible restraining order violation on 13th Street in Prairie City.

Jan. 22: Received a report of a possible burglary on East Main Street in Prairie City.

Jan. 23: Responded to Bridge Street in John Day for a harassment report.

Jan. 24: Nicky J. Ballou, 40, Prairie City, was arrested for a probation violation on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road.

Jan. 25: Received a report of a suspicious person on Northwest Bridge Street in John Day.

Jan. 25: Dispatched to Southwest Brent Road in John Day for a report of child neglect.

Jan. 26: Responded to West 13th Street in Prairie City for a restraining order violation.

Jan. 26: Received a report of a person trespassing on West Main Street in John Day.

Jan. 26: Responded to a report of drug evidence on Southwest Brent Road in John Day.

Jan. 26: Dispatched to North Canyon Boulevard in John Day for a harassment report.

Jan. 28: Responded to a report of drugs found on West Main Street in John Day.

- Grant County Sheriff's Office

Jan. 22: Received a report of a possible burglary at a repair shop on Apple Road in John Day.

Jan. 23: Responded with John Day police to West Main Street in John Day for a dispute.

Jan. 26: Investigated a fraud report on Ritter Road in Long Creek.

Jan. 26: Advised of a suspicious person on West Bench Road in John Day.

Jan. 27: Received a report of a theft at a contractor's property on Highway 26 in John Day.

Jan. 28: Responded with Oregon State Police to B Avenue in Seneca for a possible domestic dispute.

Jan. 28: Investigated a report of criminal mischief in Monument.

Jan. 28: Investigated a report of a theft on Highway 402 in Monument.

- John Day ambulance

Jan. 22: Responded to a senior home in Prairie City for a 79-year-old woman.

Jan. 22: Dispatched to North Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a 59-year-old woman.

Jan. 23: Responded with Monument fire and ambulance to Old Highway Road in Monument for a 67-year-old man.

Jan. 24: Dispatched to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for a man with a wheelchair issue.

Jan. 24: Responded to South Humbolt Street in Canyon City for an 84-year-old woman.

Jan. 25: Dispatched to

West Main Street in John Day for a 44-year-old woman.

Jan. 25: Responded to a senior home in John Day.

Jan. 26: Dispatched to East Main Street in John Day for a 68-year-old man.

Jan. 26: Responded to Cottonwood Street in Mt. Vernon for a 64-year-old woman with confusion.

Jan. 27: Dispatched to Northwest Charolais Heights in John Day for an elderly woman with flu-like symptoms and dehydration.

Jan. 27: Responded to South McHaley Avenue in Prairie City for a 73-year-old woman.

Jan. 28: Dispatched to North Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a 58-year-old woman.

Jan. 28: Responded to West Main Street in John Day for a 62-year-old woman with

cardiac issues.

Jan. 28: Dispatched to a grocery store in John Day for a 50-year-old man.

- Prairie City fire

Jan. 23: Dispatched to West Sixth Street in Prairie City for a possible flue fire.

- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Jan. 23: Received a report of a cougar seen at Dixie Creek and North Johnson Avenue in Prairie City.

- John Day fire

Jan. 23: Dispatched to West Main Street in John Day for a report of a heater fire.

- Monument ambulance

Jan. 24: Responded to Highway 402 in Monument.

- Oregon Department of Transportation

Jan. 26: Received a report of a traffic light on Main Street in John Day failing to change from red to green.

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