

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

A felony charge of criminal mischief against Cory A. Slayton, 26, John Day, was dismissed and a jury trial was canceled after he reached a civil agreement to repair damages to a 2008 Volkswagen Jetta to the satisfaction of the owner.

Jason W. Wainwright, 28, Hepner, pleaded guilty March 15 to felony driving under the influence of intoxicants on Dec. 31. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, 24 months probation and 80 hours of community service. He was fined \$1,225 and ordered to install an approved ignition interlock device on any vehicle he drives.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of March 15:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 7
- Average inmates: 17
- Bookings: 7
- Releases: 4
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 4
- Civil papers: 12
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 8
- Search and rescue: 0

March 8: Alan Wolf, 30, Canyon City, was cited for driving with a suspended license and failing to signal.

March 12: Mark Crissman, 57, Fox, was cited for driving without a license and violating the basic rule 70/55 zone.

Justice Court

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

- Driving uninsured: Tamara Michael, 47, Mt. Vernon, Feb. 4, fined \$265.
- Driving while license suspended: Tamara Michael, 47, Mt. Vernon, Feb. 4, fined \$440.
- Exceeding speed limit: Christopher L. Phillip, 43, Laytonville, California, Jan. 19, 74/65 zone, fined \$140; Aaron M. Aldana, 29, Upland, California, Jan. 22, 49/30 zone, fined \$165.
- Violation of speed limit: Shanna L. Koopman, 36, John Day, Jan. 13, 50/25 zone, fined \$265.
- Failure to register vehicle: Stephen P. Hancock, 42, Canyon City, Dec. 10, fined \$110.
- Failure to carry valid registration card: Matt Fitzmaurice, 40, Baker City, Feb. 18, fined \$115.

Oregon State Police

March 13: Interviewed a male

juvenile about being a victim of sexual abuse in John Day.

March 15: Instructed a 23-year-old man from John Day to stay off property on South Kilbourne Street in Prairie City.

March 16: Brandon M. Blouin, 25, Belpre, Ohio, was cited for driving without insurance following a non-injury single-vehicle crash on Highway 395 near Canyon Creek Road.

March 16: Tina K. Couey, 58, Prairie City, was arrested on North Cozart Avenue in Prairie City on a drug possession warrant out of Malheur County.

March 16: Olle L. Starnes, 47, John Day, was arrested on Highway 26 west of John Day on a felony warrant from the Grant County Parole and Probation Department.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 143 calls during the week of March 12-18, including:

• **John Day Police Department**
March 12: Responded to a dispute report on West 13th Street in Prairie City.

March 12: Received a report of criminal mischief on Southwest Brent Drive in John Day.

March 14: Travis Farr, 21, Mt. Vernon, was cited on Highway 26 east of John Day for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

March 14: John Guthbridge, 54, Burns, was cited on Highway 26 east of John Day for driving with no insurance.

March 16: Report of phone fraud in John Day.

March 16: Report of telephonic harassment at the John Day City Hall.

March 16: Report of people looking into cars parked behind a bar on Main Street in John Day.

March 17: Report of a dispute on McCallum Avenue in Prairie City.

March 17: Received a report of suspicious circumstances on North Washington Street in Prairie City.

March 17: Dispatched to Half Street in Prairie City for a possible domestic situation.

March 18: Responded to a report of a man at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day repeatedly trying to get a juvenile female to take a ride in his vehicle.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

March 12: Received a report of a theft by a juvenile on West Riverside Street in Mt. Vernon.

March 12: Dispatched to Dixie Creek Road in Prairie City for a trespass report.

March 14: Margaret E. Muir, 20, Baker City, was arrested by Baker City Police on a Grant County warrant.

March 15: Advised of a civil issue on North Mountain Boulevard in Mt. Vernon.

March 16: Responded with John Day ambulance to a rollover acci-

dent with injuries on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

March 17: Received a report of theft on Franklin Avenue in Dayville.

March 17: Received a livestock complaint in Dayville.

March 18: Responded to a noise complaint and ongoing dispute on Mountain Boulevard in Mt. Vernon.

March 18: Dispatched to Patterson Drive in Canyon City for a dispute report.

• **Oregon State Police**
March 12: Received a livestock complaint on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road.

March 17: Advised of cows on Highway 26 west of Mt. Vernon.

• **John Day ambulance**
March 12: Responded to a senior care facility in John Day for an 85-year-old man who had fallen.

March 12: Dispatched to an apartment complex east of John Day for a 38-year-old woman with severe back pain.

March 13: Responded to a senior care facility in John Day for a 96-year-old woman.

March 13: Dispatched to Highway 26 near Dixie Summit to meet an air ambulance.

March 14: Responded to a senior care facility in Prairie City for an 85-year-old woman who was unresponsive.

March 15: Dispatched to Bridge Street in Prairie City for an 86-year-old man.

March 15: Responded to Northeast Dayton Street in John Day for a 65-year-old woman.

March 15: Dispatched to Bridge Street in Prairie City for an 86-year-old man.

March 15: Transported a person from Canyon Creek Lane in Canyon City.

March 15: Responded to the Dayville area for a 56-year-old man.

March 16: Dispatched to South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a 73-year-old woman.

March 16: Responded to River Lane in John Day for an 80-year-old woman with high blood pressure.

March 17: Dispatched to apartments on Canyon City East Road in Canyon City for a man having a seizure.

March 17: Responded to a senior care facility in John Day for a man needing transport to Blue Mountain Hospital.

March 18: Dispatched to Highway 26 west of Mt. Vernon for an 8-month-old female.

• **Oregon Department of Transportation**

March 13: Advised of a large amount of rocks on Highway 395 near Bear Valley Road.

March 14: Received a report of a hazard on Highway 395 near Starr Ridge.

• **John Day rural fire**

March 14: Responded with John Day and Canyon City fire departments to a structure fire on West Bench Road in John Day.



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Grant County has announced it is entering negotiations to sell the building at 528 E. Main St. in John Day that currently houses Community Counseling Solutions and the Grant County Health Department.

County considering selling health building

Drought emergency resolution approved

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County is interested in selling one of its larger facilities, the public learned during the court's March 14 meeting.

Following an executive session held to negotiate real property transactions, Judge Scott Myers announced that Commissioner Boyd Britton will represent the county in negotiating the sale of the building at 528 E. Main St. in John Day.

The building currently houses Community Counseling Solutions and the Grant County Health Department.

In other county court news:

• The court approved a resolution declaring a drought emergency. Myers said the idea originated with the county watermaster. The measure opens the door for federal relief funding for Grant County ranchers and farmers who may be impacted by drought this year, Myers told the Eagle. A request asking the governor to declare a drought emergency was sent to the Oregon Water Resources Department and the state's Office of Emergency Management.

• The court approved a contract between the John Day Canyon City Parks and Recreation Department and the Grant County Sheriff's Office for security services during a food and drink summer festival event on June 30. Britton asked that the sheriff's office to try to use reserve officers to bring down costs.

• The court approved a request from Victim Assistance Director Andrea Officer to spend \$8,000

on travel expenses for mandated training. Five people will attend the training, with funding coming from four different grants. The court also approved a request from Officer to spend \$900 on print advertising in April to promote sexual assault awareness.

• The court appointed Tanner Elliott, Shiloh Fretwell, Judy Kerr and Beth Spell to the OSU Extension and 4-H Advisory Council. Kerr was also appointed to the council's budget committee.

• The court appointed Baker County Justice of the Peace Don Williams as Grant County Justice of the Peace Pro Tem. Williams has served in this capacity in the past.

• During a special meeting March 7 with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Grant County planning staff, landowner Art Brenner expressed concerns about potential impacts resulting from the Grant County Planning Commission's designation of the state's adjacent property as a Level 5B significant aggregate site.

Under that designation, certain activities might not be allowed on adjacent properties. These restrictions could potentially affect Rick Henslee, who leases Brenner's property to run cattle, and the public water supply for the nearby unincorporated community of Dale.

This problem with state gravel pits has come up in the past, Myers told the Eagle. Following the March 7 hearing, the court remanded the matter back to the planning commission with instructions to come up with a way to designate the site as Level 5C, which would be less restrictive. The court also authorized county planning staff to utilize legal counsel in the matter.

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