

Langton no longer missing

By Phil Wright
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Drew Langton of Pendleton is no longer missing.

Police Chief Stuart Roberts said the U.S. border patrol Feb. 28 in Texas stopped Langton, and he was alone and appeared in good health.

Why Langton left Pendleton on Feb. 26 remains a mystery. He remains free and not in custody. He is an adult who has committed no crime.

"He didn't want to talk to anyone," Roberts said.



Drew Langton

Langton was adamant on that, the chief said, and would

not talk to his family and refused to answer questions from Pendleton police.

Langton, 29, has been a page designer for the *East Oregonian* since 2013. He returned Feb. 24 to Pendleton from a vacation in Florida with his family, who live in Michigan.

Pendleton police no longer consider this a missing person case, Roberts said.

Langton's recent behavior is out of character from the man friends, family and co-workers know.

Three races contested on May ballot

Hamsher files for county judge

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle

Five county seats are open for election in this May's Grant County primary. The deadline to file was at 5 p.m. March 6.

As of press time, Grant County Judge Scott Myers has filed for another six-year term, and Grant County Commissioner and Prairie City Mayor Jim Hamsher has filed

to run against him.

Six residents have filed for Commissioner Boyd Britton's seat. The challengers for the four-year position include Gordon Larson and Dave Rose, of Canyon City; Sam Palmer, Tanner Elliott and Richie Colbeth, of John Day, and Archie Osburn, of Monument. Britton has said he will not file for re-election. Justice of the Peace Kathy Stinnett has filed for another six years. Harold Preston, of Prairie City, has filed to run against her.

Running unopposed for

re-election for four-year terms are County Clerk Brenda Percy and District Attorney Jim Carpenter.

Grant County voters also will see a ballot measure to repeal a county ordinance and allow marijuana businesses to operate under state law.

In addition, 41 two-year Republican and Democratic precinct positions are up for election in the county's five precincts.

The Grant County Clerk's office can be contacted at 541-575-1675 for questions about filing.

COPS AND COURTS

Oregon State Police

Feb. 25: A red Pontiac Grand Am was pulled over on Highway 395 north of Mt. Vernon for improper exhaust and violation of minimum clearance requirements. The driver, Orion D. Bliss, 24, Canyon City, was arrested and charged with DUII drug and possession of methamphetamine. A passenger, Atana D. Pierre, 43, Pendleton, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine. The charges against both have been dismissed, pending ongoing investigation.

Feb. 25: A black Lexus was pulled over on Highway 395 north of Mt. Vernon for unlawful use of lights. The driver, Elizabeth C. Pace, 40, John Day, was arrested and charged with DUII drug and possession of methamphetamine. The charges against Pace have been dismissed, pending ongoing investigation. A passenger, Delbert Ferraris, 30, Pendleton, was arrested on several felony warrants.

Feb. 26: A Ford pickup truck found on Highway 395 north of Long Creek had been stolen in Washington.

Feb. 28: Dispatched with Grant County Sheriff's Office and John Day and Seneca ambulances to Highway 395 near Starr Ridge for a single-vehicle crash with injuries. The driver and three passengers were transported to Blue Mountain Hospital.

March 3: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road, Michael A. Salanti, 62, John Day, was arrested and charged with DUII drug and possession of methamphetamine.

March 3: After responding to a Ford pickup that struck a deer on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road, the driver, John R. Combs, 34, Hood River, was cited for operating a vehicle without a driver's license.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 128 calls during the week of Feb. 26 to March 5. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these

calls included:

• John Day Police Department

Feb. 26: Dispatched to North Canyon Boulevard and Northwest Second Avenue in John Day for a suspicious vehicle.

Feb. 26: Responded to an animal abuse report on Northeast Dayton Street in John Day.

Feb. 26: Dispatched to a grocery store in John Day for a harassment report.

Feb. 26: Responded to West Main Street in John Day for a report of harassment on Facebook.

Feb. 26: Dispatched to Ferguson Road in John Day for a suicidal subject.

Feb. 26: Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on East Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 28: Dispatched to East Main Street in John Day for a burglary report.

March 1: Received a report of a suspicious person at a fitness gym in John Day.

March 1: Investigated a forgery report on West Main Street in John Day.

March 1: Nicky Joe Ballou, 41, Prairie City, was arrested at a tobacco store in John Day for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

March 4: Nicholas Gibson, 26, Prairie City, was stopped on Main Street in John Day and cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

March 4: Dispatched to the Prairie Wood Products mill in Prairie City for a suspicious vehicle.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Feb. 26: Received a report of criminal mischief on North Humbolt Street in Canyon City.

Feb. 28: Received a report of a theft in Mt. Vernon.

March 3: Advised of suspicious circumstances on Highway 395 in Canyon City.

March 3: Received a re-

port of a theft on Cottonwood Street in Mt. Vernon.

• Oregon State Police

March 1: Dispatched with John Day ambulance to a report of a vehicle that left Highway 395 north of Starr Ridge.

March 3: Advised of a noninjury accident on Highway 26 near Dog Creek Road.

March 4: Received a report of cows on Highway 26 near Moon Creek Road.

March 4: Advised of a vehicle slide-off on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

March 4: Advised with Oregon Fish and Wildlife of a possible cougar kill at the Catholic cemetery in Canyon City.

• John Day ambulance

Feb. 26: Responded to the Grant County Jail for an attempted suicide.

Feb. 26: Dispatched to Adam Road in Canyon City for a 63-year-old woman.

Feb. 26: Responded to a senior home in John Day for a man with vision problems.

Feb. 27: Dispatched with John Day police to South Canyon Boulevard in John Day for an unattended death.

Feb. 27: Responded to Southeast Dayton Street in John Day for a man with diabetic problems.

Feb. 27: Dispatched to East Main Street in John Day for an unconscious man.

Feb. 27: Responded to East Main Street in John Day for a 38-year-old woman.

Feb. 28: Dispatched with

Prairie City ambulance to Main Street in Prairie City for man who fell on the ice.

Feb. 28: Responded to a senior home in John Day for a man.

March 2: Responded to West Bench Road in John Day for a 90-year-old man.

March 2: Dispatched with Prairie City ambulance and fire to North Harris Avenue in Prairie City for a person who had fallen.

March 2: Responded to Southeast Second Avenue in John Day for a 72-year-old woman with difficulty breathing.

March 3: Dispatched to Laycock Creek Road in Mt. Vernon for a lift assist.

March 3: Responded to a senior home in John Day for a man who fell from his wheelchair.

March 3: Dispatched to South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a person showing flu symptoms.

March 4: Responded to South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a 73-year-old woman.

March 4: Dispatched to a senior home in John Day for a transport to Blue Mountain Hospital.

• John Day fire
March 1: Dispatched to Ford Road and Ogilvie Drive in John Day for a flue fire report.

March 2: Responded to Southeast Hillcrest Drive in John Day for a possible flue fire.

Grant County Circuit Court

Nicky Joe Ballou, 41, Prairie City, was convicted Feb. 20 of misdemeanor third-degree theft from Oct. 1-29, 2017. He was sentenced to seven days in jail, 18 months bench probation, 32 hours community service and a \$200 fine.

Justin L. Shaw, 24, Eagle Point, was convicted March 5 of misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants for drugs and driving while license suspended or revoked Jan. 6. He was sentenced to 50 days in jail and 48 months of probation. He was ordered to pay a \$2,755 fine and install an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he drives. He was also convicted of DUII drug on Jan. 18. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and 24 months of probation, and fined \$1,355.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of March 1:

Concealed handgun licenses: 7

Average inmates: 15

Bookings: 10

Releases: 11

Arrests: 0

Citations: 0

Fingerprints: 3

Civil papers: 14

Warrants processed: 3

Asst./welfare check: 6

Search and rescue: 0

Justice Court

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

• Driving uninsured: Aaron M. Roseberry, 31, Canyon City, Feb. 3, fined \$265; Nicholas A. Fitowski, 26, Gresham, Jan. 22, fined \$265; Timothy L. Keith, 34, Prairie City, Jan. 15, fined \$365.

• Failure to carry proof of compliance with financial

responsibility: Richard A. Swanson, 36, Klamath Falls, Dec. 30, fined \$265; Hunter D. Martin, 18, Prairie City, Dec. 31, fined \$220.

• Driving while license revoked: Richard A. Swanson, 36, Klamath Falls, Dec. 30, fined \$440; Timothy L. Keith, 34, Prairie City, Jan. 15, fined \$540.

• Driving while license suspended: Aaron M. Roseberry, 31, Canyon City, Jan. 13, fined \$440, Feb. 3, fined \$440.

• Exceeding speed limit: Courtney L. Pattock, 25, Seneca, Feb. 19, 78/55 zone, fined \$265; Kyle L. Hand, 27, Dayville, Feb. 10, 76/65 zone, fined \$165; Sherrie L. Osborne, 58, Baker City, Feb. 9, 39/30 zone, fined \$115; Dennis O. Farnsworth, 65, Sumpter, Feb. 12, 75/65 zone, fined \$165.

• Violation of basic rule: Dane J. Blume, 22, Redmond, Feb. 3, 71/55 zone, fined \$165; Tabitha K. Graves, 31, Dayville, Jan. 15, 74/55 zone, fined \$165; Kevin M. Buchheit, 59, Feb. 19, 67/55 zone, fined \$140; Kyle J. Wood, 26, John Day, Feb. 4, 75/55 zone, fined \$165.

• Failure to renew registration: Hunter D. Martin, 18, Prairie City, Dec. 31, fined \$95.

• Failure to register vehicle: Nicholas A. Fitowski, 26, Gresham, Jan. 22, fined \$115.

• Registration sticker expired: Timothy L. Keith, 34, Prairie City, Jan. 15, fined \$215.

• No operator's license: Nicholas A. Fitowski, 26, Gresham, Jan. 22, fined \$265.

• Failure to yield before entering: Mary M. Elliott, 63, John Day, Jan. 10, fined \$225.

• Failure to properly use safety belt: Andrew R. Copenhaver, 20, Canyon City, Jan. 12, fined \$110.

• Nicholas J. Weldon, 22, Monument, pleaded guilty to a fish and wildlife license violation. He was sentenced to 12 months probation and 15 hours of community service. He was ordered to forfeit antlers, head, cape and meat and pay \$935 in fines and restitution.

CANCER AWARENESS

March is COLORECTAL CANCER Awareness Month

IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- An age of 50 or older
- A family history of colon cancer
- Recent changes in your bowel habits

then talk to your primary care doctor to see if a colonoscopy referral is right for you.

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